

CROSS-COUNTRY

Conditions of National Race that Require Altering

ANALYSES OF FINISHES

The latest National Novice Championship carried through at Bothwell has been borne home to the minds of the officials the need to revise the conditions governing this race. What is required is a venue that will provide adequate dressing-room accommodation and, at the same time, a locus for a proper cross-country race admitting of an unhampered start and finish to the contest.

The supporters of the various clubs, in their eagerness to see the finish of the race on Saturday, seemingly forgot all about the necessity of maintaining a clear avenue for the runners, who were in some cases threading their way down to the finishing post. This behaviour was fair to nobody.

By another year there is a prospect of some change in the conditions, and no doubt among other questions which may arise is the one suggesting a tightening up of the qualifications of eligibility to compete. A fresh definition of a novice is wanted, say, restricting all who have won a prize at distances from a mile or upwards, either on track or across country, and confining the event to youths of 18 years only and over.

Paisley's Fine Show

Shuttleston Harriers' success in the team race was to most people unexpected, and they must be congratulated in winning the event for the fourth time, and this is the third occasion that the individual winner comes from the same club. J. W. Stanley won in 1923, T. M. Riddell in 1924, and now Jas. Hood.

A close analyses of the result shows that Paisley Harriers did extraordinarily well to find 7th, 9th, and 11th places, and had their fourth man maintained an equal sequence it would have been a great result for them.

Details

	Pts.
1. Shuttleston—Hood (1), Holland (16), Littlejohn (20), Dalziel (37)	74
2. Motherwell—Graham (17), Gardiner (5), Jaap (13), Topping (55)	75
3. Doon—Bryce (15), Park (21), Bain (24), Hainey (33)	93
4. Paisley Harriers—Niven (7), Douglas (9), Lawler (11), Cafferty (72)	99
5. Springburn—Stevenson (4), Allison (17), Grant (29), Mackay (51)	101
6. Hamilton—Wallace (26), M'Bride (36), Rodgers (47), Wardlaw (48)	157
7. Glasgow University—Irvine (14), Hill (22), Delvin (61), Dunlop (62)	159
8. Beith—Millar (6), Irvine (56), Fyfe (58), M'Culloch (70)	190
9. Dundee—Petrie (5), Standing (43), Bowring (46), Cochrane (100)	192
10. Plebeian—Lamont (10), M'Knight (45), Edwards (57), Harratty (89)	201
11. Glasgow Harriers—Campbell (25), M'Intyre (30), Strachan (59), Ellison (92)	206
12. Maryhill Harriers—M'Cann (23), Brackenridge (49), Cameron (63), Riddell (88)	223
13. Penicuik—Wilson (31), Hamilton (39), Little (77), Foster (106)	253
14. Edinburgh University—Ross (12), Deans (38), Veitch (65), Raeburn (165)	280
15. Dumbarton—Rattray (41), Flynn (50), Campbell (71), Stevenson (120)	282
16. Bellahouston—Newlands (19), Thomson (32), M'Donald (99), Todd (154)	304
17. Clydesdale—Flaherty (67), Dalzell (78), Hamilton (86), M'Bride (95)	328
18. Eglinton—Kelly (66), Laidlaw (81), Fullerton (85), Bell (105)	337
19. West of Scotland—Fisher (8), Carson (44), Docherty (138), Clark (151)	341
20. St Peter's A.C.—Gaffney (18), Walker (55), Murthy (129), M'Ginlay (169)	351
21. Wellpark, 364; 22. Monkland, 405; 23. Garscube, 415; 24. Barleith, 446; 25. Edinburgh Northern, 462; 26. Irvine, 490; 27. Paisley Y.M.C.A., 497; 28. Renfrew Y.M.C.A., 539; 29. Kilmarnock, 571; 30. Glasgow Harriers, 587; 31. Catrine A.A.C., 594; 32. Edinburgh, 612; 33. New Cumnock, 616; 34. Glenpark, 663; 35. Olympic, 670; 36. Paisley Juniors, 731; 37. Shawfield, 752; 38. Lochwinnoch, 828; 39. Market Harriers, 845; 40. Dalry, 886.	

Western Relay Entries

Glasgow Tramways A.C. hold a joint run with West of Scotland Harriers at Helenvale Park this evening.

Entries for the Western District relay championship to be decided at Thornliebank on Saturday week must reach Mr J. O. Hepburn, 487 Great Western Road, to-morrow. A scrutiny meeting will be held on Thursday.

Mr R. Grandison, jun., an ex secretary of Bellahouston Harriers, has presented a cup to the club to be competed for annually among the junior members. The races, three in number, decided on a points basis, are to be held over road, thus not affecting their novice status.

GREAT interest was taken in the decision of the tenth annual individual team novice championship at Bothwell on Saturday. No fewer than forty teams and seven individuals took part, and every club entered finished, which is good work in view of the fact that young ones had a three-lap course to traverse.

As anticipated the first man home was J. Hood, Shettleston. He ran all the way in confident style and showed no desire to go into the lead until the last mile. Apart from the fine showing by Hood excellent performances were put up by lesser-known novices, and the form of R. Graham, Motherwell, and J. Petrie, of Dundee, was a revelation, both of whom chased home the Shettleston Harriers by one point only.

Shettleston Harriers got the better of Motherwell Y.M.C.A., but Doon, the holders, must be congratulated on securing third place with a fresh team.

The first six and times were: J. Hood (Shettleston), 26min. 1sec.; R. Graham (Motherwell Y.M.C.A.), 26.7; J. Petrie (Dundee Thistle), 26.8; H. Stevenson (Springburn), 26.15; W. Gardiner (Motherwell), 26.23; and J. Miller (Beith Harriers), 26.27.

Teams: Shettleston Harriers (J. Hood, 1; H. Holland, 16; T. Littlejohn, 20; and P. Dalziel, 37). Total, 74 points.

Motherwell (R. Graham, 2; W. Gardiner, 5; Jas. Jaap, 13; W. Tipping, 55). Total, 75 points.

Doon Harriers (A. Bryce, 15; J. Park, 21; W. Bain, 24; W. Harvey, 33). Total, 93 points.

Paisley Harriers, 99 points, 4; Springburn Harriers, 101 points, 5; Hamilton Harriers, 157 points, 6.