

CROSS-COUNTRY

D. M'L. Wright Beaten in the National Championship

GARSCUBE HARRIERS' SECOND WIN

Conditions were good for the decision of the 36th annual National Cross-Country Championship at Hamilton on Saturday, although it is true that a last-moment alteration of the trail resulted in reducing the course to nearer nine than ten miles—due to abnormal rains during the week, which flooded most of the low-lying area in Hamilton Park.

The race resulted in a surprise win for J. Mitchell (Kilmarnock) over Duncan Wright, who has held the title for three years.

Every club of the 22 entered took the line  the old racecourse straight. F. E. Pirie, brother of the better-known Pirie, of South London Harriers, was a notable absentee of the individuals.

P. M. Maillon got the field of 260 competitors away to an excellent start.

At the end of the short circuit of 1½ miles J. Mitchell, Kilmarnock; D. M. Wright, Caledonia (holder); and F. Stevenson were at the head of affairs, with W. H. Calderwood, Maryhill; R. Miller, Mauchline; D. Quinn, Garscube; A. S. Pirie, South London; and T. Whetton, Dundee, close up in that order.

R. B. McIntyre, West of Scotland Harriers, was one of the most notable to drop out at this juncture.

Next lap saw little change in the leadership, though it was evident that Mitchell was making Wright travel. Both were gradually drawing clear of the field.

A Grand Finish

At six miles Mitchell was still maintaining a hot pace, but Wright was tenaciously hanging on. A team count at this stage showed that Maryhill Harriers were 13 points ahead of Garscube.

In the last half-mile J. Mitchell, running grandly, managed to shake off Wright, and finished an easy first, 14 seconds in front.

The first 12 in the race were:—1, J. Mitchell, Kilmarnock, 49min. 23.2.5sec.; 2, D. M. Wright, Caledonia, 49min. 37sec.; 3, F. Stevenson, Monkland, 50min. 5sec.; 4, W. H. Calderwood, Maryhill, 50min. 13sec.; 5, D. Quinn, Garscube, 50min. 14sec.; 6, A. S. Pirie, South London Harriers, 50min. 51sec.; 7, C. H. Freshwater, Caledonia, 50min. 54sec.; 8, T. Whetton, Dundee, 50min. 55sec.; 9, R. Miller, Mauchline, 50min. 57sec.; 10, J. Garvan, Garscube Harriers, 51min. 26sec.; 11, C. H. Blue, Garscube Harriers, 51min. 26sec.; 12, G. H. Farquharson, Dundee, 51min. 30sec.

The Special Award

Frank Stevenson won the special award given to the first junior home, and J. Mitchell was handed over a solid silver rose bowl presented by Mr George Doogan, a staunch friend of the National Cross Country Union.

Garscube Harriers again succeeded in resisting all challenges by winning for the second year the team race. They made a splendid recovery in the last mile. Maryhill Harriers' turn will come yet. The team placings were:—1, Garscube (5, 7, 8, 11, 23, 24)—72 points; 2, Maryhill (4, 17, 18, 19, 25, 29)—112 points; 3, Shettleston (15, 21, 35, 39, 41, 42)—197 points; 4, Motherwell (10, 14, 47, 48, 52, 62)—235 points.

Complete details will be published to-morrow. The national team will be chosen to-night. Nine constitute the team, and, along with three officials, depart for Brussels on Thursday, March 25.

Championship Details

The following are the complete details of the National Championship, held at Hamilton on Saturday:—

1.	Garscube (Quinn 5, Girvan 7, Blue 8, M'Morron 11, Brooke 23, Adams 24)	78
2.	Maryhill (Calderwood 4, Martin 17, Evans 18, Mitchell 19, M'Roberts 25, Syme 29)....	112
3.	Shettleston (Anderson 15, Hart 21, Gowans 35, Glenacross 39, J. Strain 41, Maxwell 42)...	193
4.	Motherwell (Findlay 10, Craigen 14, Haugh 47, M'Luckie 48, M'Culloch 52, Ingram 64)...	235
5.	Plebeian (Gunn 22, Allan 26, Connelly 54, Tombe 57, Ferguson 66, M'Caillum 71)	296
6.	Bellahouston (Campbell 34, J. Campbell 44, Grandison 55, Arthur 60, M'Coll 79, Tait 90)...	365
7.	Edinburgh Northern (O'Hara 13, Morris 32, Armstrong 49, Burns 87, Addison 91, Shand 99)	371
8.	Wellpark (M'Swain 28, Wallace 36, Malcolm 51, Swanson 73, H. Rourke 85, Rourke 103)...	376
9.	Monkland (Stevenson 3, Plant 43, Rae 69, Miller 70, Tennant 90, Scott 102)	377
10.	Paisley (Stewart 27, Hayes 37, Campbell 50, Leitch 65, Douglas 117, Gilchrist 122)....	418
11.	Glasgow (Henderson 9, Knox 59, Dickson 74, Jordan 83, Brown 109, Preston 110)	444
12.	Springburn (M'Nie 31, Barclay 61, Allison 78, Kelly 86, Montgomery 105, Martin 127)...	488
13.	Edinburgh Southern (W. D. Patterson 12, R. Patterson 20, Henderson 97, Crobbie 134, Horsburgh 159)	560
14.	Caledonia (Wright 2, Freshwater 6, Hughes 94, Cummings 145, M'Lechlan 165, Crawford 169)	581
15.	Edinburgh Harr. (Stenhouse 38, Fraser 104, Bannatyne 107, Manson 116, Chisholm 124, Henderson 141)	630
16.	Kilmarnock (Mitchell 1, Todd 76, London 84, Murray 146, Thurbv 160, Bole 170) ..	637
17.	Glasgow Y.M.C.A. (M'Dougall 62, M'Arthur 68, Smith 75, Craig 125, Fraser 164, Watson 171)	660
18.	Glenpark (Pettigrew 16, Dawson 115, M'Kenzie 132, Wood 142, Erskine 155, Morrison 156)	716
19.	West of Scotland (Spencer 113, Fletcher 133, M'Gookin 135, M'Ivor 136, Smith 161, Porteous 163)	841

Olympic, Auchmountain, and Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds were unable to finish complete teams. Individuals finished as follows:—A. S. Pirie, South London, 6; T. Whitton, Dundee, 8; R. Miller, Mauchline, 9; G. A. Farquharson, 12; W. J. Corcoran, Gals, 80; Jas. Horne, Hamilton, 109.