

CROSS-COUNTRY

NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS

EDINBURGH RUNNER'S SUCCESS

With an entry of 43 teams and 10 individuals (a record for any Union event), the thirteenth team and individual novice championships of the National Cross-Country Union of Scotland were decided on Saturday at Hamilton Park Racecourse. The course of almost five miles was entirely on grass, but, with rain falling, the going was heavy. Each team consisted of eight runners, but only the first four to finish counted in the team placings. In all, the field comprised some 340 competitors, and it said much for the stamina of the contestants that 309 completed the distance, while only one team—Paisley Harriers—failed to check in a team.

The novice championship is not a race in which previous form can be assessed with any degree of accuracy, but, so far as the individual championship was concerned, the issue was expected to be with any one of a good dozen contenders. Some of the fancied youths ran very well, but the actual winner was an Edinburgh University runner, J. Hewitt, whose success was as surprising as it was well earned. Although not looked upon as the No. 1 man of his team, Hewitt was always with the leaders, and when called upon to make his effort in the last mile he was not found wanting. For the greater part of the journey, J. C. Ross (Shettleston) was in front, but dubiety as to the trail on the second and final circuit on the part of the leader enabled Hewitt to get on terms, and in the end the Edinburgh student reached the tape with 50 yards to spare, thus eclipsing W. S. Moor, also of Edinburgh University, who won the national novice title in 1921.

The team race went to Shettleston Harriers, with last year's champions (Garscube Harriers) joint runners-up with Peebles Harriers. The Shettleston club have a wonderful record in this race, this being their third win in four years, and their sixth success in the series.

Results:—

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

	Time	Score
1. J. Hewitt, Edinburgh University II. and II.	28	41
2. J. C. Ross, Shettleston H.	28	51
3. W. O'Neill, Deon H.	29	5
4. R. McKie, Garscube H.	29	11
5. W. Gall, Penicuik H.	29	14
6. J. Armstrong, Peebles H.	29	29
7. A. McLean, Greenock Glenspark H.		
8. D. Turner, Greenock Glenspark H.		
9. A. McPherson, Monkland H.		
10. J. Gorman, Maryhill H.		
11. J. W. Smith, Shettleston H.		
12. G. Anderson, Glasgow H.		

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pla.
1. Shettleston H. (J. C. Ross 2, J. W. Smith 11, P. McGlashan 18, T. McCulloch 31)	62
2 (equal) Garscube H. (R. McKie 4, Jas. Bennett 22, C. L. Campbell 33, R. D. Phoenix 43), and Peebles H. (J. Armstrong 6, W. Fraser 21, W. Armstrong 34, C. Christie 41)	102
4. Maryhill H. (J. Gorman 10, J. Millar 13, J. Wilson 23, A. Waterfall 59)	105
5. Greenock Glenspark H. (A. McLean 7, D. Turner 8, J. Rowan 36, D. Lockerbie 63)	114
6. Penicuik H. (W. Gall 5, G. Henderson 42, J. Little 49, R. Durie 52)	148
7. Cambuslang Y.M.C.A. H. (A. Goldie 25, A. Mathie 26, J. Gray 50, P. Scott 80)	183
8. Deon H. (W. O'Neill 3, J. Sturgeon 27, J. Johnston 56, A. Johnstone 111)	197
9. Springburn H. (P. Wilson 14, W. Struthers 48, H. McPherson 58, R. Topping 72)	202
10. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. H. (J. Fleming 20, J. Sommerville 30, J. McMillan 75, G. Wallace 82)	207
11. Kilmarnock H. 236; 12. Olympic H. 251; 13. Dundee Hawthorn H. 255; 14. Glasgow H. 273; 15 and 16 equal, Dalmahouston H. and Edinburgh University H. and H., 286; 17. Shawfield H. 301; 18. Irvine Y.M.C.A. H. 312; 19. Monkland H. 313; 20. Hamilton H. 331; 21. Glasgow University H. and H. 379; 22. Eglington H. 391; 23. St Peter's A.A.C., 384; 24. Both H. 385; 25. Glasgow Y.M.C.A. H. 401; 26. Victoria Park A.A.C. 482; 27. Darleith H. 499; 28. Greenock Wellpark H. 521; 29. Dumbarton H. 529; 30. Monkton H. 539; 31. Auchmountain H. 585; 32. West of Scotland H. 602; 33. Clydesdale H. 605; 34. West Lothian H. 607; 35. Canon A.S.C., 652; 36. Edinburgh H. 756; 37. Glasgow Transport A.C., 789; 38. Kilbarchan A.A.C., 807; 39. Paisley Junior H. 880; 40. Lochwinnoch H. 900; 41. Paisley Y.M.C.A. H. 1067; 42. Baldoon & Wilton H., 1146.	

Seven of the ten individual entrants finished the course. Of these, J. Shepherd, Dundee Thistle H. (15); J. Wilson, Dundee Thistle H. (60); and T. B. Ahlström, Edinburgh Northern H. (57) were the foremost.