

# SCOTTISH CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

## GLENPARK WINS THE "WESTERN." THIRD INDIVIDUAL VICTORY FOR CELTIC.

(SPECIAL—By PAGE.)

Great racing, unbounded enthusiasm, complete and satisfactory arrangements all characterized the eighth premier race under the charge of the Scottish Cross-Country Association, devoted exclusively to the exploitation of the powers and racing qualities of club members who had scarcely any "locus standi" in the premier or old governing Union. On Saturday the number of teams entered was seventeen, all full, with twelve in each, and reserve forces, as against twelve teams in the Edinburgh race, several of which were putting only eight men in the field. The ground, with the frost and snow of the past week, was the reverse of favourable, and the work was rendered one more of power and stamina than agility or pace. All the Hamilton Park positions were white as far as the eye could reach, and the same state of matters prevailed round by Bothwell Haugh. The laying out of the course or trail was entrusted to the care and charge of Messrs Girvan (Garscube Harriers) and Marshall (Springburn), and the paper was supplied by Hamilton Harriers (six bags), Burnbank Harriers (four bags), and Springburn Harriers (two bags). The route, as on past occasions, was once and a distance round the race-course, up by the Bothwell gate, out and across Bothwell Bridge, along the river side, past Logan's Woods to the Bridge, Motherwell Road, across fields to the south side of the park, close by the Mausoleum, round by the outside course, and finishing opposite the grand stand—in all a full and pretty representative and trying seven miles, papered to some extent in the white snow by coloured "confetti."

The draws for positions of the teams at the starting points resulted in the following order of rotation in lines across the course:—1, Greenock Wellpark; 2, Greenock Glenpark; 3, Hamilton; 4, Bellshouston; 5, Springburn; 6, Olympic; 7, Greenhead; 8, Elderslie Wallace; 9, Burnbank; 10, Glasgow Y.M.C.A.; 11, Larkhall; 12, Celtic; 13, Rutherglen; 14, Paisley; 15, Garscube; 16, Rosebank A.C.

There was, however, very little advantage or the reverse in the positions in these lines, as all widen up so quickly, and the different speeds separate each runner from the other, independent of the tailing off which follows as soon after the start.

The saddling, weighing, dressing, and other rooms were laid out for the various teams, as were also the cosy partitioned-off compartments in the stabling square, each team having its place marked off for it, and to which every combination quickly found its way on arriving at the enclosures from the trains and other conveyances, and the roll calls of each were the occasion of some little delay. The officials on duty were:—Judges, Messrs W. A. McCaa (Garscube Harriers, president S.C.C.A.) and J. C. Lawson (unattached); timekeeper, Mr J. C. Lawson, formerly Clydesdale Harriers, in the absence of C. R. Row, secretary and treasurer S.C.C.U.; secretary and clerk of the course, Mr W. T. Stewart; marker—Mr W. Christie, Bellshouston; Mr J. B. Colquhoun, Maryhill; Mr A. Rennie, Rutherglen; Mr J. Scott, Y.M.C.A.; Mr W. Struthers, Glenpark; Mr J. Thorne, Rosebank; Mr W. Torrance, Wishaw; Mr J. L. Turner, Greenhead. Stewards—Mr J. Adams, Wishaw; Mr A. M. Campbell, Wellpark; Mr S. J. Cornish, West of Scotland; Mr A. Findlay, Springburn; Mr R. Gourlay, Whiteinch; Mr J. Marshall, Rosebank; Mr R. Morrison, Larkhall; Mr A. B. Macleod, Glenpark; Mr J. T. McCreilly, Celtic; Mr J. McCulloch, Glenpark; Mr T. Magee, Ingram; Mr J. Minniech, Elderslie Wallace; Mr W. McKay, Burnbank; Mr R. W. Shields, Rutherglen; Mr M. Temple, Glasgow. Press steward, Mr J. A. Cairns (vice-president S.C.C.A.).

Several of the teams were minus some of their best men, instance the Hamilton Harriers, who were without the service of W. Roxburgh, one of those fancied for the individual honours. Hardie and Clinie were the absentees from Bellshouston, Logan and Howison taking their places. Burke, McCafferty, the two Dochertys, and W. D. Clark failed to put in an appearance for the "bould, bould Celtic." Reid and Lamond were not out for the Burnbank, McDonald and Stoker for Elderslie Wallace. McCulloch, of Garscube, made way for his clubmate, C. Chalmers; Bone, of Glenpark, gave way to A. Robertson; Howat and Barron, of the Olympic, made room for Hattie and Craig; and in the Whiteinch combination Galloway, Herbert, and Robertson were wanting, and the only reserve who ran was J. Affren. Nearly all the other clubs were as entered, and, all in all, the "field" was a perfectly satisfactory one.

The start, made 15 minutes after the advertised time, was a grand one, and a cinematograph picture of the spectacle would have been a great hit, as the many and parti-coloured costumes showed in the light, clear air, and against the white expanse of snow.

The racing was heavy, but there were very few retreats. All stuck to the work in hand with a will and determination that thoroughly tested the "esprit de corps" of the plucky athletes, nearly every one of whom ran all out to the finish. The excitement was great as the leaders entered in sight and ran on to the park and round the course at the conclusion of the race. The contest in the straight was the closest ever seen in any event of the kind, upwards of six being within a few yards of each other, while the two separate for the individual championship—Hugh Garin, of the Celtic, and R. Reid, of Rosebank—ran neck and neck. The latter beat himself, and gave away his opportunity by slowing down several yards too soon, and his little antagonist, by pushing all till the last instant, won the single honour by less than a yard.

### TEAM PLACINGS.

1. Greenock Glenpark Harriers—W. Elliot, 3; S. Elliot, 4; A. Daniel, 15; R. Lee, 23; R. Arkenhead, 26; and J. Allan, 32. Total, 103.

2. Larkhall Harriers—R. Barr, 8; T. Wilson, 11; H. Cameron, 12; R. Perrie, 24; W. Morrison, 27; and R. Beger, 33. Total, 115.

3. Bellshouston Harriers—T. T. Down, 4; W. Marshall, 16; W. Hunter, 22; C. H. Cameron, 28; R. Craig, 30; and T. Harvey, 35. Total, 105.

4. Olympic Harriers—W. Ochrane, 17; J. Ochrane, 21; R. M. Intyre, 24; A. McKay, 35; H. McPherson, 38; and J. Macdonald, 51. Total, 186.

5. Garscube Harriers—R. Kennedy, 14; J. Rennie, 25; J. Butler, 27; J. McLeod, 42; W. Richmond, 44; and W. Deroo, 52. Total, 224.

6. Paisley Harriers—A. Neil, 14; J. A. Finn, 36; A. McArthur, 47; A. S. Allison, 49; A. W. McKinlay, 49; and J. White, 52. Total, 207.

7. Rosebank Athletic Club—R. Reid, 9; J. Wilson, 5; D. Macdonald, 28; W. Buchanan, 57; W. Pye, 59; and W. Hattie, 122. Total, 253.

8. Burnbank Harriers—A. Bell, 7; C. Barron, 29; J.

Nelson, 47; J. Barrowman, 51; W. Barrowman, 53; and R. Patterson, 54. Total, 394.

8. Greenock Wellpark Harriers—J. A. Ure, 9; J. B. Oliver, 15; J. Gossell, 50; J. Nutt, 79; J. Miller, 80; and N. Gordon, 85. Total, 144.

10. Hamilton Harriers—G. Marshall, 41; R. Penderleith, 56; A. Baillie, 56; R. Miller, 57; R. Orlaw, 54; and D. Benson, 110. Total, 424.

11. Whiteinch Harriers—D. Hughes, 13; J. Campbell, 75; J. Agnew, 76; W. Ross, 83; G. Beattie, 88; and J. Kirkwood, 97. Total, 457.

12. Springburn Harriers—J. Donaldson, 53; F. Laird, 81; P. Gordon, 115; W. Northwick, 117; J. Wilson, 118; and C. Leggate, 121. Total, 615.

#### INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS.

1. H. Govan, Celtic; 2. R. Reid, Rosebank; 3. W. Elliot, Glenpark; 4. Sam Elliot, Glenpark; 5. J. Wilson, Rosebank; 6. T. T. Down, Bellahouston; 7. A. Paul, Burnbank; 8. R. Barr, Larkhall; 9. J. A. Ure, Wellpark; 10. P. Haughey, Elderslie Wallace; 11. F. Wilson, Larkhall; 12. H. Cummings, Larkhall; 13. J. B. Oliver, Greenock Wellpark; 14. A. Neil, Paisley; 15. A. Down, Glenpark; 16. S. Kennedy, Garscube; 17. W. Cochran, Olympic; 18. W. Marshall; 19. D. Hughes, Whiteinch; 20. D. McDermid, Rosebank; 21. J. Cochran, Olympic; 22. W. Hunter, Bellahouston; 23. A. Lee, Glenpark; 24. R. Perrie, Larkhall; 25. J. Rennie, Garscube; 26. R. Aitkenhead, Glenpark; 27. W. Morrison, Larkhall; 28. C. H. Cameron, Bellahouston; 29. C. C. Hillhouse; 30. R. Craig, Bellahouston; 31. J. Johnstone, Elderslie Wallace; 32. J. Allan, Glenpark; 33. R. Bigger, Larkhall; 34. R. McIntyre, Olympic; 35. R. Mackay, Olympic; 36. J. H. Tren, Paisley; 37. J. Butler, Garscube; 38. H. M'Phoe, Olympic; 39. C. Barton, Burnbank; 40. A. M'Arthur, Paisley; 41. G. Marshall, Hamilton; 42. W. M'Leod, Garscube; 43. W. Down, Elderslie Wallace; 44. W. Kirkwood, Garscube; 45. T. Harvie, Bellahouston; 46. A. S. Allison, Paisley; 47. J. Nelson, Burnbank; 48. —; 49. A. W. M'Kinlay, Paisley; 50. J. Menzies, Olympic; 51. —; 52. J. White, Paisley; 53. J. Donaldson, Springburn; 54. J. Barrowman, Burnbank; 55. —; 56. R. Penderleith, Hamilton; 57. W. Buchanan, Rosebank; 58. —; 59. —; 60. J. M'Grath, Elderslie Wallace; 61. H. M'Guire, Celtic; 62. W. Dixon, Garscube; 63. W. Barrowman, Burnbank; 64. R. M'Pherson, Celtic; 65. —; 66. A. Baillie, Hamilton; 67. R. Milne, Hamilton; 68. —; 69. W. Watson, Celtic; 70. —; 71. —; 72. J. Calderhead, Celtic; 73. —; 74. —; 75. J. Campbell, Whiteinch; 76. J. Agnew, Whiteinch; 77. —; 78. J. Gossell, Greenock Wellpark; 79. J. Nutt, Wellpark; 80. J. Miller, Wellpark; 81. F. Laird, Springburn; 82. W. Fyfe, Rosebank; 83. W. Ross, Whiteinch; 84. R. Orlaw, Hamilton; 85. A. Gordon, Wellpark; 86. —; 87. —; 88. G. Beattie, Whiteinch; 89. —; 90. —; 91. —; 92. —; 93. —; 94. R. Ferguson, Burnbank; 95. —; 96. —; 97. J. Kirkwood, Whiteinch; 98. J. Scouler, Rutherglen; 99. —; 100. —; 101. —; 102. —; 103. F. M'Chafferty, Elderslie Wallace; 104. —; 105. J. Wilson, Greenhead; 106. W. Medley, Greenhead; 107. J. Evans, Rutherglen; 108. W. Brown, G.Y.M.C.A.; 109. —; 110. D. Benson, Hamilton; 111. —; 112. W. Martin, G.Y.M.C.A.; 113. P. Gordon, Springburn; 114. —; 115. —; 116. —; 117. W. Northwick, Springburn; 118. —; 119. J. Wilson, Springburn; 120. J. Russell, G.Y.M.C.A.; 121. J. Rankin, Greenhead; 122. W. Hastie, Rosebank; 123. —; 124. G. Graham, G.Y.M.C.A.; 125. —; 126. A. Anderson, G.Y.M.C.A.; 127. R. R. Morrison, G.Y.M.C.A.; 128. —; 129. R. Drennan, Greenhead; 130. —; 131. P. Louden, Rutherglen.

The first man's exact time was 47min. 17sec.