

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF SCOTLAND.

This race, run under the Cross-Country Union of Scotland, took place on Saturday under very auspicious conditions of weather, attendance, number of teams represented, and the pace and style of the men engaged. The trail, one of somewhat less than five miles in a circuit outside and across country, in the direction of Jordan hill, Great Western Road, Anniesland, up through that country and back to the grounds of the Glasgow Agricultural Society, once round and out to the open again, returning once more, and finishing on the front of the south range of the stabling. The prizes were for the first lot of arrivals of six men in each team, with prizes to the first arrivals. Nine teams had entered, and these included twelve men each from last year's winning team, and from Edinburgh (three clubs), Glasgow (three clubs), and eight well-known cross-country men, who contended for the individual honours, and hailing out of clubs in Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow, and Dalashiels. The referee was Mr. A. M. Bryson; judges—Messrs M'Culloch, Balchin, Hannah, Bartermen, and Curment, with Messrs Hume, Jackson, and Brownrigge timekeepers. Upwards of 43, irrespective of the reserves, ran for the junior champion's medal. The first to be sighted on arriving at the hill outside the field showed much signs of the work through which they had passed, and there was great tailing off although several ran in clumps. The cheering was intense as they passed the judges, and those who did so were as follows:—1, Alex. M'Phee, jun., Clydesdale, 57min. 58sec.; 2, J. W. Templeman, Bellahouston, 58min. 38sec.; 3, Thos. Jack (1), Edinburgh Southern, 58min. 55sec.; 4, Alex. Mann, Clydesdale, 59min. 4sec.; 5, Geo. M'Kenzie, West of Scotland, 59min. 12sec.; 6, —, J. M'Guffie, West of Scotland, 59min. 18sec.; 7, J. Clelland, West of Scotland, 59min. 34sec.; 8, Sam S. Watt, Clydesdale, 59min. 37sec.; 9, J. Duffy, Edinburgh Harriers, 59min. 42sec.; 10, J. D. Hughes, Edinburgh Harriers, 59min. 47sec.; 11, A. Thomson, Edinburgh Southern, 59min. 52sec.; 12, Robt. Frew, Clydesdale, 60min. The foregoing were the places independent of teams, but the placings as they actually ran past were:—2nd, J. W. Templeman, Bellahouston; 11th, Jas. Torrie, Gala Harriers; 12th, J. S. Matthew, Dundee Thistle; 16th, Peter J. Melville, Watsonians; 33rd, H. T. Jamieson, P. C. Russell, Bellahouston, and A. P. Baker, both as individual competitors, did not start. The juniors' championship winner's place and time was 9th in the race, 59min. 47sec.

Full winning lists:—First arrivals — 1, Alex. M'Phee, J. Clydesdale Harriers; 2, J. W. Templeman, Bellahouston Harriers; 3, Thos. Jack, Edinburgh Southern Harriers.

Juniors' gold medal—J. Duffy, Edinburgh Harriers, 10th in actual race. Time, 59min. 47sec.

Team placings—1, West of Scotland Harriers—Geo. M'Kenzie 4, A. J. M'Guffie 5, W. Bowman 6, J. Clelland 7, W. G. Rodger 16, and A. Stephen, jun., 26 — total 64. 2, Clydesdale Harriers—Alex. M'Phee, jun., 1; Alex. Mann 3, S. S. Watt 3, Robt. Frew 12, Alex. J. Simpson 17, and Robt. Watt 20—total 65. 3, Edinburgh Harriers—J. Duffy 9, J. D. Hughes 10, R. M. Bruce 19, Wm. Laing 23, A. Croll 26 and Wm. R. Burden 29—total 118. 4, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.—Wm. M'Farlane 14, A. Kerr 20, Wm. Muirder 21, J. M'Ghee 22, Robt. Graham 30, and Thos. Mooney 3—total 134. 5, Edinburgh Southern—Thos. Jack 2, A. Thomson 11, Geo. H. Ramsay 13, W. A. Ramsay 32, F. Martin 42, and J. S. Binnie 46—total 146. Edinburgh Southern finished with five men only, and the totals for these were—15, 31, 34, 37, and 43—160.

Glasgow Y.M.C.A., holders of the Junior or Western District honours, finished with only two men—Jas. Currer 18, and O. Blair 41.

After the race all made tracks to and had supper in the Restaurant Rooms of the Glasgow Y.M.C.A. Institute, 100 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, where after the inner man had been provided for, the medals, &c., were presented to the teams and individuals, and a good time enjoyed.