

## CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

### Western District Championship.

#### GREENOCK HARRIER WINS HONOUR.

At Rouken Glen on Saturday the race for the Individual and Team Championship of the Western District was run off. There was an entry of 26 teams of 12 runners. Ideal conditions prevailed, and a good attendance of enthusiasts encouraged the competitors in their efforts to land the prize. A splendid trail was laid over a measured seven miles course, starting and finishing in front of the Mansion House.

The scene at the start was animated as the 300 competitors lined up. The signal to go being given, J. H. Motion, of Eglinton Harriers, quickly took the lead, closely followed by Cuthbert, Garasube, M'Intyre, Dumbarton, and M'Millan, Glenpark, going out to the country, Motion still retained the lead, with the others closing up. At this stage M'Intyre retired suffering from an injured leg.

While a keen tussle was going on for individual honours, the teams of the fancied clubs for the team honours, namely Garasube, Glenpark, and Maryhill, were moving their way to the front. At half distance D. Cummings, of Glenpark Harriers, wrested the lead from J. H. Motion, and maintained that position to the end, winning a splendid race by over 120 yards from J. H. Motion, Eglinton H., and P. Martin, Maryhill H. The times were: Cummings, 42 mins. 1 sec.; Motion, 42 mins 30 secs.

Keen interest was taken in the arrivals of Garasube and Glenpark Harriers' teams, and on the results being made up the leading honour went to Garasube Harriers, with a score of 62 points; Glenpark Harriers second with 91 points, and Maryhill Harriers third with 96 points. Shettleston Harriers were fourth with 154 points.

Garasube Harriers are to be congratulated on their splendid victory, again showing their team racing abilities, as their positions at the finish were: Cuthbert, 4; Haggerty, 6; Lawrie, 8; M'Intosh, 9; M'Lark, 17; and Gow, 18.

The local clubs figured prominently in the contest, representatives of two local clubs finishing inside the first ten. Glenpark again just failed to capture the double honour through some of their members not being up to their usual standard because of illness.

D. Cummings is to be complimented on his capital performance, as a winner of this contest has to produce a very high standard of cross-country running, especially to win out of a field of over 300 competitors. The other members of the team deserve mention for their support of the champion, and on their efforts to bring the honours to Greenock. The team to count was: Cummings, 1; White-law, 7; M'Millan, 13; Pettigrew, 16; Comrie, 20; Stevenson, 34.

Auchmountain Harriers again took a very good position, finishing sixth, with a total of 309 points. Jack Jamieson of this club deserves a word of praise for his fine showing, finishing 10th. This is a splendid position for such a young runner as Jamieson, and a continuance of this form is hoped for. The others to count were: H. Kane, 35; D. M'Donald, 47; T. Allan, 60; J. M'Donald, 77; D. Allan, 80.

Wellpark Harriers, ably led by their promising young champion, D. M'Lean, who finished 28th, occupy a middle position on the list, and this position can be improved on in the course of another season, as the club's representatives have just experienced their first Western District.

On the whole local harriers can congratulate themselves on the position they occupy in the cross-country world, and further honours are hoped for in the near future.

# Y.M.C.A. HARRIERS.

The Western District Junior Championship was held from No. 3 Park, Rouken Glen, last Saturday, when twenty-six clubs each sent in a team of twelve runners. The day was almost ideal for cross-country running, and a good trail was laid over seven miles of country. Starting with a circuit of the park, the runners (312 in all) made, by way of Whitecraigs Station, and the Old Mearns Road, to Burnside and Crookfur, thence towards Mearns Castle, Thorntalbank House, and so back to Rouken Glen.

There was the usual scramble at the beginning, increased perhaps by the fact that a cinema operator was taking a film of the race. The runners soon found their pace, however, and many gave up early. D. Cummings, of Greenock, proved a good winner in 42mins., while J. Motion (Eglington), was second, and P. Martip (Maryhill), third. Local enthusiasts were beginning to despair when D. Copeland arrived—41st. This was very unsatisfactory indeed, as last year the club's sixth man ran 43rd. When W. Findlay next came along, 67th, and J. Mathie, 78th, it was at once known the club would not have "an earthly." Instead of being 4th, as last year, the team was nearer 14th. No blame can be put on the "weaker" members, or reserves, who did nobly, but the better runners failed. Thus the two who were reckoned to be first home were last. Other members of the team unsportingly failed to appear, and did not even give warning of their intended absence. Of course, such things will happen, and so the older men will just have to show how it is done a month hence.

Garscube H. proved good team winners with 62 points. Greenock Glenpark were second, and Maryhill third. Last year's winners, Shettleston H., did well in gaining fourth place.