

HARRIERS

PLEBEIAN'S DOUBLE

NOVICE INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM TITLES

W. G. BLACK'S SUCCESS

Both individual and team titles in the Scottish national novice cross-country championship, run over a five miles course at Lanark, were won by Plebeian Harriers.

W. G. Black, confirming the form he revealed in the M'Andrew Trophy relay race and in his club's five miles handicap and novice race, in which he ran W. J. Gunn, the Scots internationalist, to five yards, finished first, a comfortable 60 yards in front of W. Donaldson, Shettleston Harriers, with H. McClymont, Ayr A.C., runner-up in the youths' championship last March, close up third.

There was never any doubt about Black winning. He always impressed as having just a little bit more in reserve than the odd half-dozen men who were up with him in the van of the field of about 150 runners on the first two laps of the racecourse. Going off the racecourse to take in a stretch of the country on the far side from the stand, Black found his reserve sufficient to carry him up in front of the others, and coming on to the racecourse again with a winning lead he strode up the course easily to win in 26 minutes 43 seconds.

BALLO DISAPPOINTS

J. Bailo, Edinburgh Northern Harriers' novice champion, who was expected to add another to the list of Eastern individual successes in recent years, gained by J. K. Hewitt in 1931, W. Hinde in 1932, and C. Smith in 1934, ran a little disappointingly in finishing only tenth in 27 mins. 36 secs., compared with ninth last year.

Plebeian's team victory, their first in the championship, was gained by the second narrowest margin in the history of the event, their total of 56 points being only two better than the 58 of the Shettleston Harriers. It was a success, however, that was fully merited, for it was gained in face of misfortune that lost them a low-counting man in D. Clark, who was running third late in the race when a mishap befall him. Victoria Park showed themselves a very level team in finishing third with 115 points.

Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds, the only Eastern team entered, improved on last year's placing, finishing 16th with 337 points against 21st with 388 points last year.

Details:—

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Plebeian Harriers (W. G. Black, 1; J. Wilkie, 7; J. Latham, 11; T. Currie, 37), 56 points.

2. Shettleston Harriers (W. Donaldson, 2; J. Whiteside, 6; R. Thompson, 21; R. McLaughlin, 29), 58 points.

3. Victoria Park A.C. (H. Hayman, 15; J. F. Smith, 25; A. Forbes, 36; W. Jenkins, 38), 115 points.

4. Springburn Harriers (D. Fyfe, 13; J. Ross, 18; G. Murchison, 45; P. Gemmill, 51), 127 points.

5. Maryhill Harriers (W. Gargi, 14; A. H. Henderson, 23; D. Denholm, 45; G. Porteous, 58), 138 points.

6. Motherwell V.M.C.A. Harriers (T. McGlynn, 8; T. R. Miles, 15; D. Somerville, 54; J. McCullagh, 66), 143 points.

7. Farkhall V.M.C.A. Harriers, 157 points; 8. West of Scotland Harriers, 166 points; 9. Greenock Westpark Harriers, 183 points; 10. Glasgow University, 185 points.

11. Kilmarnock Harriers, 202 points; 12. Carsehill Harriers, 203 points; 13. Bellahouston Harriers, 221 points; 14. Uddingston Welfare A.C., 225 points; 15. Airdrie Harriers, 226 points; 16. Glasgow Harriers, 231 points; 17. Monkland Harriers, 232 points; 18. Edinburgh University, 237 points; 19. A.C.C., 240 points; 20. St. Mungo A.A.C., 247 points; 21. Clydesdale Harriers, 248 points; 22. Glasgow University, 249 points; 23. Paisley Harriers, 252 points; 24. Paisley V.M.C.A. Harriers, 253 points; 25. Larbert A.C., 260 points; 26. Hamilton Harriers, 261 points.

Paisley Harriers did not finish a team, and Bothwell Harriers and Olympic Harriers did not compete in team race.

The Edinburgh University team placing was—1. G. Ross, 2. J. R. Liddle, 3. G. Summers, 120; and T. McFaul, 140.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. W. G. Black, Plebeian Harriers, 26 mins. 43 secs.

2. W. Donaldson, Shettleston Harriers, 26 mins. 59 secs.

3. H. Gargi, V.M.C.A. Harriers, 27 mins.

4. D. Denholm, Kilmarnock Harriers, 27 mins. 22 secs.

5. R. Thompson, Fife Harriers, 27 mins. 27 secs.

6. J. Whiteside, Shettleston Harriers, 27 mins. 30 secs.

7. J. Wilkie, Plebeian Harriers, 27 mins. 32 secs.

8. J. Latham, Motherwell V.M.C.A. Harriers, 27 mins.

9. W. McFaul, South Glasgow A.A.C., 27 mins.

10. T. R. Miles, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, 28 mins. 00 secs.