

SCOTTISH CROSS-COUNTRY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP.

FAVOURITES BOWLED OVER.

TEAM WIN FOR BELLABOUSTON.

(Special, by "Pace.")

Splendid weather, large attendance, close racing, and splendid arrangements were all the order of the day at Hamilton Palace Park Race-course on Saturday afternoon, on the occasion of the seventh annual race for the team and individual championships.

The popularity of this series of contests is now assured, and Saturday saw the greatest crowd within the famed enclosure that has been seen at any cross-country race in Scotland. Although timed to start at 1.30, there were officials of the association and teams present before two o'clock; while the special train that left Glasgow Central Station at 2.10 brought a large contingent of followers of the healthy and exhilarating pastime. The teams and club followers continued to arrive until demonstrations of heartiness that told how conducive to cheerfulness of spirit and strength of lung is the practice of the run-over hill and dale through field and fen. It lay with the Larkhall Harriers to put the importance on the formality of arrival on the field. They, to the number of close upon 20, marched on to the battle-ground, preceded by a couple of Highland pipers, and carried in the midst of their procession an elaborately-wrought silver banner, gay with trappings and tassels. Was this the work of fair hands, who, admiring their athletic-loving devotees, signified their appreciation of the sport and confidence in their unshakable heroism. Once alighted to their dressing jaegers, the teams made ready for the fray, and vigorous, handsome, undeviating, and athletic specimens of every conceivable persistence and efficiency were in hearty and earnest competition.

The teams had, in some instances, undergone slight changes. Whiteinch came as entered, as did also Wharfedale. Springburn was double-legged, and James Logan filled the vacancy. Rutherglen Glenasmole ran short; Olympic was, Athol, W. Anderson, and they ran out; and, short. Barnbank ran short. Carberry and Post were absent; from Larkhall, and the reserves of the two reserves—Andrew Jam, and John Morrison—were called upon. Kilmarnock were without A. Miller, and A. M. O'Neil, and ran ten men; Hamilton ran with Malcolm and Kerr taking the places of Lee and Simpson. Young was absent, so that they ran one man short. Broomfield got in Murphy and Ross to take the places vacated by Brown, Souter, Speers, and Young. Elderslie Wallace were minus Cleave, Goss, and McDonald, and putting 1 fine reserve, ran three men short. Greenock Glenpark had no reserve, and had to do without Hay and McCulloch. Hartholme was not present for Greenock Glenpark, and John Orr ran for him. Glasgow Y.M.C.A. ran with nine men, McLeay, Reid, and Taylor being absent, and one reserve—Ed. Brown—running. Barnbank had to put in Barton, Brown, and Thomas in the places of Bryan, Fisher, and Murray.

The other teams ran as entered, and the full names of the teams which were given in Friday's "Referee" need not be repeated at the present time. At ten minutes to four o'clock Mr. J. A. Cairns, Springburn Harriers, vice-president of the Association, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. A. McChas, marshalled his big contingent in lines, as follows, and as drawn by ballot—1, Hartholme; 2, Wellpark; 3, Broomfield; 4, Y.M.C.A.; 5, Larkhall; 6, Rutherglen Glenasmole; 7, Bellabouston; 8, Whiteinch; 9, Celtic; 10, Kilmarnock; 11, Glenpark; 12, Olympic; 13, Greenock; 14, Hamilton; 15, Wharfedale; 16, Springburn; 17, Barnbank; 18, Elderslie Wallace, and at 4.50 after a few words of caution, explained the rules, &c., and the route as prescribed under the direction of Messrs J. Cairns, Hartholme, D. W. Mill (Glasgow), Cairns (Motherwell), and flag placards to the number of a rapid dozen, the word was given, and all ran off on their momentous journey. The first to show in front was T. Beattie, of Whiteinch, running in his usual fine stride, and many, grateful, indeed, followed closely by Reid (G.Y.M.C.A.), McCafferty (Celtic), Moffat (Larkhall), Buchanan (Kilmarnock), Wright (Wellpark), Murphy (Broomfield), &c., &c. Another dozen round the course and they ran out to the country in much the same order. Once out, McCafferty drew up on the leader, and about three miles out was no level betwixt them, and running in magnificent fashion, rolled to first position. When five miles had been gone over, the Celtic representative was leading by nearly 700 yards, and, looking through glasses, Beattie's clubmates thought their man was in front. He, however, gave way to Wright, of Greenock, and the leading off was a long and widely-separated one. Meanwhile, the winning post had been set ready opposite the grand stands, and stewards were ready, with slips in hand, to note the numbers as the aspirants filtered through the neck-shaped finishing point. Thirty-nine minutes after the start one man was seen making his way on to the course, and right heartily he was cheered and hailed champion of Scotland, 1891. This was P. McCafferty, whose brother, winner also of an open championship, and another club member, ran close by his side, cheering him on. Unmistakably he ran past winner by about 20 yards in 4 minutes 53 2/3 seconds.

The order of arrivals were as follows:—1, P. McCafferty (Celtic); 2, A. Wright (Wellpark); 3, T. Beattie (Whiteinch); 4, R. Moffat (Larkhall); 5, J. D. Kennedy (Greenock Glenpark); 6, John Gilchrist (Elderslie Wallace); 7, J. McGee (Bellabouston); 8, W. Morrison (Larkhall); 9, P. Haughey (Elderslie Wallace); 10, James Murray (Glenpark); 11, J. Reid (Whiteinch); 12, J. Tweedie (Wharfedale); 13, D. M. Lee (Bellabouston); 14, R. Reid (Broomfield); 15, A. Wilson (Springburn); 16, D. Hughes (Kilmarnock); 17, J. Aird (Wellpark); 18, D. McThorn (Barnbank); 19, A. McKay (Olympic); 20, H. Cummings (Larkhall); 21, J. Morrison (Larkhall); 22, J. O'Connell (Olympic); 23, H. Larty (Bellabouston); 24, J. B. Oliver (Wellpark); 25, W. Cochran (Olympic); 26, J. Allan (Glenpark); 27, C. Barton (Barnbank); 28, J. Urquhart (Whiteinch); 29, J. Martin (Olympic); 30, T. Halpin (Whiteinch); 31, R. Craig (Bellabouston); 32, J. Cleave (Elderslie Wallace); 33, J. B. McGregor (Bellabouston); 34, R. Cleave (Bellabouston); 35, W. Glen (Elderslie Wallace); 36, A. Brown (Whiteinch); 37, R. Brown (Whiteinch); 38, Alf. Tweedie (Whiteinch); 39, J. Buchanan (Kilmarnock); 40, W. Cunningham (Elderslie Wallace); 41, A. G. M. Stewart (Glenpark); 42, G. Marshall (Hamilton); 43, E. W. Wilson (Broomfield); 44, A. Bell (Glenpark); 45, W. Buchanan (Broomfield); 46, G. W. Todd (Olympic); 47, T. McMillan (Glenpark); 48, —; 49, R. McGee (Celtic); 50, —; 51, A. Halliday (Olympic); 52, J. M. O'Connell (Larkhall); 53, G. Campbell (Barnbank); 54, J. Lattie (Wharfedale); 55, A. Walker (G.Y.M.C.A.); 56, R. Bell (Celtic); 57, S. Kennedy (Glasgow); 58, W. Connell (Glasgow); 59, R. Ruggie (Larkhall); 60, S. Brown (Broomfield); 61, —; 62, J. Cassidy (Celtic); 63, —; 64, S. Tully (Wharfedale); 65, C. Docherty (Barnbank); 66, —; 67, —; 68, J. Tweedie (Wellpark); 69, J. Carlin, Elderslie; 70, R. Hunter (Wharfedale); 71, A. Anderson (Hamilton); 72, J. Donaldson (Springburn); 73, —; 74, —; 75, —; 76, J. Brown (Barnbank); 77, J. McDonald (Broomfield); 78, G. Guy (Greenock); 79, —; 80, —; 81, W. Kirkwood (Greenock); 82, —; 83, A. Rennie (Hamilton); 84, J. Gossell (Wellpark); 85, —; 86, R. Newburgh (Springburn); 87, W. Harrowman (Barnbank); 88, D. Anderson (Springburn); 89, R. Burton (Broomfield); 90, —; 91, M. Burns (Celtic); 92, D. Brown (Hamilton); 93, —; 94, J. Gossell (Celtic); 95, —; 96, —; 97, —; 98, —; 99, —; 100, J. Laird (Springburn).

FULL TIME PLACING, &c.

1, Bellabouston—McGee, 1; Lee, 13; Larty, 23; Craig, 31; McGregor, 33; and Cleave, 36—total, 103 points.

2, Whiteinch—T. Beattie, 3; Reid, 11; Urquhart, 28; Halliday, 36; A. Beattie, 38; and Brown, 39—total, 145.

3, Larkhall—Moffat, 4; Morrison, 8; Cummings, 20; J. Morrison, 31; McCulloch, 35; and Wagger, 39—total, 168.

4, Greenock Glenpark—Kennedy, 5; Murray, 10; Allan, 26; Stewart, 31; Bell, 41; and McMillan, 49—total, 172.

5—A tie with Elderslie Wallace—Gilchrist, 6; Haughey, 7; Cleave, 22; Glen, 28; Cunningham, 40; Carlin, 70—total, 170; and—

Olympic—McKay, 17; Cochran, 23; W. O'Connell, 25; Martin, 29; Todd, 30; and Halliday, 31—total, 126.

7, Broomfield—Reid, 14; McDonald, 18; Buchanan, 45; Campbell, 53; Brown, 59; and J. McDonald, 70—total, 260.

8, Greenock Wellpark—Wright, 2; Aird, 17; Oliver, 24; Lamont, 32; Gossell, 37; and Guy, 101—total, 201.

9, Wharfedale—J. Tweedie, 13; Alf. Tweedie, 38; Lattie, 54; John Tweedie, 64; James Tweedie, 68; Hunter, 71—total, 207.

10, Celtic—McCafferty, 1; McGee, 49; Bell, 54; Cassidy, 62; Burke, 27; and Gossell, 36—total, 330.

11, Barnbank—Barton, 27; Docherty, 53; Porman, 57; Brownman, 58; Barton, 60; and J. Murray, 126—total, 471.

12, Springburn—Walker, 13; Donaldson, 23; Newburgh, 37; Anderson, 43; Laird, 100; and Gray, 103—total, 420.

13, Hamilton—Marshall, 42; Anderson, 51; Aitken, 64; Benson, 65; Wilson, 117; and Kerr, 123—total, 522.

14, Kilmarnock—Hughes, 15; Buchanan, 19; Bellingham, 110; Wright, 114; Sellar, 127; and Cairney, 133—total, 548.

15, Greenock—Kennedy, 12; Connell, 18; Guy, 79; Kirkwood, 79; Scullion, 128; and G. O'Connell, 151—total, 577.

16, Glasgow Y.M.C.A.—Wilson, 30; Morrison, 113;

Martin, 119; Scott, 143; McGregor, 144; and Irvine, 145—total, 711.

Eastwood had four men who finished—Wilson, Murphy, 108; M'Nee, 134; and Anderson, 147—total, 389.

Rutherfordian Glenside finished with two men—T. M'Leh, 150; and J. Evans, 154—total, 304.

Judges—Mr James Walker and Mr W. Weir.

Referee and Timekeeper—Mr J. C. Lawson.

Starter—Mr John A. Cairns.

Marksmen—Messrs A. Barron, Olympic; W. Clark, Bellahouston; J. H. Crichton, Maryhill; A. Duff, Olympic; D. Glenday, Y.M.C.A.; W. Struthers, Park; J. Thyns, Rosebank; A. M. Wyse, Westpark.

Stewards—Messrs D. Binnie, Whiteinch; A. M. Campbell, Bellahouston; J. Campbell, Hamilton; S. J. Clark, West of Scotland; J. Giffen; H. Gourlay, Whiteinch; W. Legg, Springburn; A. A. MacLeod, Glasgow; J. A. McFarland, Bellahouston; T. Magee, Ingram; J. McCrellan, Carr; J. McQuillan, Glenpark; M. Smith, Glasgow; H. Smith, Elderslie; Wallace, A. W. Struthers, Rutherfordian Glenside.

Secretary and Clerk of the Course—Mr William Stewart.