

ATHLETICS.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE eleventh annual team and individual championship of the National Cross-Country Union of Scotland was decided within the grounds of Bothwell Castle on Saturday. Out of an entry of 40 clubs, all were represented by teams except Greenock Glenpark Harriers and New Cumnock Harriers, whose representatives ran as individuals. As in the past, teams comprised eight runners, the placings of the first four counting for the team championship. The course was a three-lap one of about four miles, and the going was good, considering the rain which had fallen in the earlier part of the day.

There was a large crowd present when the field of over 250 runners got away to a fine start. At the end of the first circuit (1½ mile) leaders were Springburn (Springburn), Ingram (Plebeian), Fisher (West of Scotland), Simpson (Shettleston), M'Nair (Marshall), and Balluch (Greenock Glenpark.) There was very little change among the leaders at the second lap (2½ miles), the same six runners being still to the fore, although the order had changed slightly.

The finish took place on the Pit road, giving a straight of fully half a mile. When the leaders came in sight a few hundred yards from the tape J. Millar, Beith Harriers, was a few yards in front of Fisher, and this position he maintained to the tape, which he reached with 15 yards to spare. Whereas Fisher had always been in the first half-dozen, Millar, on the other hand, was not in the first 50 at the end of the first lap, but thereafter he made ground rapidly, although it was only about a quarter of a mile from the finish that he assumed the lead.

There was an unfortunate ending to the team race. On the placings being counted it was found at first that Shettleston Harriers were apparently winners with 66 points, but the Marshall team placings could not be definitely established, and after long deliberation it was announced by president T. Fraser that the team race would be re-run at a date to be fixed later.

The medals to the first three to finish were handed over by Lieut-Colonel T. C. R. Moore, M.P. for Arr Burreigh, and hon. president of the National Cross-Country Union of Scotland, who also acted as a judge of the race.

Result:—

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. J. Millar (Beith Harriers), 23 mins. 54 secs.; 2. W. S. Fisher (West of Scotland Harriers), 23 mins. 57 secs.; 3. A. Ingram (Plebeian Harriers), 23 mins. 12 secs.; 4. W. Balluch (Greenock Glenpark Harriers), 23 mins. 20 secs.; 5. J. M'Nair (Marshall Harriers), 23 mins. 25 secs.; 6. R. Deans (Edinburgh University H. and H.), 23 mins. 26 secs.; 7. J. Gilles (Shawfield Harriers); 8. A. Stevenson (Springburn Harriers); 9. A. Farquharson (Marshall Harriers); 10. J. Brannen (Dundee Thistle Harriers); 11. W. Simpson (Shettleston Harriers); 12. A. Paterson (Marshall Harriers.)

HARRIERS.

NOVICE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE Novice Team Championship of the National Cross Country Union of Scotland was decided on Saturday afternoon within the grounds of Bothwell Castle. Originally run a fortnight ago over the same three-lap course, when doubt as to one of the vital placings caused the team race to be declared void, the second attempt to decide the honours was more successful. Of the 40 clubs who comprised the entry, only 20 were forward with teams. The absentees included all the clubs from the Eastern District, but all the teams considered to be in running were again forward. The course of some four miles was in good order, the frost making for faster running than a fortnight ago. The individual championship was not under review, and J. Miller, Both Harriers (the holder), and his runner-up, W. S. Fisher, West of Scotland Harriers, were non-starters, as were their clubs.

The race resulted pretty much as anticipated, Shettleston Harriers again finishing first. This time there was no doubt as to the winners, the Shettleston total of 29 points being best by 15 points. Maryhill Harriers, whose points total was in doubt on the last occasion, were beaten for second place by Plebeian Harriers. Result:—

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

(A. M. Bryson Cup.)

	Pts.
1. Shettleston Harriers (holders) (W. Simpson 5, A. S. Stevenson 5, D. Stevenson 9, A. McKinnon 12).....	29
2. Plebeian Harriers (A. Ingram 1, T. Edwards 2, A. M. Murray 15, O. McGehee 22)	44
3. Maryhill Harriers (J. McSair 2, A. Farquharson 4, A. Patience 7, J. M. Scott 35)	48
4. Springburn Harriers	76
5. Hamilton Harriers	94
6. Glasgow Y.M.C.A. Harriers	109

ORDER OF FINISHING.

	Min.	Secs.
1. A. Ingram, Plebeian Harriers	25	15 1-0
2. J. McSair, Maryhill Harriers	25	20
3. W. Simpson, Shettleston Harriers	25	27
4. A. Farquharson, Maryhill Harriers	25	33
5. A. S. Stevenson, Shettleston Harriers ...	25	36
6. A. Stevenson, Springburn Harriers	25	36