

## WESTERN CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

The fifth race for the championship of the Western district took place at Hamilton Park Racecourse on Saturday afternoon in splendid weather, before 500 spectators. Fifteen packs entered, and all took part, although the reserves were called on by several clubs. The trail, which went once round the course before taking the country, was nearly eight miles in extent, and was laid by the Hamilton and Motherwell Harriers. The ground was very firm owing to the frost. Passing the starting post after the first round, Lewis, of Coatbridge, led, closely followed by Simpson, Hamilton, and the same order was maintained as the runners skirted Bothwell Road Wood and took the country. The trail led along the Roman Road, entering the racecourse at the east end, finishing with a round of the course. When the runners appeared in sight Macrafferty, Celtic Harriers, led Lawson, Whiteinch, by fully fifty yards, and, running strongly, maintained his lead, and won by nearly 100 yards. Individual results:—1 J. Macrafferty, Celtic Harriers; 2 Wm. Lawson, Whiteinch Harriers; 3 F. M'Lean, Wishaw Harriers; 4 James Simpson, Hilltown Harriers. Time of winners, 45 minutes 0 25 seconds. Team winners:—1 Wishaw, 134 points; 2 Bellahouston, 141 points; 3 Whiteinch, 161 points.