

**CROSS COUNTRY.**—The novice championship, under the auspices of the Scottish National Cross Country Union, was run at Wester Carn-tyne on Saturday, when teams from neighbouring clubs, *i.e.*, Maryhill and Garscube, won the first and second places. Result:—1, Maryhill Harriers—W. S. Brown, 1; J. W. Reach, 2; J. Dobbie, 3; P. Martin, 4—10 points; 2, Garscube Harriers—Alex. B. Laurie, 10; Norman H. M'Auley, 16; D. Moir, 20—60 points. Eighteen teams ran.

# Y.M.C.A. HARRIERS,

## National Novice Championship.

The fact that the local harriers held club races and championships during the last three years rather handicapped them on Saturday last, for clubs like Maryhill, who have been running all the time of the war, but not holding official races, were able to enter runners of experience as "novices" in the national novice championship. The local club was forced to enter practically runners of this year's standing, as any who had previously won a prize was debarred.

The race was held from Cantyre racecourse Parkhead, over a distance of five miles. A stiff five miles it proved, many of the smaller Motherwell boys finding some difficulty in negotiating the high brick walls and stone dikes. The start was a most imposing sight, as the eighteen teams of eight men each lined up and went off together, doing a lap and quarter of the racecourse before going out on their "great adventure." The Motherwell club, five of whose team of eight were under twenty years of age, looked as if it would not have an "earthly," and young Daly looked more boyish than ever alongside the much heavier and taller "strangers."

The race itself calls for little comment.

Maryhill Harriers made the championship theirs by having the first four home, and never will it be won more easily. Garscube Harriers were placed second, and Shettleston third.

The local Y.M.C.A. club was seventh on the list. All things considered, this was a very good performance out of eighteen clubs entered. Most gratifying still, all the local runners finished, and practically together at that, so that had all eight members been counted, instead of four only, the championship would have probably been Motherwell's.

J. Daly proved that his running of the previous week was no "flash in the pan," as he finished first for Motherwell. Of a good stock, great things are expected of this Logans youth, who has a nice, clear style, and an unassuming manner. E. Lawson was second, W. Tweedie third, and P. Smeddon fourth, for the locals.

A goodly number of former enthusiasts travelled with the club, who expect to improve on Saturday's good show at an early date.

To-morrow the club holds an inter-club run with the West of Scotland Harriers from Thornliebank Baths. Train to Glasgow Central at 1.25 p.m.