

THE SCOTTISH JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

To begin in the old hackneyed, stereotyped fashion, the fifth annual junior championship, under the auspices of the S.C.C.U., was run at Musselburgh on Saturday, and proved a great success. The dozen teams entered turned out, but the W.S.H. only mustered seven, and the Hawkhill and Dennistoun Harriers ten each. All the others save the Watsonians called on their reserves, but many of these eleventh-hour recruits performed extremely well. Prominent among the absentees were J. K. Hamilton (Maryhill), W. Hay (E.H.), and J. H. Dods (Dalkeith), their defection being a decided handicap to their clubs—in fact, it practically robbed Maryhill and Edinburgh of any chance of success. J. Lamb, who figured in both the C.H. and Edinburgh Northern teams, was declared ineligible for the former, and competed for the individual honour with J. Crossans (Arbroath Harriers). With the country as hard as bricks, besides a sudden thaw in the forenoon, the course was all on the flat, and consisted of two rounds and a bittock of the race-course to start with, then four miles of road, and three-quarters of a mile on the links to finish with—in all about $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles of treacherous, sloppy going. At the conclusion of the first circuit of the race-course, A. Dunn (Hawks) led; next round, A. M'Nulty (Kirkintilloch) had pride of place, with the cracks well up. Cross-country the chops and changes were numerous, and Sturton and A. R. Gibb, sheet anchors of Edinburgh and Watsonians, cracked up. Nearing home Hugh Welsh and F. W. Bruce ('Varsity) singled themselves out, and sprinting home at a great pace, Bruce, a trifle the stronger, won an interesting, exciting race by a foot. J. Crossans, who was third, was quite 300 yards in their rear; with Henry. Mill, and Badenoch close up. J. Lamb was next, and the positions of the others will be seen below. Suffice it, therefore, to say that the Watsonians did a big feat in finishing their six in the first score, and beating Edinburgh Northern by the comfortable margin of 48 points. The Clydesdale were third, and the 'Varsity fourth, a great improvement on recent years. The winners were well trained, and ran consistently. Had A. R. Gibb stuck up on the hard ground, their win would have been even more pronounced. 'Sturton's collapse was very galling to the Edinburgh Harriers, whose tail, as I anticipated, cut up weakly. Bruce's absolute victory was a revelation, but he is real grit down to the heels, as also is Welsh. They struggled like race-horses. In the evening the teams and friends teed together in the West-End Cafe, Edinburgh, after which a smoker was held, during which Mr A. Forrest (Dalkeith) president of the Union, distributed the medals to the winners. Fully 1,000 spectators witnessed the race, the utmost order was kept, and everybody went away delighted with the great race between Bruce and Welsh.

The order of finish was as follows:—1, F. W. Bruce ('Varsity); 2, H. Welsh (Watsonians); 3, J. Crossans (Arbroath); 4, J. F. Henry (E.H.); 5, D. W. Mill (C.H.); 6, W. M. Badenoch (E.H.); 7, J. Lamb (individual); 8, G. J. C. Young ('Varsity); 9, G. Draffin (E.N.H.); 10, J. P. Gibb (Watsonians); 11, J. Rodger (Motherwell); 12, L. Jack (Watsonians); 13, A. Sellars (E.N.H.); 14, A. Buchan (E.N.H.); 15, A. Douglas (Watsonians); 16, J. Miller (E.H.); 17, D. Cameron (Maryhill); 18, J. Bartleman (Watsonians); 19, D. Jenkins (C.H.); 20, T. L. O. Robertson (Watsonians); 21, J. A. F. Brand (Watsonians); 22, J. Stavert (C.H.); 23, W. Girdwood (Motherwell); 24, J. Galloway (Hawkhill); 25, J. Chalmers ('Varsity); 26, D. F. Millmaker (Maryhill); 27, W. H. Whigham (C.H.); 28, J. Brickley (C.H.); 29, A. Moyes (E.N.H.); 30, A. Bowman (E.N.H.); 31, J. M. Halliday (C.H.); 32, T. Turnbull (E.N.H.); 33, R. E. C. Thomson ('Varsity); 34, G. Galloway (E.N.H.); 35, A. M'Nulty (Kirkintilloch); 36, J. W. Warden (W.S.H.); 37, T. S. H. Scott ('Varsity); 38, E. A. Boxer (do.); 39, J. Forsyth (E.N.H.); 40, A. R. Gibb (Watsonians); 41, A. Burton (C.H.); 42, W. Coffield (Motherwell); 43, M. Thomson (do.); 44, A. Smith (Hawkhill); 45, D. Urquhart (Watsonians); 46, J. H. Scott (Dennistoun); 47, C. D. Paton (E.H.); 48, G. Stark (Maryhill); 49, T. Lightbody (Dennistoun); 50, J. K. Kirk (E.H.); 51, J. Coutts (Hawkhill); 52, A. R. Blewes (E.N.H.); 53, G. Browning (Dennistoun); 54, J. M'Nair (Hawkhill); 55, D. Donaldson (C.H.); 56, J. Wilson (Hawkhill); 57, 58, A. Smith (Dalkeith) and G. Hunter (Dalkeith); 59, J. Cameron (W.S.H.); 60, J. Miller (Motherwell); 61, J. Moody (Hawkhill); 62, J. Stewart (C.H.); 63, D. M'Coll (Dennistoun); 64, A. G. Mitchell (W.S.H.); 65, C. Russell (E.N.H.); 66, G. B. Wilson (E.H.); 67, W. Whyte (C.H.); 68, J. Ferguson (Dalkeith); 69, J. B. M'Beth (E.H.); 70, A. West (Maryhill); 71, C. R. Mitchell (Maryhill); 72, A. Glasgow (W.S.H.); 73, A. Forrest (Dalkeith); 74, A. Baker (C.H.); 75, G. Kirk (E.H.); 76, J. T. Grimstone (E.H.); 77, G. M. Borland (W.S.H.); 78, J. Duncan (Maryhill); 79, C. Rankin (Dennistoun); 80, J. Macnamara (W.S.H.); 81, J. H. Storrle (Dennistoun); 82, A. D. M'Pherson ('Varsity); 83, D. Duncan (Motherwell); 84, T. Irvine (Motherwell); 85, R. Finlayson (Dalkeith); 86, A. W. Cockburn (Dalkeith); 87, J. Henderson (Dalkeith); 88, A. R. Mitchell (Maryhill); 89, W. H. Ford (E.H.); 90, D. Paterson (Dalkeith); 91, P. Rough (Dalkeith); 92, J. W. R. Brown (Kirkintilloch); 93, R. Craigen (Motherwell).

The team placings were:—

I.—Watsonians C.C.C.—H. Walsh, 1; J. P. Gibb, 8; L. Jack, 10; A. Douglas, 13; J. J. Bartleman, 16; T. L. O. Robertson, 18. Total, 67 points.

II.—Edinburgh Northern Harriers—G. Draffin, 7; A. Sellars, 11; A. Buchan, 12; A. Moyes, 27; A. Bowman, 28; T. Turnbull, 30. Total, 115 points.

III.—Clydesdale Harriers.—D. W. Mill, 4; D. Jenkins, 17; J. Stewart, 20; W. H. Whigham, 25; J. Brickley, 26; J. M. Halliday, 29. Total, 121.

IV.—Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds—E. A. Bruce, 1; G. J. C. Young, 6; J. Chalmers, 23; R. E. C. Thomson, 31; T. B. H. Scott, 35; E. A. Boxer, 36. Total, 132 points.

V.—Edinburgh Harriers.—J. F. Hendry, 3; W. M. Badenoch, 5; J. Miller, 14; C. D. Paton, 45; J. K. Kirk, 48; G. B. D. Wilson, 64. Total, 179 points.

VI.—Motherwell Harriers.—J. Rodger, 9; W. Girdwood, 21; W. Coffield, 40; M. Thomson, 41; J. Mirell, 58; D. Duncan, 81. Total, 250 points.

VII.—Hawkhill Harriers.—J. Galloway, 22; A. Smith, 42; J. Coutts, 49; J. M'Nair, 42; J. Wilson, 54; J. Moody, 59. Total, 278 points.

VIII.—Maryhill Harriers.—D. Cameron, 15; D. F. Millmaker, 24; G. Stark, 46; A. West, 68; C. R. Mitchell, 69; J. Duncan, 76. Total, 298 points.

IX.—Dennistoun Harriers.—J. H. Scott, 44; T. Lightbody, 47; G. Browning, 51; D. M'Coll, 61; C. Rankin, 77; J. R. Storrle, 79. Total, 359 points.

X.—West of Scotland Harriers.—J. H. Warden, 34; J. Cameron, 57; A. G. Mitchell, 62; A. Glasgow, 70; G. M. Borland, 75; J. Macnamara, 78. Total, 376 points.

XI.—Dalkeith Harriers.—A. Smith, 55; G. Hunter, 56; J. Ferguson, 66; A. Forrest, 71; H. Finlayson, 83; A. W. Cockburn, 84. Total, 415 points.

XII.—Kirkintilloch Harriers.—A. M'Nulty, 33; J. M. R. Brown, 90. No others finished.