

# WESTERN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

## A SUCCESSFUL RACE.

### MONKLAND EASY WINNERS.

#### BELL FIRST MAN HOME.

This championship meeting, which was run off on the 1st inst., but declared "no race," was re-run on Saturday at Scotstoun Grounds. There was a most satisfactory turnout. The weather was not all that could be wished for, as at time of starting heavy fog hung round the enclosure, which was not at all conducive to record-breaking. Every precaution had been taken by Secretary F. M. Stoddart to make the racing a success, and his careful guidance, aided by his many willing workers, was most effectual, as from start to finish not a grumble was heard. Two teams—viz., West of Scotland and Mauchline—were absent. Some 250 anxious and ardent competitors toed the line at the start. Bell and Clydesdale occupied the outside positions, and

#### BY CAREFUL MANAGEMENT

the lot were got away to a capital start. Bell, who had got off fairly well, was not long in getting to the front. This advantage he held till leaving the field for the "open country." M'Phee at this stage occupying fifth position. The competitors once out of the field and out of sight, keen speculation took place amongst the crowd as to the ultimate winner. Good judges spotted Bell and M'Phee, and in this they were not far from the mark, as the former was first and the latter third. After an absence of some thirty-nine minutes a shout went up when the first man was in sight, this turning out to be the first to leave the field. Bell on entering the straight for home closely followed by his clubmate M'Donald, received a great cheer. This however, was

#### NO MORE PRONOUNCED

than when the popular D. M'Phee, seven seconds later, or fourteen seconds behind Bell, passed the tape. M'Phee's performance was a great one, and no one was more pleased than his father, who witnessed the grand performance. J. Henderson, of Garscube Harriers, who finished first in the "no race," came in eighth, with clubmates Veitch and M'Turk fourth and fifth respectively. After the first three had passed the winning post there was little or no excitement. Bell's time (actual winner) was 39min 40sec; M'Donald, 39min 47sec; and M'Phee, 39min 54sec—not at all bad time for seven miles over open country.

#### RESULTS.

1. Monkland Harriers... .. 88 points.
2. Garscube Harriers ... .. 160 points.
3. Clydesdale Harriers ... .. 193 points.

The first seventeen to enter the ground after their arduous afternoon's work were:—

1. R. Bell, Monkland Harriers.
2. A. M'Donald, Monkland Harriers.
3. D. M'Phee, Clydesdale Harriers.
4. A. Veitch, Garscube Harriers.
5. T. M'Turk, Garscube Harriers.
6. A. C. Thomson, Hamilton Harriers.
7. A. Semple, Shettleston Harriers.
8. J. Henderson, Garscube Harriers.
9. W. Reid, Monkland Harriers.
10. D. M'Lelland, Greenock Glenpark Harriers.
11. J. Stevenson, Paisley Y.M.C.A.
12. W. A. Livingstone, Maryhill Harriers.
13. J. Rennie, Monkland Harriers.
14. W. P. Brown, Glasgow Y.M.C.A.
15. R. Badger, Monkland Harriers.
16. W. H. Mathie, Bellahouston Harriers.
17. W. Grier, Maryhill Harriers.

#### THE PLACINGS.

The winners' placings were first, second,

eighth, eleventh, fifteenth, and forty-ninth;  
while the numbers up were placed there —  
fourth, sixth, ninth, forty-first, forty-eighth,  
and fifty-second.

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"NO RACE."

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The annual Western District junior championship, under the auspices of the National Cross-Country Union of Scotland, was down for decision from the Glasgow Agricultural Society's Showgrounds, Scotstoun, on Saturday, but the arrangements and race were unsatisfactory right from the start, and in the end "no race" was declared. The competitors arrived at the ground much earlier than usual, and soon after the advertised time were ready to start. On calling over the names, it was found that Duncan M'Phee (Clydesdale H.), who was greatly fancied for the individual honour, was absent, being confined to the house with influenza. The start of the race was fixed to take place near the entrance gates, and when the first lot of runners came to the mark they evidently started off on their own, with the result that a number of the competitors were left far in the rear. Naturally, these runners were disappointed, and in order to get on terms with the field the majority cut across the ground. The race has grown to such an extent that in future the officials will have to make more perfect arrangements. To ensure a fair start a rope ought to be stretched across the starting place, to be released immediately all the competitors are lined up and ready. It would also be advisable that ropes should encircle corners of the ground where the runners are tempted to leave the correct course.

As usual in this championship, those in front cut out a killing pace. After covering a lap of the ground, R. Bell (Monkland) was at the head of affairs, closely followed by a Bellahouston reserve man, J. Barker, W. P. Brown (Glasgow Y.M.C.A.H.), and J. Kerr (Motherwell Y.M.C.A.H.). After another circuit of the enclosure, and on leaving for the open country, F. McCormack (Clydesdale), was leading W. Cowie (Olympic) and J. Morris (West of Scotland), but the great crowd of runners were bunched together at this stage. After the race had been started about forty minutes, a number of runners were observed coming from an opposite direction to where the trail had been laid, and it was at once seen

SOMETHING WAS AMISS.

Immediately after, runners were seen coming over the hill, and as these runners passed the judges, their numbers were taken, the first twenty being:—1, J. Henderson, Garscube, 44min 5sec; 2, J. Creelman, Garscube, 44min 10sec; 3, Adam Veitch, Garscube, 44min 15sec; 4, W. P. Brown, Glasgow Y.M.C.A.H., 44min 21sec; 5, T. G. Sloan, Bellahouston; 6, T. M'Turk, Garscube; 7, H. Harper, Wellpark; 8, W. Inglis, Garscube; 9, A. Semple, Shettleston; 10, R. G. Russell, Springburn; 11, J. H. Barclay, Glasgow Y.M.C.A.H.; 12, W. A. Livingstone, Maryhill; 13, H. Carmichael, Garscube; 14, J. Kerr, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.; 15, J. Hall, Bothwell; 16, A. Watt, Bellahouston; 17, H. Campbell, Springburn; 18, A. M. Walker, Rutherglen; 19, A. M'Clymont, Garscube; 20, J. Rennie (Monkland).

NO RACE DECLARED.

The judges immediately held a meeting, and as it could not be said definitely who had followed the correct course, they had no alternative but to declare the race void. Such a decision is to be regretted, but under the circumstances it was the only finding they could come to. The date when the race will be re-run will be announced later.

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CLUB RUNS.

Edinburgh Harriers ran from Sheephead Inn, Duddingston. Two packs were sent out. A. M. Thomson paced the slow pack, and W. Reid acted as whip. J. K. Lawson was first to arrive home. The fast pack was composed of the eastern team. Ex-captain A. Edwards set the pace, with A. Senter as whip. Senter was first home.

The following team will represent Edinburgh Harriers in the Eastern district championship, to be held at Galashiels on Saturday:—H. J. Scott (vice-captain), A. M. M'Lean, J. Lindsay, N. W. Stewart, R. Glover, W. G. Penman, W. J. Davie, J. Reside, G. B. Taylor, R. M. M'Ewan, J. B. Thomson, and M. C. M'Lean.

Grange Harriers met at headquarters on Saturday, and 14 went out in a racing pack over a distance of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles. The first three to arrive home were:—1, W. Maxwell; 2, W. Morrison; 3, W. Taylor.

The following will represent the Grange H. in the Eastern district championship—W. Maxwell, W. Morrison, J. Smart, J. Wilson, J. Dougall, C. Maxwell, W. Cooper, J. Brand, W. Taylor, J. Young, G. Cooper, and J. Sorley.

The members are looking forward to Saturday's race with great interest, as W. Maxwell, who finished third last year, and W. Morrison, who was fourth, are expected to make a bold bid for the individual honour.

Boghead A.A. Club had an ordinary run on Saturday from Dumbuck Hotel, when twenty went out in one pack. No racing was indulged in, as most of the members had a late night on Friday, when the club held their dance. Forty couples were present.

The Western District Committee of the Cross-Country Union will meet in the Y.M.C.A., Bothwell Street, on Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, when the venue and date on which the W.D. championship will be re-run will be decided.