

CROSS-COUNTRY

WESTERN VICTORY IN NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP

A KIRKCALDY RUNNER-UP

THE 15th annual novice championship of the National Cross-Country Union of Scotland was decided at Hamilton Racecourse on Saturday, under favourable conditions. The Eastern district was poorly represented, as they supplied only two of the 37 teams, Edinburgh University and Dundee Hawkhill, but four of the twelve individual who competed did well, as three of them—A. Dow, of Kirkcaldy; G. A. Smith, Edinburgh University; and J. Bailo, Trinity Academicals—were placed in the first eight.

As expected, A. McGregor, the youthful Plebeian Harrier, who sprang into prominence when he ran a great race against W. H. Calderwood two years ago in the Edinburgh-Glasgow relay, proved the victor, but he was pushed all the way by A. Dow, of Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. At 1½ mile Dow was in front of N. Girvan, Glasgow Y.M.C.A., McGregor, and G. A. Smith, the inter-University champion. Going down into the low ground, the lead changed hands, and McGregor and Dow gradually drew ahead of their field. Entering the straight, McGregor went ahead of the Kirkcaldy man, to win by 50 yards. Kelly was 200 yards behind Dow, with Smith fourth on his heels.

TEAM HONOURS FOR MARYHILL

There was a very keen fight for team honours between Springburn Harriers, winners last year, and Maryhill Harriers. When their third man had finished, Springburn held the narrow lead of a single point, but a fine finishing spurt by T. Scoles enabled Maryhill to win by two points—a very narrow margin; indeed. Maryhill had not won since season 1919-20, when the race was instituted.

Results:—

1. Maryhill Harriers (J. Nelson 3, John Ross 12, R. McAlpine 25, T. Scoles 32)—74 points.
2. Springburn Harriers (W. Struthers 4, D. Caw 11, J. McKean 26, D. Porter 35)—76 points.
3. Bellahouston Harriers (T. Gibson 14, W. Russell 20, A. Hamilton 21, R. Lumsden 59)—114 points.
4. Glasgow Y.M.C.A. A.C. (W. Black 7, D. M. Eddie 22, N. Girvan 28, D. Campbell 60)—117 points.
5. Plebeian Harriers (A. McGregor 1, A. Robertson 38, J. Latham 41, D. Warren 43)—123 points.
6. Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds (G. A. Smith 4, G. J. Laidel 23, A. T. Kerr 44, W. G. Kerr 55)—125 points.
7. Eglinton Harriers, 158 points; 8. Carcubie Harriers, 197 points; 9. Kilbarchan A.A.C., 197 points; 10. Greenock Glenpark Harriers, 206 points; 11. Shettleston Harriers, 210 points; 12. St Peter's A.A.C., 214 points; 13. Clydesdale Harriers, 350 points; 14. Shawfield Harriers, 336 points; 15. Victoria Park A.A.C., 332 points; 16. Doon Harriers, 355 points; 17. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 354 points; 18. Glasgow University Hares and Hounds, 369 points; 19. Paisley Harriers, 384 points; 20. Dundee Hawkhill Harriers, 387 points; 21. Kilmarnock Harriers, 388 points; 22. Monkland Harriers, 406 points; 23. Cambuslang Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 411 points; 24. Bellth Harriers, 437 points; 25. Archmountain Harriers, 455 points; 26. West of Scotland Harriers, 467 points; 27. Hamilton Harriers, 515 points; 28. Larkhall Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 528 points; 29. Dumbarton A.A.C., 567 points; 30. Olympic Harriers, 580 points; 31. Paisley Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 597 points; 32. 6th Bath H.L.I. Harriers, 609 points; 33. Greenock Wellpark Harriers, 615 points; 34. Aldrie Harriers, 626 points; 35. Glasgow Harriers, 709 points; 36. Glasgow Transport A.C., 743 points; and 37. South Glasgow A.A.C., 774 points.

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

1. A. McGregor, Plebeian Harriers, 23 mins. 40 secs.
2. A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 23 mins. 45 secs.
3. J. Kelly, St Peter's A.A.C., 24 mins. 17 secs.
4. G. A. Smith, Edinburgh University, 24 mins. 18 secs.
5. W. Struthers, Springburn Harriers, 24 mins. 30 secs.
6. W. Gowen, Carcubie Harriers, 24 mins. 31 secs.; 7. J. Nelson, Maryhill Harriers, 24 mins. 32 secs.; 8. J. Bailo, Trinity Academicals' A.C., 24 mins. 34 secs.; 9. R. Kerr, Kilbarchan A.A.C., 24 mins. 42 secs.; 10. W. Black, Glasgow Y.M.C.A. A.C., 24 mins. 42 secs.

The placings of Dundee Hawkhill Harriers, the other Eastern District team, were:—A. B. Ewen, 33; A. Whitecross, 75; J. Cradley, 124; and W. Thomson, 155—387 points.