

HARRIERS.

N.C.C.U. NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The twelfth annual novice team and individual championships promoted by the National Cross-Country Union of Scotland were decided on Saturday at Hamilton Park Racecourse. Out of a record entry of 40 teams and 6 individuals all were present except Auchmountain Harriers and Edinburgh University Harms and Hounds. The latter club had seven runners forward, but as only two of these—J. G. Robertson and H. T. Stodart—were included in the team as entered, they could only compete as individuals, and finished 125th and 84th respectively. It was only when the teams lined up that the discrepancy in the University ranks was discovered, and the field of over 300 competitors was well down the straight when the two eligible members of the team got away. The course was one of almost five miles, and, although nearly all was grass, the going was very heavy as a result of the recent rains. Each team comprised eight runners, of whom the first four to finish counted in the team placings. All the competitors in the race were concerned in the individual event. At half-distance R. Simpson, Motherwell V.M.C.A. Harriers, had a slight lead over A. D. MacDonald and J. Thomson, both of Garcubie Harriers, while Springburn Harriers seemed to be well in the running for the team event. There were few changes in the individual order on the latter part of the journey, for Simpson ran out winner of a splendid contest by a matter of 30 yards from MacDonald. Springburn failed to maintain their forward placings, while Garcubie had consolidated theirs to run out comfortable winners by a margin of 35 points. Of the 12 championships, Shettleston Harriers have won five, and Garcubie Harriers four. Over 300 started, and 285 completed the full course. Results:—

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

1. R. Simpson, Motherwell V.M.C.A. Harriers, 28 mins. 58 l-5 secs.; 2. A. D. MacDonald, Garcubie Harriers, 29 mins. 4 secs.; 3. J. McLean, Plebeian Harriers, 29 mins. 5 secs.; 4. N. Graham, Paisley Harriers; 5. J. Thomson, Garcubie Harriers; 6. H. Haughie, Springburn Harriers; 7. P. McNab, Springburn Harriers; 8. W. W. Rollinson, Maryhill Harriers; 9. D. Spiers, Shawfield Harriers; 10. T. McLaren, Wellpark Harriers; 11. M. Nicholson, Plebeian Harriers; 12. J. Simmons, Garcubie Harriers.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. Garcubie Harriers (McDonald 2. Thomson 5. Simmons 12. 8. Carson 21), 40 points; 2. Plebeian Harriers (McLean 3. Nicholson 11. H. Duff 37. J. Cook 54), 75 points; 3. Springburn Harriers (Haughie 6. McNab 7. W. Wilson 26. R. Campbell 40), 79 points; 4. Maryhill Harriers (Rollinson 8. Stromberg 17. G. Brackenridge 39. P. Welsh 51), 85 points; 5. Glasgow University Harms and Hounds (G. R. Stewart 15. D. H. Thom 19. J. K. Watt 32. D. M. Brander 37), 103 points; 6. Shawfield Harriers (Spiers 9. D. Reid 12. J. Spiers 58. A. Spencer 74). 169.



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NOVICE HONOURS FOR GARSCUBE AND MOTHERWELL.

GARSCUBE HARRIERS, one of the most successful clubs in the history of the Scottish Novice Cross-Country Championship, gained another victory, their fourth, at Hamilton on Saturday. They aggregated 40 points, beating Plebeian Harriers by a margin of 35 points. Springburn were third, with only four points more than Plebeian.

R. Simpson, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., ran out a brilliant winner of the individual championship. A. D. M'Donald, Garscube, was second, and J. M'Lean, Plebeian, third. The time of 23 minutes 58 seconds was distinctly good considering the heavy conditions of the five-miles course.

SIMPSON'S FINE EFFORT.

On the completion of the first lap (approximately 2½ miles, time 13 mins. 53 secs.) James Thomson (Garscube), R. Simpson (Motherwell), D. Spiers (Shawfield), A. D. M'Donald (Garscube), T. M'Laren (Garscube), Neil Graham (Paisley), M. Nicholson (Plebeian), G. B. Tait (West of Scotland), J. M'Lean (Plebeian), and a group of Springburn members headed the field. At this stage it was obvious that Garscube were in a winning position.

Entering the stretch of open country, shortly after leaving the racecourse, R. Simpson (Motherwell Y.M.C.A.) took up the running, and from that point he was never seriously challenged. Continuing to race confidently and well, the Motherwell youth faced the home straight of the racecourse in gallant fashion, and although A. D. M'Donald (Garscube) tried hard to keep on terms, it was of no avail against the strong-going Motherwell lad, who raced home looking round.

PRESENTATION HUMOUR.

Mr. Tom Jack, M.A., President of the N.C.C.U., was in excellent form at the presentation of awards. Referring to the success of Garscube Harriers, whose President is Mr. Condie Chalmers, Mr. Jack said that the secret of their success must surely be the application of "Condy's Fluid."

The vice-chairman, Mr. Tom M'Allister, commented most flatteringly on the knowledge possessed by the chairman, and said that Tom Jack was well fitted to deliver a profitable lecture on the easiest way to race across country.

Mr. Jack succinctly replied in two words—"Don't race."

INDIVIDUAL FINISHES.

1. R. Simpson, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., 23 mins. 58 secs.
2. A. D. M'Donald, Garscube H., 29 mins. 4 secs.
3. J. M'Lean, Plebeian H., 29 mins. 5 secs.
4. N. Graham, Paisley H., 29 mins. 20 secs.
5. Jas. Thomson, Garscube H., 29 mins. 21 secs.
6. H. Haughie, Springburn H., 29 mins. 22 secs.
7. P. M'Nab, Springburn H., 29 mins. 23 secs.
8. W. W. Rollinson, Maryhill H., 29 mins. 33 secs.
9. D. Spiers, Shawfield H., 29 mins. 36 secs.
10. T. M'Laren, Wellpark H., 29 mins. 364 secs.
11. M. Nicholson, Plebeian H., 29 mins. 39 secs.
12. J. Nummons, Garscube H., 29 mins. 40 secs.

TEAM PLACINGS.

1. Garscube Harriers (A. D. M'Donald 2, J. Thomson 5, J. Nummons 12, S. Carson 21—40 points).
2. Plebeian Harriers (J. M'Lean 3, M. Nicholson 11, H. Duff 27, J. Cook 34—75 points).
3. Springburn Harriers (H. Haughie 6, P. M'Nab 7, W. Wilson 26, R. Campbell 40—79 points).
4. Maryhill Harriers (W. W. Rollinson 8, W. Stromberg 17, A. Strackenridge 29, P. Welsh 31—85 points).
5. Glasgow University (G. R. Stewart 15, D. Thom 19, J. K. Hill 32, D. M. Brander 37—103 points).
6. Shawfield Harriers (D. Spiers 9, D. Baird 18, J. Speirs 63, A. L. Spencer 74—169 points).
7. Shettleston Harriers (R. M'Cutcheon 22, W. Park 38, A. Paterson 59, W. Sutherland 60—179 points).
8. Bellahouston Harriers (T. R. Riddell 14, J. M. Lindsay 28, J. M'Gill 33, R. G. Reid 107—182 points).
9. Cambuslang Y.M.C.A. (S. Thomson 20, A. Mathie 41, W. Lindsay 72, J. Smith 95—228 points).
10. Glasgow Y.M.C.A. (F. Green 48, R. Wood 51, T. Strachan 66, W. E. Catling 78—243 points). Tied with St. Peter's A.A.C. (J. A. Williams 25, H. J. Keenan 42, J. J. Carroll 75, J. F. Walker 101—243 points).
12. Beith Harriers (C. Murdoch 24, J. Quinn 56, J. M'Cullough 77, J. Kennedy 87—244 points).
13. Glasgow Harriers (S. Newall 23, W. Shearer 53, D. Skene 73, H. M'Intyre 100—249 points).
14. Victoria Park A.C. (J. Totten 44, J. Oswald 54, J. Cascarina 96, J. Jackson 98—292 points).
15. West of Scotland Harriers (T. Cruden 16, G. B. Tait 49, J. M. Anderson 117, R. Marks 124—306 points).
16. Glenpark Harriers (R. Easton 36, D. Paton 39, J. Davidson 110, J. Dally 132—317 points).
17. Wellpark Harriers (T. M'Laren 10, J. Snoddy 13, W. Kennedy 130, J. Taylor 166—319 points).
18. Kilmarnock Harriers (A. M. Butler 35, R. Price 82, J. Wells 103, A. L. Phillips 114—331 points).
19. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. (R. Simpson 1, R. Devon 105, S. Adam 115, J. Stevenson 128—349 points).
20. Hamilton Harriers (J. D. Hiles 48, T. Moffat 51, J. Brownlee 123, R. Bannatyne 140—389 points).
21. Monkland Harriers (J. Hamilton 62, A. M'Donald 69, A. M'Pherson 90, R. Smith 186—487 points).
22. Paisley Harriers (N. Graham 4, O. Carrie 112, G. Forsyth 135, J. Wilson 176—427 points).
23. Catrine Harriers (W. Reid 64, A.

- Gemmell 109, W. D. Dick 121, A. M'Lellan 185—479 points).
24. Dumbarton A.A.C. (Ian Robertson 8, J. Baird 94, J. Cooper 151, F. Lynch 152—486 points).
25. Eglinton Harriers (J. Cairns 65, A. Laidlaw 119, W. Davidson 147, W. Harper 193—524 points).
26. Kirkcaldy Boys' Club (D. Thomson 114, P. Mackie 122, A. Cockburn 141, J. Ritchie 165—544 points).
27. Edinburgh Harriers (D. M'Kay 52, T. M'Calum 145, T. Mather 171, J. F. Sinclair 203—571 points).
28. 26th West Lothian Harriers (W. Noble 92, A. Love 144, J. Bruce 169, P. H. E. M'Kay 170—575 points).
29. Glasgow Transport A.C. (W. Surgeon 30, R. Ford 91, M. Norton 233, A. Hendry 244—598 points).
30. Edinburgh Northern Harriers (J. Muir 155, T. B. Ainslie 156, J. Crane 197, A. A. Lawrie 173—641 points).
31. Irvine Y.M.C.A. (H. Campbell 131, A. Mackie 160, J. Brown 181, W. Cairns 181—660 points).
32. Lochwinnoch Harriers (S. Hercus 8, D. M'Intyre 168, H. Luney 213, A. Clark 224—691 points).
33. Paisley Junior Harriers (E. Fraser 116, R. Todhunter 178, J. Gilmour 181, J. M'Kellar 228—702 points).
34. Kilbarchan Harriers (D. S. Blackwood 148, N. M'Phie 164, B. Muir 202, L. Lyle 216—730 points).
35. Clydesdale Harriers (A. Wilkinson 12, K. Robb 189, B. Logie 197, A. Dickson 227—755 points).
36. Renfrew Y.M.C.A. (J. R. Wood 162, J. W. Black 217, W. Brownlie 237, J. Johnstone 252—863 points).
37. Olympic Harriers (J. Holmes 200, A. Hutchison 214, T. Hutchison 270, A. M'Donald 278—962 points).

CLUB RACES.

NORTH-EASTERN ASSOCIATION.—Two miles novice championship at Pittodrie Park, Aberdeen—1. W. Pacitti, Thistle, 11min. 4 2-5 sec.; 2. J. Sangster, Thistle, 3. F. Mathieson, Wheelers.

AUCHMOUNTAIN.—2½ miles trial from headquarters—1. W. Richardson, 16 min. 1 sec.; 2. A. M'Donald 16 min. 19 sec.; 3. J. Pettigrew, 16 min. 33 sec.

CANON.—2½ miles handicap from Ramsay Guild Hall, Portobello—1. A. Campbell (3.15), 16 min. 3 sec.; 2. J. Marshall (3.00), 16 min. 8 sec.; 3. A. Good (2.80), 16 min. 22 sec. Fastest time, W. Gilchrist, 13 min. 27 sec.

FALKIRK VICTORIA.—Novice championship over 6 miles—1. J. Brady, 37 min. 57 sec.; 2. D. Drummond, 38 min. 5 sec.; 3. W. Ferguson, 38 min. 20 sec.

INTER-CLUB.

HERIOT, ROSLIN AND ROVER SCOUTS.

—One large pack covered seven miles of heavy country, paced by J. Schenerville (Roslindale) and whipped by D. S. Hendry (Heriot). Arrivals—1. B. B. M'Kenzie (Heriot); 2. G. Peters (Heriot); 3. G. Millan (Roslindale).

LINLITHGOW AND GRANGE.—One pack ran over heavy five miles trail from Linlithgow headquarters, paced by J. Gentleman (Linlithgow), and whipped by P. Collins (Grange). No finishes.

GALA AND TEVIOTDALE.—Over 2½ miles. Paces and whips—Fasts, J. Campbell (T.), J. A. Brown (G.); Mediums—J. Laidlaw (T.), C. M'Intosh (G.); Juniors—J. M'Intosh (G.), T. Purves (G.). Arrivals—Fasts—1. W. P. Sanderson; 2. J. Nesbitt; 3. J. A. Brown (all Gala). Mediums—Together, Juniors—1. R. Richardson; 2. J. Nicol; 3. A. Laidlaw (all Teviotdale).

ORDINARY RUNS.

EDINBURGH NORTHERN.—Two packs covered five miles from Glenogle Road Baths. Paces and Whips—Slows, W. Dempsey and J. Campbell; Fasts—M. Stewart and D. L. Mackie. Arrivals—Fasts—1. H. M'Intosh; 2. J. P. Laidlaw; 3. M. Stewart. Slows finished together.

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN.—Three packs ran over a heavy five miles trail. Paces and whips—Slows—A. Combe and J. M'Condochie; Mediums—E. Millar and L. G. Kapelle; Fasts—T. Lockhart and T. Ross. Finishes—Slows, J. M'Condochie; Mediums, together; Fasts, R. Craig.

HERMITAGE.—One large pack paced by J. Glen and whipped by G. Miles covered a heavy trail of eight miles. No finish.

PENICUIK.—Two packs went over five miles of sodden country. Paces and whips—Fasts, J. Little and T. Mackay (finished together); Slows—J. Oiler and P. Patterson. First home—J. Henderson.

GARSCUBE.—A time trial will be run from Westerton Pavilion to-morrow night, at 8 o'clock, over 2½ miles trail. The second club dance takes place in Parick Lesser Burgh Hall, on Friday first at 7 p.m. Tickets, 2s 6d each.

DUNDEE THISTLE.—Three packs covered five miles from headquarters. Paces and Whips—Slows, D. Thomson and G. W. Wright; Mediums, G. Gibson and G. Dalziel; Fasts—J. M. Petrie and J. M'Kechnie. Arrivals—Slows, W. Wright; Mediums, D. Gowans; Fasts, A. M'Queen.

LADIES' RALLY.

Shettleston Ladies' inter-club rally at Gartocher Road, Shettleston, on Saturday, proved a great success, and had the date not clashed with the big novice event at Hamilton, an even greater number of ladies promised to participate. The trail, laid by Messrs. Anderson and M'Roberts, extending to almost 2½ miles, was very heavy, and it is a tribute to the spirit of the ladies that every starter completed the course. A special beginners' pack, in charge of Miss Winnie Allan, went over a mile of easy road.

In the race home, Miss Betty Boyd, Shettleston, had a great tussle with Miss Chris. Hogg, Maryhill, winning by a close margin. Seven clubs were represented—Maryhill, Bellahouston, Imperial Tobacco Co., Kilbarchan, Monkland, Prebeian, and Shettleston, while a few unattached girls sampled the joys of cross-country running in the beginners' pack.

DUNDEE HAWKHILL.—Novice championship over 2½ miles—1. Miss Nan Paterson; 2. Miss E. Christie; 3. Miss J. Guthrie.

TEVIOTDALE.—Twenty-four members covered 2½ miles from Gala Harriers headquarters, in charge of Messrs. W. J. Corcoran, Gala; W. Page and J. Taylor, Teviotdale. No finishes were taken.

Y.M.C.A. HARRIERS.

On Saturday last the National Novice Championship was decided at Hamilton Race course, where another niche was carved in the history of Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers by the winning of the National Novice Championship of Scotland through the medium of Robert Simpson. This honour, so far, had always eluded Motherwell until this year, although two years ago Robert Graham almost brought the honour home, when he ran a wonderful race to be just beaten for first place. By the winning of the individual title, R. Simpson has now definitely placed himself in the forefront of cross-country running, and more will be heard about him when the other races come along. That cross country running is gaining a hold everywhere, there is no doubt, as the large entry of forty teams will testify. The spectators were about the same as usual, but the rain probably kept many away. The trail for the race started from the Bothwell side of the race-course and then round the big loop twice, after that along the straight past the grandstand and into the country, entering the race-course again at the Hamilton end, finishing at the grand stand. Over three hundred runners faced the starter, and when the pistol went the runners moved en masse, looking in the distance more like a herd of cattle stampeding. After the loop had been completed once, it was evident from a Motherwell point of view that Bobby was going to give the best of them a run for it, as he was well up and running well within himself. At the completion of the second lap round the loop, that opinion was strengthened and prior to entering the country, he was running second. The leaders at this stage were Thomson, Garscube; Simpson, Motherwell; Spiers, Shawfield; and M'Donald of Garscube, so thus it was evident that Garscube with a little care had the winning of the Team Championship, while Simpson stood, or rather ran between them and the double. Meanwhile, Motherwell's other men, while running well, were just too far back to be of any support to Simpson for the Team Championship. Roddy Devon, Stewart Adams, Jimmy Stevenson and Jimmy Taylor, were all running within one or two places from each other, while Matt Love was just behind and gaining places. When the stretch known by the runners as Hill 60 was reached, it was seen that Simpson was leading by two yards from M'Donald, but so strong was Simpson running that he passed the judges fully 25 yards ahead of M'Donald in the remarkably good time of 28 mins. 55 secs., thus in no uncertain fashion did Bobby proclaim himself Novice Champion of Scotland. Garscube won the Team Championship, while Plebian and Springburn were second and third respectively. Motherwell's actual team place was nineteenth. The placings were R. Simpson, 1, R. Devon 106, S. Adams 115, J. Stevenson 123. The unplaced finished in the following order, M. Love, J. Taylor, D. Ferguson, and J. M'Clurg. It is pleasing to note the improvement of S. Adams and J. Stevenson, who improved their places as compared to the club Novice. To-morrow, the annual run and social evening will be held from Strathaven. Meet, Motherwell Cross, 1.45 p.m.