

The Harriers' Championship.

PATERSON'S RECORD WITH

WATSONIAN'S 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 into a wonder everybody looked happy and auspicious. The trail-layers, under the direction of W. G. Malcolm and Johnny Bartlett of the Edinburgh Harriers, went off in the afternoon, and after twice circling the racecourse—2½ miles—left for the corner of Pinkie Road, on to Loretto Field, past the Poorhouse, thence to the banks of 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 actors arrived on the field, and were escorted to McLaren's Cafe, where suitable (and undressing) quarters were found for the four clubs.

Clydesdale Harriers were minus the services of Duncan R. Brown, Robert Frew, and Ferguson. The Edinburgh Harriers' representatives, the non-starters being Wright, D. L. Hutchison, and D. C. Thompson. The Watsonians' original team of eleven was lessened by one, Archie Douglas stepping in. Archie Douglas, it is feared, has seen the best of C.C.R. days owing to a somewhat severe affection of an important blood vessel.

The Maryhill's team received a bad up, Thomson, Smith, Palmer, McKey, and Ferguson failing to start. So that instead of nine competitors, but thirty-five were "starter's orders." Twenty-three men the men were lined up, and after a description of the route by Bartlett, Frazer—more popular than ever—go 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 off-cracker, so much so that in the first out was Gordan Hunns, who is not so agile as he used to be. On leaving to try by the Pinkie Road, the leaders were:—Pitt (Maryhill), A. R. Gibbons, Dave Mill (C.H.), Joe Brickley, A. Forrester (Coatbridge), Jamie Thyne, 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 (C.H.), T. C. Hughes (E.H.), Bob Hay (E.D. Champion 1895, with A. R. Smith (E.H.) at the tail end. Quite four hundred yards of first and last men. The interval seemed a long one, but at last the rustics descried coming over the Loretto Field, later the leaders appeared and then in this rotation:—J. Paterson, A. Pitt, Gibbons, D. Mill, Forrester, Hay, Jack, J. Brickley, Thyne, W. Ranken, W. Paterson, A. R. Gibb. To the surprise gathered at the corner of Pinkie Road, latter gave in, and complained very bitterly of "this so-called cross-country race; it's the 'gothet.'" We slowly made our way to the finishing point, where many old faces notably Bob Kinninmont, Whitelaw, Worth (A. R. Bowmer's right-hand man), Pennycook, Tom Fraser, 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 was early in, and so it was. The ever-smiling Watsonian sprang between the double row of spectators, within 100 yards of the winning post, terrific spurt, and won amidst deafening. It was quite on the cards that Arthur out to beat David Mill, but the latter turned a hair, and ran a capital second. Gibb third. The order of the finish as follows:—

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

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS.—First, WATSONIANS C.C.C. (holders); 2. MARYHILL C.H.; 3. A. R. GIBB (W.C.C.C.); 4. T. C. HUGHES (E.H.); 5. J. B. GIBBON (C.H.); 6. J. B. GIBB (W.C.C.C.); 7. A. PIT (MARYHILL); 8. J. HALL (C.H.); 9. J. C. LINDSAY (C.H.); 10. J. C. LINDSAY (C.H.); 11. D. F. MILLMAKER (MARYHILL); 12. J. HALL (MARYHILL); 13. J. HALL (MARYHILL); 14. J. HALL (MARYHILL); 15. A. R. SMITH (E.H.); 16. T. C. HUGHES (E.H.); 17. A. R. SMITH (E.H.); 18. G. W. BLACK (W.C.C.C.); 19. A. R. SMITH (E.H.); 20. C. D. PATON (E.H.); 21. G. W. BLACK (W.C.C.C.); 22. A. R. SMITH (E.H.); 23. A. M. WYRE (MARYHILL). Total 65 points.

Second, Clydesdale Harriers—D. W. Jackson, Thyne, 1; J. C. Lindsay, 2; J. Hall, 3; Adam Bone, 4; T. C. Hughes, 5; A. R. Smith, 6; W. F. Ranken, 7; total (for five) 54 points.

Third, Edinburgh Harriers—W. Paterson, 8; J. Brickley, 9; A. Forrester, 10; Lewis Jack, 11; F. Ranken, 12; Bob Hay, 13; Gordan Hunns, 14; total (for five) 54 points.

Maryhill—A. Pitt, 1; J. Hall, 2; J. C. Lindsay, 3; D. F. Millmaker, 4; A. R. Smith, 5; total (for five) 54 points. did not finish.

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

RESULTS OF PREVIOUS CHAMPIONSHIPS.—1886—A. R. Gibbons (C.H.) individual champion; team champion, won by 11 points.

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