

NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HAMILTON

The fourteenth annual novice championships of the National Cross-Country Union of Scotland was held at Hamilton Racecourse on Saturday afternoon under ideal conditions. Thirty-eight teams took part, while there were also nine entrants for the individual title, making 299 runners in all. Of these 36 teams finished the course, Glasgow Transport and Lochwinnoch being the only clubs entered who did not complete their team returns. Over all 239 runners were timed in at the finishing tape.

At half distance the leading men were W. Regan (Garscube), W. Hinde (Edinburgh Northern), A. Austin (Shawfield), T. Powell (Maryhill), W. Gall (Penicuik), R. G. Young (Giffnock), and T. McGuinness (St Peter's). Approaching the third mile, Hinde went into the lead, and running very strongly, was never again headed. In the last mile he widened the gap between himself and Austin, and eventually finished fully 150 yards ahead of the Shawfield man. Hinde, who was very fresh at the finish, is a runner of distinct promise. He was first man home for his club in the Edinburgh and district League race at Portobello a fortnight ago, and was placed second in the same race to W. Gall, of Penicuik, who was sixth man home on Saturday.

The team homeours went to Springburn Harriers, who occupied ninth place last year, and whose first victory it was in the competition. Although K. M. McBride, their first man home, only finished actually twelfth in the race, his clubmates followed his lead so successfully that all four were inside the first 30. Shawfield did surprisingly well in finishing third, and Phoenix, but for the failure of their fourth man, would have finished better than fourth. Results:—

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. SPRINGBURN HARRIERS (R. McBride 10, A. Drennan 14, H. McPhail 16, D. Halipeau 27)—67 points.
2. MARYHILL HARRIERS (T. Powell 3, J. McEir 17, R. Osborne 39, A. Charteris 46)—105 points.
3. SHAWFIELD HARRIERS (A. Austin 1, J. Seymour 37, W. Platt 41, G. Forrest 44)—123 points.
4. PLEASANT HARRIERS (G. Andrew 9, G. Ellingworth 11, W. Currie 22, S. C. McKechnie 96)—138 points.
5. GLASGOW UNIVERSITY HARE AND HOUNDS (D. Brander 8, A. B. Russell 33, N. Glen 52, J. Glass 55)—146 points.
6. SHETTLESTON HARRIERS (W. S. Miller 26, R. O. McEachran 40, A. Paterson 50, J. Galloway 59)—175 points.
7. ST PETER'S A.A.C. (T. McGuiness 2, T. Cawtree 28, W. McDavid 64, J. F. Walker 90)—184 points.
8. EGLINTON HARRIERS (H. Pritchard 14, A. McDonald 30, P. McCurry 69, W. Fulton 76)—190 points.
9. Garscube Harriers, 196 points; 10. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 202 points; 11. Penicuik Harriers, 203 points; 12. Bellahouston Harriers, 204 points; 13. Edinburgh University Hare and Hounds, 220 points; 14. Dundee Hawkhill Harriers, 278 points; 15. Glasgow Harriers, 285 points; 16. Monkland Harriers, 303 points; 17. Hamilton Harriers, 305 points; 18. Cumbrian Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 307 points; 19. Doon Harriers, 328 points; 20. Cartvale Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 338 points; 21. Glenpark Harriers, 341 points; 22. Glasgow Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 359 points; 23. Clydesdale Harriers, 404 points; 24. Wellpark Harriers, 423 points; 25. Victoria Park A.A.C., 426 points; 26. Kilmarnock Harriers, 428 points; 27. Paisley Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 441 points.