

THE SCOTTISH HARRIERS C.C. UNION.

TEN MILES TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL HONOURS.

CLYDESDALE HAS A NARROW WIN.

EDIN. LOSES BY A SINGLE POINT.

MILL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONS OUT OF IT.

SPECIAL BY "PAGE."

There have certainly been times as specified in the special of last Friday, when only three teams took part in the premier event, and, indeed, in one year only two clubs entered, and of this brace only one, the Clydesdale finished with a full count. The present season has, however, been such a lively and successful one, and all clubs with a very few exceptions, occupy higher, numerically speaking, positions than on any previous year, and it was led to expect better things than ever. To be sure, there have never been peculiarly large entries in this race, but I can remember that when the Clydesdale Harriers twelve years ago ran counties and sections in one big race from Celtic Park, and that was when the S.C.C.A. had its very existence threatened, there were no fewer than 75 competitors, a somewhat different tale from that of Saturday, when a total of 29 took the start. In fact, that such a small entry from such a splendid membership is possible makes the whole thing seem "reductio ad absurdum."

On visiting the teams on Saturday, "Page" found that Clydesdale were to run without F. A. Ferguson, Robert Fyfe, Wm. Morrison, James Paterson, Matt Reid, and the only reserve called upon was W. A. Ferguson. Overbridge were without the one particular star, Robert Fyfe, and that vociferous member's left ear would have tingled had he heard the remarks of his colleague Alex. Stevenson was the other absentee, with D. Johnstone, James Dochina, and Walter Brown, jun. Edin. were minus D. G. Macdonald and A. R. Gibb. Isn't the Edinburgh Harriers a splendid example of loyalty, perseverance, and esprit de corps? It was indeed refreshing to see the tried and true three old "war horses," Messrs Geo. Hume, A. R. Gibb, C. D. Paton, and W. M. Innes, each all in evidence, and as full of go and enthusiasm as those running for the first time. C.C. racing must be full of rejuvenation, for those veterans were full of fight. Messrs David Carr, R. R. Mitchell, H. Howie, D. M. Lucas, and the brothers McInnes, experienced the laying of the trail, and it was a double course, Lochearn Road, Institution Road, across heavy fields and plough to Summerston, on to the roads, Blackhall, and, as the dance late say, "di capo."

THE RACE

was started by Mr A. Ross Scott, in the temporary absence of Mr A. M. Bryson, at 1.15, and away the boys bounded, with Thyne, Pitt, and Forrester in the first places. From an audience on the Canal bank the turn was waited for with anxiety, and as the lightly-clad athletes appeared on the hill top beyond the famous skating ground they were eagerly spotted and named.

HALF-DISTANCE

saw the position of the runners as follows:—1, D. W. Mill; 2, Arden; Pitt; 3, Andrew Forrester; 4, Thos. A. Ferguson; 5, Adam Bone; 6, J. Rankin; 7, Jas. Thyne; 8, Rich. Moffat; 9, F. D. Reynolds; 10, J. Rankin; 11, A. R. Gibb; 12, Alex. Forrester; 13, W. Laing; 14, W. H. Whigham; 15, C. D. Paton; 16, W. A. Ferguson; 17, W. Bell; 18, Jas. Paterson; 19, Allan Walker; 20, J. D. Kinneir; 21, J. C. Lindsay; 22, Rich. Moffat; 23, R. A. Hay; 24, Jas. Forrester; 25, R. Wallace; 26, Wm. Laing; 27, Geo. Hume; Mill leading by 100 yards, and the time was 20 min 25 sec. The leaders were going strongly, particularly Mill, who's stride and step were springy, lighter, and less heavy and laboured than Pitt, who once pointed that he was out of form. The prospects of the Clydesdale did seem indeed of the rosiest at half-distance, and the spirit of the C.H. men rose appropriately. If had they not five men in the leading eight, with third, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth standing sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first. Edinburgh had three men running at this juncture sixth, ninth, eleventh, thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth. That next, however, was twenty-third. Overbridge were then early out of it, as their representatives were third, tenth, twelfth, fourteenth, nineteenth, twenty-fourth, and twenty-sixth. The officials stationed themselves along the road, and Mr Bryson announced the numbers as the competitors ran past the judges, which they did in the following order:—1, D. W. Mill, Clydesdale Harriers, 20 min 25 sec; 2, Andrew Forrester, 20 min 27 sec; 3, T. C. Hughes, Edinburgh Harriers, 20 min 28 sec; 4, Rich. Moffat, Clydesdale Harriers, 20 min 29 sec; 5, F. D. Reynolds, Edinburgh Harriers, 20 min 41 sec; 6, Jas. Rankin, Edinburgh Harriers, 20 min 47 sec; 7, Jas. Thyne, Clydesdale; 8, Adam Bone, Clydesdale; 9, Alex. Forrester, Overbridge; 10, J. Rankin, Overbridge; 11, A. R. Gibb, Edinburgh; 12, W. Laing, Edinburgh Harriers; 13, W. H. Whigham, Overbridge; 14, J. D. Kinneir, Clydesdale; 15, C. D. Paton, Edinburgh Harriers; 16, W. M. Innes, Edinburgh Harriers; 17, W. Bell, Clydesdale; 18, W. A. Ferguson, Clydesdale; 19, Allan Walker, Overbridge; 20, J. C. Lindsay, Clydesdale; 21, Jas. Forrester, Overbridge.

TEAM PLACINGS

First, Clydesdale Harriers—D. W. Mill, 1; Rich. Moffat, 4; Jas. Thyne, 6; Adam Bone, 8; J. D. Kinneir, 10; and Wm. Bell, 15—Total, 51 points.
Edinburgh Harriers—T. C. Hughes, 3; F. D. Reynolds, 5; J. Rankin, 6; A. R. Gibb, 11; W. Laing, 12; C. D. Paton, 15—Total, 52 points.

Overbridge Harriers—Andrew Forrester, 2; Alex. Forrester, 7; J. Rankin, 10; W. H. Whigham, 12; Allan Walker, 20; and Jas. Forrester 21—Total, 75 points.

Mr George Hume, of the Harriers and District Harriers, in an appropriate series of remarks, handed the prize to the winners at the social meeting held in the Greenock Restaurant, West Nile Street, in the evening. A happy evening was spent, and the visiting teams were escorted to their respective departure stations.

Results since the institution of the race:—

- 1886—Individual, A. P. Finlay, C.H. Team, Edinburgh Harriers; won by 13 points.
- 1887—Individual, Jas. Campbell, C.H. Team, Edinburgh Harriers; won by 6 points.
- 1888—Individual, A. P. Finlay, C.H. Team, Clydesdale Harriers; won by 25 points.
- 1889—Individual, Chas. McEach, C.H. Team, Clydesdale Harriers; won by 25 points.
- 1890—Individual, Andrew Hannah, C.H. Team, Clydesdale Harriers; won by 16 points.
- 1891—Individual, Andrew Hannah, C.H. Team, Edinburgh Harriers; won by 6 points.
- 1892—Individual, Chas. Paterson, C.H. Team, Clydesdale Harriers; won by 1 point.
- 1893—Individual, A. Hannah, C.H. Team, Clydesdale Harriers; won by 15 points.
- 1894—Individual, A. Hannah, C.H. Team, Clydesdale Harriers; won by 15 points.
- 1895—Individual, R. A. Hay, E.H. Team, Edinburgh Harriers; won by 11 points.
- 1896—Individual, A. Hannah, C.H. Team, Clydesdale Harriers; won by 25 points.
- 1897—Individual, Stewart Duffin, C.H. Team, Clydesdale Harriers; won by 15 points.
- 1898—Individual, John Paterson, W.C.C.C. Team, Clydesdale Harriers; won by 15 points.
- 1899—Individual, John Paterson, W.C.C.C. Team, Warminster C.C.C.; won by 25 points.
- 1900—Individual, John Paterson, W.C.C.C. Team, Warminster C.C.C.; won by 25 points.
- 1901—Individual, D. W. Mill, C.H. Team, Clydesdale Harriers; won by 1 point.