

Saturday was the last of the present season's "champs" C.C. events in Scotland, and once more the Clydesdale have come through the test winners as a club, while D. W. Mill has pulled off the individual championship. By winning with 33 points against Edinburgh Harriers (17 points) the C.H. have made a signal victory, and the E.H. have again a wide margin for second honours, as compared with 13½ of the Motherwell Harriers. Maryhill ran up close to their place, and West of Scotland was within seven of the Maryhill's figure. The leading men of the recent juniors' championship did not come up to anything like expectations.

The Edinburgh Northern were extremely unfortunate in having to start with only six men, and only the loyalty of the office-bearers allowed them to make a start at all. D. W. Mill ran with great judgment, and never in course of the whole distance did he seem to unduly exert himself. He only put on his steady going effort toward the end of the journey. Matt Reid, of the C.H., in taking second place, has gained a position to which he is well entitled as a great pacer and enthusiastic practitioner of the sport. Arthur Pitt, of Motherwell, took too much out of himself by his love of leading. He ran a promising race nearly all the time, and had to retire before finishing as good a leading race as was ever seen.

The West of Scotland Club was without two of their men, McCafferty and Scott. Edinburgh Harriers were one man short, Maryhill two, Motherwell three, Clydesdale being the only club that ran a full team. The order of the runners as they passed the judges was as follows:—1, David W. Mill, Clydesdale; 2, Robt. Reid, Clydesdale; 3, Robt. Brown, Motherwell; 4, Jas. Roston, Clydesdale; 5, T. O. Hughes, Edinburgh; 6, J. Rankin, Edinburgh; 7, W. H. Mill, Maryhill; 8, Andrew Forrester, Clydesdale; 9, F. D. Reynolds, Edinburgh; 10, W. Girdwood, Motherwell; 11, Robt. Frew, Clydesdale; 12, Alex. J. Forrester, Clydesdale; 13, Jas. Thorne, Clydesdale; 14, Arthur Reid, Edinburgh Northern; 15, Jas. Cochran, Maryhill; 16, W. Laing, Edinburgh; 17, Jas. Wylie, West of Scotland; 18, A. Wilson, Edinburgh; 19, J. Wilkinson, West of Scotland; 20, W. Marshall (No. 2), West of Scotland; 21, Jas. Charles, Maryhill; 22, H. Cummings, Motherwell; 23, A. Carrick, Edinburgh; 24, W. M. Bode-son, Edinburgh; 25, D. Kirkpatrick, West of Scotland; 26, John C. Lindsay, Clydesdale; 27, Rich. Moffat, Clydesdale; 28, T. Jamieson, Motherwell; 29, Geo. C. Thomson, Maryhill; 30, J. S. Craig, Edinburgh; 31, Hugh Howat, Maryhill; 32, Ed. J. Cornish, West of Scotland; 33, A. P. White, Edinburgh; 34, D. Ritchie, West of Scotland; 35, Chas. Egan, Motherwell; 36, Wm. Ferguson, Maryhill; 37, H. Howat, Maryhill; 38, W. A. Ferguson, Clydesdale; 39, Norman McIntosh, Maryhill.

Team placings:—

1, Clydesdale Harriers—Mill, 1; Reid, 2; Roston, 4; Forrester, 8; Frew, 11; and A. J. Forrester, 12—total, 33 points.

2, Edinburgh Harriers—T. O. Hughes, 5; J. Rankin, 6; F. D. Reynolds, 9; W. Laing, 16; A. Wilson, 18; A. Carrick, 23—total, 77.

3, a tie—West of Scotland Harriers—Jas. Wylie, 17; J. Wilkinson, 19; W. Marshall (2), 20; D. Kirkpatrick, 25; S. J. Cornish, 32; and D. Ritchie, 34—total, 147, and

Maryhill Harriers—W. H. Mill, 7; Jas. Cochran, 15; J. Charles, 21; J. Howat, 31; W. Ferguson, 36; and H. Howat, 37—total, 147.

5, Motherwell Harriers—R. Brown, 3; W. Girdwood, 10; H. Cummings, 22; T. Jamieson, 28; and Chas. Egan, 35—total for five who finished, 98.

Edinburgh Northern only finished one man, Arthur Reid, who was 14th. Altogether 39 of the whole of the teams finished the distance.

The actual abstract of the results on Saturday are:—

1, Clydesdale Harriers, 33 points; 2, Edinburgh Harriers,

77 points; 3, Maryhill Harriers, 147, and West of Scotland Harriers, 147; 3, Motherwell Harriers, 59 (five finished).

Winners since the institution of the race:—

Team.	Individual.
1886—Edinburgh Harriers—A. P. Findlay, C.H.	
1887—Edinburgh Harriers—Jas. Campbell, C.H.	
1888—Clydesdale Harriers—A. P. Findlay, C. H.	
1889—Clydesdale Harriers—Chas. McCann, C.H.	
1890—Clydesdale Harriers—Andrew Hannah, C.H.	
1891—Edinburgh Harriers—Andrew Hannah, C.H.	
1892—Clydesdale Harriers—Chas. Pennycook, C.H.	
1893—Clydesdale Harriers—A. Hannah, C.H.	
1894—Clydesdale Harriers—A. Hannah, C.H.	
1895—Edinburgh Harriers—R. A. Hay, R.H.	
1896—Clydesdale Harriers—A. Hannah, C.C.	
1897—Clydesdale Harriers—Stewart Duffus, C.H.	
1898—Clydesdale Harriers—Jack Paterson, W.C.C.C.	
1899—Watsonians C.C.C.—Jack Paterson, W.C.C.C.	
1900—Watsonians C.C.C.—Jack Paterson, W.C.C.C.	
1901—Clydesdale Harriers—D. W. Muir, C.H.	
1902—Clydesdale Harriers—D. W. Muir, C.H.	

CROSS-COUNTRY.

CLYDESDALE HARRIERS WIN THE SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The seventeenth annual race for the Blue Ribbon of cross-country running was decided from Ayrside Grounds, Edinburgh, on Saturday. The entry was the largest yet received for the event, the competing teams being Clydesdale Harriers (holders), Edinburgh Harriers, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, Maryhill Harriers, Motherwell Harriers, and West of Scotland Harriers. Before the start opinion was general that the C.H., who had a very strong team, would retain the championship and also provide the individual champion in J. W. Mill, who was also the leader of the team. Mill, the, ardent followers of the several clubs they expressed their confidence in the ability of their representatives to meet the champions.

It was thought that D. W. Mill, for the individual honour, would have to meet in front A. Pitt, Motherwell H.; A. Forrester, C.H.; W. Marshall, W.S.H.—three ex-jacket champions; James Haining, junior champion, Edinburgh Northern H.; R. Frew, C.H.; and James Beaton, C.H.; yet it was by neither of these—although both Marshall and Pitt at different stages of the race looked really dangerous—that the champion was followed home.

The course was started with a couple of rounds of the grounds, out into the open country, into the grounds again at half-distance, then over the same trail. Owing to trains being late, etc., it was almost an hour after the advertised time before the teams were marshalled in front of the grand stand, when Mr. Kenneth Whitten, president of the S.A.A.A., gave the starting signal.

The usual scramble for places took place, but before one hundred and fifty yards had been traversed Arthur Pitt took command of affairs and led at a fast, steady pace round the enclosure. As the grounds were left by the eastern gate he still was in front, closely followed by Mill, Frew and Marshall. Half a mile further on the journey saw practically no alteration in the first group, except that T. C. Hughes, E.H., and R. Reid, C.H., had joined the leaders.

Thirty minutes after the start, when everybody was looking out for the return of the men, they were surprised to see W. Marshall, one of the favoured men, walking up the field. It transpired that he and Mill had overran the trail a bit, and, probably not finding the pace altogether to his liking, he had given up the race.

Shortly thereafter a shout announced the re-appearance of the competitors, with Pitt still in front. The leader, unlike his immediate attendants, Reid and Hughes, showed signals of distress. Some forty yards behind these three came D. W. Mill and R. Frew, followed by R. Brown, Motherwell H.; James Beaton, C.H.; and A. Forrester, C.H., the two latter running barefoot, having lost their shoes.

When another half mile on the road had been traversed Mill had almost caught up on the leaders, and at this point R. Reid, C.H., passed Pitt and started forcing the pace. Another half mile and Mill had regained lost ground. Then he and Reid signalled themselves out from the field, and shortly thereafter Pitt gave up. So they ran until the road was again reached, about a mile from the finish. Mill adopted herring tactics, and gradually drew away from his cubmate Reid, ultimately winning from him by about seventy yards in thirteenth, 54 2-laps.

R. Brown, Motherwell H., was third, fully two hundred yards behind, and he was hotly pushed by Jas. Beaton, who must have run a plucky race considering he had been without shoes the greater part of the race. He is also practically a novice, this being only his second season. In another year the championship should be well within his grasp.

Some splendid finishes were witnessed between some of the competitors, notably that between A. J. Forrester, C.H., and Jas. Thorne, the hard-working secretary of the same club. The judges had difficulty in separating them. No doubt they were both aware that a gold badge was the stake, as they were the sixth and seventh men for their club, and actually twelfth and thirteenth in the race. With seven men in the first thirteen it was at once apparent that the Clydesdale Harriers could not be beaten for the championship, and interest centred in the race for second place, which, when the points were totalled up, was awarded to the Edinburgh Harriers.

The winner, D. W. Mill, C.H., who won the individual championship for the second year in succession, thoroughly deserved the ovation which he got at the finish.

The winning team have all to be complimented on their achievement in securing for the eleventh time, for their club, the coveted honour, and that by the respectable majority of 15 points, a feat only once equalled in the history of the race, when the same club won in 1901 at Hawkhill. The team on that occasion was without doubt the best that ever took the field for the event, the first five men in being all Clydesdale Harriers, and their sixth man, eighth in the race. Here are their names and placings:—1. A. P. Finlay; 2. J. Campbell; 3. A. Hannon; 4. R. Graham; 5. W. Henderson; 6. A. P. Colquhoun—total, 15 points, to the Edinburgh H. 12 points, who were then also second. Saturday's details:—1. D. W. Mill, C.H.; 2. R. Reid, C.H.; 3. R. Brown, Motherwell H.; 4. Jas. Beaton, C.H.; 5. T. C. Hughes, E.H.; 6. J. Rankin, E.H.; 7. W. H. Mill, Maryhill H.; 8. A. Forrester, C.H.; 9. F. D. Reynolds, E.H.; 10. W. Girdwood, Motherwell H.; 11. R. Frew, C.H.; 12. Alex. J. Forrester, C.H.; 13. Jas. Thorne, C.H.; 14. Arthur Reid, E.S.H.; 15. Jas. Cockburn, Maryhill H.; 16. W. Living, E.H.; 17. Jas. Wyllie, W.S.H.; 18. A. Wilson, E.H.

Team 17 1/2 laps.—1st, Clydesdale Harriers—1. D. W. Mill; 2. R. Reid; 3. Jas. Beaton; 4. A. Forrester; 11. R. Frew; 12. A. J. Forrester—total points, 16. 2nd, Edinburgh Harriers—5. T. C. Hughes; 6. J. Rankin; 9. F. D. Reynolds; 10. W. Living; 18. A. Wilson; 23. A. Carrick—total, 77. 3rd, dead heat Maryhill and West of Scotland Harriers—107 points each. Edinburgh Northern and Motherwell Harriers did not finish with 22 each.