

National Cross-Country Union — Scottish Championship — Clydesdale Harriers Thirteenth Win—West a Good Second — Thos. Jack, Indi- vidual Honours — John Rankin (ex-Champion), Runner-Up—Steven- son a Plucky Third Man.

We can scarcely call to mind an occasion on which there seemed so meagre interest attaching itself all round to a Scottish National C.C. race as that of Saturday. There is no reason why this should be so, for the talent in teams and in individuals was such as to begot a hearty interest as to the results. The whole thing seemed quite an open question, although we scarcely expected to see the Edinburgh Harriers come in with the smallest total. The Hibernian F.C. new ground, close by Jock's Lodge, was granted for the occasion, and so far the C.C. men actually had the honour of opening the new enclosure.

There was an entry of 24 teams:—Clydesdale Harriers, Edinburgh Harriers, Edinburgh Southern Harriers, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., Watsonians Cross-Country Club, and West of Scotland Harriers. There were also 13 individuals entered, the honour of the chance of selection in the International team, no doubt, being the inducement. There was a cold, east wind blowing from the Forth, which chilled the runners as they slipped forth to answer the roll call. It was found that A. J. Gunn, Teviotdale; A. M'Phee, Paisley H., and J. Restin, had not turned out.

The president of the Union, Mr George Hume, sent off the men to an excellent start, and after covering two laps of the quarter-mile track, the 300 yards sprint track was gone over, and thence out into the country in the following order:—S. Stevenson, Alex Mann (Clydesdale), P. C. Russell (Bellahouston), H. Young (Monkland), and John Rankin (Watsonians). Coming back homeward to Piershill Stevenson, Rankin, and Jack were running together, with H. Young (Monkland) in close attendance. Coming into the grounds for the last time Rankin, Stevenson, and Jack were running together, and a finish such as has seldom been witnessed in a cross-country race resulted in Thomas Jack winning by a foot from Rankin, with Stevenson the same distance behind.

Individual arrivals of the first twenty, times, &c.:—1, Thos. Jack, Edinburgh Southern H., 65min. 38sec.; 2, John Rankin, Watsonians C.C.C., 65min. 39sec.; 3, G. Stevenson, Clydesdale H., 65min. 40sec.; 4, H. Young, Monkland H., 65min. 45sec.; 5, G. M'Kenzie, W.S.H., 66min. 9sec.; 6, Wm. Bowman, W.S.H., 66min. 23sec.; 7, T. Robertson, E.H., 66min. 26sec.; 8, P. J. Melville, Watsonians, 66min. 34sec.; 9, S. Carson, Garscube H., 66min. 40sec.; 10, Jas. A. Ure, Clydesdale H., 66min. 38sec.; 11, Albert P. Baker, Watsonians, 67min. 6sec.; 12, John Clelland, Hamilton H., 67min. 10sec.; 13, A. J. M'Guffie, W.S.H., 67min. 13sec.; 14, J. A. Sommerville, Northern Y.M.C.A., 67min. 17sec.; 15, T. Young, Northern Y.M.C.A., 67min. 29sec.; 16, R. Paterson, Northern Y.M.C.A., 67min. 36sec.; 17, Alex. Mann, Clydesdale H., 67min. 38sec.; 18, G. S. Campbell, Clydesdale H., 67min. 44sec.; 19, G. Arnot, E.H., 67min. 45sec.; 20, R. Grahame, M.Y.M.C.A., 67min. 48sec.

Team results:—

1—Clydesdale Harriers.—S. Stevenson 3, Jas. A. Ure 8, A. Mann 14, G. S. Campbell 15, Sam S. Watt 20, and A. J. Porrester 24. Total, 84 points.

2—West of Scotland Harriers.—Geo. MacKenzie 4, W. Bowman 5, A. J. M'Guffie 10, W. H. Mill 21, J. J. M'Cafferty 25, and T. Muirine 28. Total, 93.

3—Motherwell U.Y.M.C.A.—J. A. Somerville 11, T. Young 12, R. Paterson 13, Robert Grahame 17, J. M'Ghee 23, and W. M'Farlane 26. Total, 102.

4—Edinburgh Harriers.—Thos. Robertson, 6, G. Arnot 16, J. D. Hughes 18, W. Laing 19, T. C. Hughes 31, and A. Croil 34. Total, 124.

5—Watsonians C.C.C.—J. Rankin 2, P. J. Melville 7, Albert B. Baker 9, J. B. Bolton 42, N. E. R. Jones 43, and T. L. Aitken 45. Total, 148.

6—Edinburgh Southern Harriers.—T. Jack 1, A. Thomson 22, Jas. Cockburn 30, J. A. Lees 32, A. Moore 33, and W. A. Muir 37. Total, 155.

The tea and social was held in the Cathedral Hotel, Mr George Hume in the chair, supported by Mr Jno. M'Culloch.

Championship results:—

Individual	Team	Won by
1886—A. P. Findlay (Clydesdale)	Edinburgh	12 points
1887—J. Campbell Do	Do	6 points
1888—A. P. Findlay (Clydesdale)	Clydesdale	59 points
1889—C. M'Camp (Clydesdale)	Do	22 points
1890—A. Hannah (Clydesdale)	Do	10 points
1891—A. Hannah (Clydesdale)	Edinburgh	6 points
1892—C. Pannock (Clydesdale)	Clydesdale	7 points
1893—A. Hannah (Clydesdale)	Do	16 points
1894—A. Hannah (Clydesdale)	Do	10 points
1895—R. A. Hay (Edinburgh)	Edinburgh	11 points
1896—A. Hannah (Clydesdale)	Clydesdale scored 23 pts.	
(Edin. H., the only other team, did not finish.)		
1897—S. Duffie (Clydesdale)	Clydesdale	18 points
1898—J. Paterson (Watsonians C.C.C.)	Do	27 points
1899—J. Paterson Do	Watsonians C.C.C.	13 points
1900—J. Paterson Do	Do	30 points
1901—D. M. Mill (Clydesdale)	Clydesdale	1 point
1902—D. W. Mill (Clydesdale)	Do	39 points
1903—P. M'Cafferty (W.S.H.)	Edinburgh	31 points
1904—J. Rankin (Watsonians C.C.C.)	Do	43 points
1905—J. Rankin Do	West of Scotland	36 points
1906—S. Stevenson (Clydesdale)	Clydesdale	10 points
1907—T. Jack (Edin. Southern)	Clydesdale	9 points

Motherwell, Hamilton, Glasgow, and other teams, did not finish.