

# The Harriers' Championship.

PATERSON'S RECORD WALK.

WATSONSONIANS' DOUBLE HONOUR.

A WELL-MANAGED RACE.

(Special By Pace.)

In glorious weather the fifteenth year for the Senior Cross-Country Championship of Scotland was decided on Saturday, the starting and finishing point being the grand stand of the Musselburgh Racecourse. The day was an ideal one, a strong sun forth, with a balmy breeze cooling most wonder everybody looked happy on auspices. The trail-layers, under the of W. G. Malcolm and Johnny Bartlett of the Edinburgh Harriers, went out in the afternoon, and after twice circling the racecourse—2½ miles—left for the Pinkie Road, on to Loretto Field, past Poorhouse, thence to the banks of the the Cowpits. Turning to the east, they lay over the brickfields, along the thence to Levenshall, on to the racecourse and going to the country for the second time by the Loretto Field. The course was a double one, was close on eleven miles. On the return of the paper-layers, the tories arrived on the field, and were escorted to M'Laren's Cafe, where suiting (and undressing) quarters were for the four clubs.

Clydesdale Harriers were minus the of Duncan R. Brown, Robert Frew, and Ferguson. The Edinburgh Harriers representatives, the non-starters Wright, D. L. Hutchieson, and D. C. The Watsonians' original team of lessened by one, Archie Douglas stepped Douglas, it is feared, has seen the last C.C.R. days owing to a somewhat serious of an important blood vessel.

The Maryhill's team received a bad up, Thomson, Smith, Palmer, M'Kay, guson failing to start. So that instead nine competitors, but thirty-five were "starter's orders." Twenty-three minutes the men were lined up, and after a description of the route by Bartlett, Frazer—more popular than ever—got of runners off on the long journey. bright sun shining on them, with the coloured costumes, the sight was pretty one. The pace from the outset was a cracker, so much so that in the first out was George Hume, who is not so agile as he used to be. On leaving for try by the Pinkie Road, the leaders were:—Pitt (Maryhill), A. R. Gibb (Watsonians), Dave Mill (C.H.), Joe Brickley (A. Forrester (Coatbridge), Jamie Thynne (Lewis Jack (Watsonians), Jack Paterson (F. Ranken (E.D. Champion), J. (W.C.C.C.), W. F. Ranken, J. C. (C.H.), Adam Bone (C.H.), J. Hall (T. C. Hughes (E.H.), Bob Hay (E.H. pion 1895, with A. R. Smith (E.H.) filling tail end. Quite four hundred yards did first and last men. The interval of seemed a long one, but at last the runner desisted coming over the Loretto Field later the leaders appeared and then disappeared in this rotation:—J. Paterson, A. Pitt, Gibb, D. Mill, Forrester, Hay, Jack, J. Brickley, Thynne, W. Ranken, W. Paterson, Hay, A. R. Gibb. To the surprise gathered at the corner of Pinkie Road, ter gave in, and complained very bitterly "this so-called cross-country race; it's the 'gother.'" We slowly made our way to the finishing point, where many old faces were notably, Bob Kinninmont Whitelaw, James worth (A. R. Downer's right-hand man), Pennycook, Tom Frazer, and others years gone by have been the leaders of in Scotland.

At last! Away in the distance the raised, and quickly along the living line "Paterson wins easily"; and so it was. The ever-smiling Watsonian sprinted between the double row of spectators, within 150 yards of the winning post a terrific spurt, and won amidst deafening cheers. It was quite on the cards that Arthur out to beat David Mill, but the latter turned a hair, and ran a capital second. R. Gibb third. The order of the finish was as follows:—

1, Jack Paterson (Watsonians); 2, David Mill (C.H.); 3, A. R. Gibb (W.C.C.C.); 4, Jamie Thynne (C.H.); 5, J. B. Gibb (W.C.C.C.); 6, Lewis Jack (W.C.C.C.); 7, J. (W.C.C.C.); 8, A. Pitt (Maryhill); 9, (E.H.); 10, J. C. Lindsay (C.H.); 11, Badenoch (E.H.); 12, J. Girvan (Maryhill); 13, J. Hall (Maryhill); 14, James (C.H.); 15, W. F. Ranken (W.C.C.C.); 16, Adam Bone (C.H.); 17, T. C. Hughes (E.H.); 18, D. F. Millmaker (Maryhill); 19, Graham (C.H.); 20, C. D. Paton (E.H.); 21, G. W. Black (W.C.C.C.); 22, A. B. (E.H.); 23, A. M. Wyse (Maryhill). Four finished.

## TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS.

First, Watsonians C.C.C. (holders)—Paterson, 1; A. R. Gibb, 3; J. B. Gibb, 5; Lewis Jack, 6; J. Ranken, 7; W. F. Ranken, 37 points.

Second, Clydesdale Harriers—D. W. James Thynne, 4; J. C. Lindsay, 10; J. Ranken, 14; Adam Bone, 16; George Graham, 18—total 65 points.

Edinburgh Harriers—W. Laing, 9; Badenoch, 11; T. C. Hughes, 17; C. D. Paton, 20; A. R. Smith, 23—total (for five) 79 points; did not finish a team.

Maryhill—A. Pitt, 8; J. Girvan, 13; D. F. Millmaker, 18; A. M. Wyse, 22—total (for five) 74 points; did not finish a team.

It is passing strange that "Scottish Referee" of March, at the conclusion of the championship I said, with reference to the poor of the four clubs. "This was the last race under the S.C.C.A. rules as at present and it is to be hoped that by next year we shall see at least ten or twelve clubs, if not a number of teams, competing under the reformed Scottish Cross-Country Union S.C.C.U. has now been formed ten years ago, unfortunately the entries for this race have risen to what I in the initial days expected, and fervently anticipated the

## RESULT OF PREVIOUS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

1886—A. P. Findlay (C.H.), individual; Edinburgh Harriers, team champions. Won by 12 points.

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1889—C. M. Cunniff (C.H.), individual; Clydesdale Harriers, team champions. Won by 12 points.

1890—A. Hannah (C.H.), individual; Clydesdale Harriers, team champions. Won by 10 points.

1891—A. Hannah (C.H.), individual; Edinburgh Harriers, team champions. Won by 4 points.

1892—C. Pennycook (C.H.), individual; Clydesdale Harriers, team champions. Won by 1 point.

1893—A. Hannah (C.H.), individual; Clydesdale Harriers, team champions. Won by 16 points.

1894—A. Hannah (C.H.), individual; Clydesdale Harriers, team champions. Won by 18 points.

1895—E. A. Hay (E.H.), individual; Edinburgh Harriers, team champions. Won by 11 points.

1896—A. Hannah (C.H.), individual; Clydesdale Harriers, team champions. Won by 23 points.

1897—S. Duffie (C.H.), individual; Clydesdale Harriers, team champions. Won by 14 points.

1898—J. Paterson (Watsonians C.C.C.), individual; Clydesdale Harriers, team champions. Won by 27 points.

1899—J. Paterson (Watsonians C.C.C.), individual; Watsonians C.C.C., team champions. Won by 27 points.

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