

FIELD AND FEN.

(By "Pace.")

By reason of the great event at Scotstoun, on Saturday, the greater number of clubs in the West as well as in the East had home fixtures resting, and the officials and members of clubs held high athletic holiday and interchange of courtesies amidst the bustle, bustle, and excitement of the championship, which was one of the greatest of the gatherings yet held in connection with the Scottish event-in-chief of the year. Consequently there are few runs, &c., to chronicle to-day.

THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

For the twenty-second year in succession, the annual race for the team and individual and junior championships of Scotland, held by the National Cross-Country Union of Scotland, were run from the grounds of the Glasgow Agricultural Society at Scotstoun.

The race is one of ten miles, all over ordinary country, and the competitors are in teams of twelve from each club, six of the winners counting as a team of six, and the highest aggregate placings counting.

A good pace was set early in the race, and all pushed to the front in their eager efforts to be in front. On finishing round the track and going to the open part of the road, those in the lead were Young (Clydesdale), Stevenson (Clydesdale), Russell (Bellahouston), Chelland (Hamilton), Graham (Motherwell), Inglin (Edinburgh Northern), and J. Cookburn (Edinburgh Southern). There were a few mishaps outside, and some passing and repassing on the hilly journey, but the ground was in tolerably good condition and the racing was lively.

The race in the open was one of many rushes and incidents, but all ran fresh to the grounds again, sorely mud-stained and bearing very evident marks of the struggle over hill and dale. The first to run into the grounds and be timed at the five miles' mark were—Miller (Motherwell), M'Phee (Clydesdale), Stevenson (Clydesdale), M'Kenzie (West of Scotland), Jack (Edinburgh Southern), Russell (Bellahouston), &c. Quite a number retired at the half distance, but the others held on with great stamina and grit to the latter part of the trying race. In the end, and after an absence of over 80 minutes, the leading men were sighted, and amid wild shouting the bedraggled and tired runners bounded past the winning mark, and the list of arrivals was in order as

THE INDIVIDUAL ARRIVALS.

1. Thos. Jack, Edinburgh Southern; 2. Alex. M'Phee, jun., Clydesdale; 3. Geo. M'Kenzie, West of Scotland; 4. Wm. Bowman, West of Scotland; 5. Sam. Stevenson, Clydesdale; 6. J. B. Matthew, Thistle, Dundee; 7. P. J. Melville, Watsonians; 8. Tom Robertson, Edinburgh Harriers; 9. Harry Young, Clydesdale; 10. D. McCafferty, St. Cuthbert; 11. J. A. Somerville, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.; 12. Geo. Arnott, Edin. Harriers; 13. Thos. Mulrane, West of Scotland; 14. J. B. M'Lagan, Edin. Southern; 15. John Chelland, Hamilton; 16. P. C. Russell, Bellahouston; 17. Robt. Graham, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.; 18. J. McGhee, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.; 19. W. Mulrden, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.; 20. Albert P. Baker, Watsonians; 21. J. W. Templeton, Bellahouston; 22. Geo. Inglin, Edin. Northern; 23. Adam J. Green, Tynecastle, Edin. Southern; 24. W. West, Clydesdale; 25. W. H. Holmes, Clydesdale; 26. A. Thompson, Edin. Southern; 27. Alex. Mann, Clydesdale; 28. Geo. Hepburn, West of Scotland; 29. H. E. R. Jones, Watsonians; 30. Geo. Gilbert, Monkland, and J. Thompson, Motherwell; 31. P. J. Vickery, West of Scotland; 32. Mr. T. Jackson, Watsonians; 33. J. A. Jameson, Watsonians; 34. D. Clark, Motherwell; 35. Thos. Lock, Clydesdale; 36. T. Thorburn, Watsonians; 37. T. L. Aikens, Watsonians; 38. W. R. Burden, Edin. Harriers; 39. J. D. Hughes, Edin. Harriers; 40. W. D. Clark, West of Scotland; 41. Alfred P. Baker, Watsonians; 42. A. Moore, Motherwell; 43. A. J. McGhee, West of Scotland; 44. H. Fairlie, Edin. Southern; 45. J. Thompson, Bell. Northern; 46. J. H. Wilson, Watsonians; 47. J. H. Wilson, Watsonians.

sonians; 46, G. H. Peddie, Edin. Northern; 47, Jas. Cockburn, Edinburgh Southern; 48, W. Forsyth, Edinburgh Harriers; 49, R. M'Kenzie, Edinburgh Harriers.

The foregoing are the exact arrivals as they ran past, and must not be used as giving the official numbers in the team placings, as the individual arrivals are all in. The positions in the respective teams are to be found in the team results and placings.

TEAM PLACINGS.

1. Motherwell T.M.C.A., athletic section—T. Miller, 6; J. A. Somerville, 10; R. Graham, 14; J. M'Ghee, 15; W. Muirden, 16; and W. M'Parlane, 18—72.

2. Clydesdale Harriers—Alex. M'Phee, jun., 2; Sam Stevenson, 5; Harry Young, 9; Alex. Cross, 21; Sam S. Watt, 22; and W. H. Holmes, 23—82.

3. West of Scotland—George M'Kenzie, 3; Win. Bowman, 4; Thos. Mulrine, 12; John Gilchrist, 17; George Hepburn, 28; and F. E. Vickers, 29—81.

4. Edinburgh Watsonians C.C.C.—P. J. Melville, 6; Albert P. Baker, 19; H. E. R. Jones, 27; H. T. Jamieson, 30; J. A. Jamieson, 31; and T. Thorburn, 34—147.

5. Edinburgh Harriers—Thos. Robertson, 8; George Arnott, 11; W. R. Burden, 36; J. D. Hughes, 37; W. Forsyth, 47; and R. Macbeurie, 48—187.

Edinburgh Southern did not finish with a full team, and their five men were placed—Thos. Jack, 1; A. Thomson, 24; H. Fairlie, 42; W. A. Muir, 43; and James Cochrane, 45—(for five runners) 158.

Edinburgh Northern also short—J. B. M'Lagan, 13; George Inglis, 20; J. Thomson, 43; and G. H. Peddie, 45—(for four runners) 121.

JUNIOR CHAMPION MEDALLIST.

Alex. M'Phee, Clydesdale Harriers, as being the first junior who had not previously run in a national, to run past the judges.

Times of the first twenty arrivals:—1 and 2, Jack and M'Phee, 63min 57sec; 3, M'Kenzie, 63min 58sec; 4, Bowman, 63min 58sec; 5, Stevenson, 64min 3sec; 6, Matthew, 64min 4sec; 7, Melville, 64min 14sec; 8, Robertson, 64min 21sec; 9, Young, 64min 25sec; 10, M'Gafferty, 64min 26sec; 11, Somerville, 64min 29sec; 12, Arnott, 64min 30sec; 13, Mulrine, 64min 32sec; 14, M'Lagan, 64min 41sec; 15, M'Allard, 64min 46sec; 16, Russell, 64min 50sec; 17, Graham, 65min 2sec; 18, M'Ghee, 65min 21sec; 19, W. Muirden, 65min 24sec; 20, Baker, 65min 3sec.

It should be mentioned that the trial was laid by the Maryhill Harriers, under the guidance of Mr. John McCulloch, president of the Union. The social meeting, supper, and presentation of prizes was one of the most pleasant of these functions. Mr. McCulloch presided, and among those present were Messrs. A. Ross Scott, George Hume, G. D. Paton, Edinburgh; John Bartleman, W. A. Batchin, James Thyne, David Copland, A. McCrae, J. B. Wilson, D. W. Mill, W. Struthers, and the teams and prize winners. In handing over the shield, won by the Motherwell T.M.C.A., the chairman paid a high meed of praise to the exponents of athletic vigour.

