

Western District Championship — A Successful Meeting—Close Racing—Hamilton Wins the Team Championship—D. McCafferty, Individual Champion.

The National Cross-Country Union of Scotland scored records on Saturday in the Western District Championship, run from the grounds of the Glasgow Agricultural Society at Scotstoun. The attendance was satisfactory, the entry was a record one, the racing the closest that has been seen, and the finish was decided by less than half-a-yard. All the 21 teams that started finished with the full counting numbers. The course was one round, and was a good one. Several competitors came to grief, and the first was a somewhat severe case of spiking immediately after the start, and the injured runner who retired was hurt on the outside of the ankle and left foot.

The judges had hard work in securing the numbers and making the placings, so close did the men run, and at times a queue had to be formed to range the competitors so that numbers could be recorded.

D. McCafferty had a very close shave to gain his place, as only by the elbowing of those at the finishing post was Henry Young, of the Monkland Club, prevented from running past.

The start was only some ten minutes after the advertised time, and the winner's figures were 41mins 4secs for the whole distance. Messrs George Hume, president of the Union; John McCulloch, Glasgow; and Wm. Struthers, Greenock, were the judges. Mr A. Ross Scott, referee. Mr Wm. Bain, starter and press steward. Mr Wm. Roxburgh, Hamilton, secretary and clerk of the course.

The order of arrivals were as follows:—1. D. McCafferty, St. Cuthbert's Harriers (does not be reckoned in the placings), winner of the individual championship.

1. Henry Young, Monkland Harriers; 2. Daniel Cather, Hamilton; 3. D. Chalmers, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.; 4. George Marshall, Hamilton; 5. G. Jackson, Hamilton; 6. P. Haughey, Paisley; 7. George Culbert, Monkland; 8. Angus McMillan, G.Y.M.C.A.; 9. Wm. Smith, Garscube; 10. Wm. Rodger, Springburn; 11. G. Williamson, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.; 12. W. Bowman, Paisley Y.M.C.A.; 13. R. F. Gilbert, Springburn; 14. Alex. Adam, Paisley Juniors; 15. Tom Foy; 16. R. McDonald, Garscube; 17. A. Mann, Clydesdale; 18. D. Rutherford, Maryhill; 19. Allan Scott, Hamilton; 20. James Miller, Wellpark; 21. Morris Hurley, St. Cuthbert's; 22. John Cleland, Hamilton; 23. R. Sinclair, Glenpark; 24. Thomas Millar, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.; 25. Ingles Murray, Monkland; 26. W. H. Holmes, Clydesdale; 27. J. Curror, Glasgow Y.M.C.A.; 28. Thomas Maxwell, Hamilton; 29. Alexander Cross, jun., Clydesdale; 30. J. S. Menzies, West of Scotland; 31. A. S. Muirhead, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.; 32. J. Mulhinch, Bellahouston; 33. Wm. Gall, Clydesdale; 34. James Byars, Glasgow Y.M.C.A.; 35 (individual), D. Proctor; 36. J. Stuart, Bellahouston; 37. A. Allan, Shettleston; 38. James A. Smith, Clydesdale; 39. John Elliott, Paisley Juniors; 40. J. P. Jack, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.; 41. J. Munro, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.; 42. J. Annan, Glenpark; 43. S. P. Devlin, Shettleston; 44. A. Graham, Glasgow Y.M.C.A.; 45. Robt Fulton, Paisley Juniors; 46. P. Hart, St Cuthberts; 47. F. M. Stoddart, West of Scotland; 48. S. Murphy, Glasgow Y.M.C.A.; 49. H. A. Green, West of Scotland; 50. R. F. Muir, Auchmountain; 51. John Duncan, Springburn; 52. Jas. Adam, Paisley Juniors; 53. — — —; 54. W. Connell, Garscube; 55. Geo. M'Innes, Springburn; 56. D. Corland, Bellahouston; 57. J. M. Bose, Wellpark; 58. Arthur Terrell, Paisley Junior; 59. T. R. Brown, Glenpark; 60. A. B. Herbarn, Dennistoun; 61. J. M'Kinlay, Maryhill; 62. A. Wright, Paisley; 63. A. Dick, Garscube; 64. Robert Macura, Glenpark; 65. M. B. McLeine, Auchmountain; 66. J. G. Hunter, Maryhill; 67. — — —; 68. J. Gilchrist, Glenpark; 69. A. Raeside, Clydesdale; 70. W. M'Innes, Glenpark; 71. John Stark, Wellpark; 72. — — —; 73. Robt. Paterson, Burnbank; 74. J. Jardine, Garscube; 75. J. Chapman, Olympic.

TEAM RESULTS.

1. Hamilton Harriers — D. Cather, 2; G. Maxwell, 4; G. Jackson, 5; Adam Scott, 19; John Cleland, 22; and Thos. Maxwell, 28—Total, 80.
2. Motherwell Y.M.C.A.—D. Chalmers, 3; G. Williamson, 11; Thomas Millar, 24; A. S. Muirhead, 31; J. P. Jack, 40, and J. Munro, 41—Total, 150.
3. Clydesdale Harriers—A. Mann, 17; W. H. Holmes, 26; Alex. Cross, jun., 29; Wm. Gall, 33, Jas. G. Smith, 38; and A. Raeside, 69—Total, 212.
4. Paisley Junior Harriers—Alex. Adam, 14; Tom Foy, 15; John Elliott, 39; Robt. Fulton, 45; James Adam, 52; and Arthur Terril, 58—Total, 223.
5. Glasgow Y.M.C.A.—A. M. Millan, 8; J. Curror, 27; James Byars, 24; A. Graham, 44; A. Murphy, 48; and J. A. Gracie, 97—Total, 258.
6. Garscube—W. Smith, 9; R. McDonald, 16; W. Connell, 54; A. Dick, 63; J. Jardine, 74; and T. Thomson, 89—Total, 305.
7. Greenock Glenpark—23, 42, 50, 44, 68, and 70—total, 328.
8. Springburn—10, 13, 51, 55, 87, and 144—total, 360.
9. Monkland—1, 7, 23, 38, 108, and 160—total, 329.
10. Maryhill—18, 61, 66, 76, 79, and 120—total, 420.
11. West of Scotland—30, 47, 49, 102, 126, and 137—total, 491.
12. Greenock Auchmountain—50, 65, 81, 92, 99, and 127—total, 514.
13. Bellahouston—32, 36, 56, 111, 131, and 157—total, 523.
14. St Cuthbert's—21, 46, 86, 117, 119, and 151—total, 540.
- 15—Greenock Wellpark—20, 57, 71, 101, 148, and 167—total, 564.
16. Paisley—6, 52, 90, 104, 149, and 164—total, 575.
- 17—Shettleston—37, 43, 100, 125, 136, and 158—total, 599.
18. Paisley Y.M.C.A.—12, 83, 103, 135, 145, and 155—total, 633.
19. Burnbank—73, 80, 91, 109, 140, and 147—total, 640.
20. Olympic—75, 96, 113, 116, 122, and 141—total, 663.
21. Dennistoun—68, 105, 139, 162, 197, and 211—total, 674.

By reason of the great number who finished, the committee and judges did not arrive at the figures of all the placings until close upon seven o'clock.

The social meeting at which the prizes were handed to the winners was afterwards held in the dining-room of the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Bothwell Street, under the chairmanship of Mr Geo. Hume; and the proceedings of the day were favourably criticised, as they deserved to be. So satisfactory were all the arrangements that it would be almost invidious to name any one of the officials who so successfully brought about this happy state of affairs.

Dundee Thistle ran off their fourth monthly handicap on Thursday night in very stormy weather. J. Guild was scratch, and conceded starts up to 5 min., the distance being fully five miles. The following is the order of the finish:—1. G. Crichton (2 min.), 28 min. 45 sec.; 2. W. Martin (2 min. 45 sec.), 29 min. 12 sec.; 3. T. Finlayson

(4 min. 30 sec.), 29 min. 20 sec.; 4, J. G. (scratch), 30 min. 3 sec.

Dundee Thistle Harriers half-holiday held their first five miles time race on road championship last Wednesday. There was a high wind blowing, and the roads were rather soft. Ten men started, and the result was as follows:—1, F. Longair, 29 min. 25 sec.; 2, George Newman, 29 min. 38 sec.; 3, George Barclay, 31 min. 5 sec.; 4, Young, 31 min. 30 sec.; 5, A. Sime, 31 min. 33 sec.; 6, C. Kinnear, 31 min. 40 sec. Longair and G. Newman were the only winners, as only 30 min. is allowed for distance.

Queen's Park F.P. Harriers ran the eight miles on Saturday from the pavilion. Route—Rutherglen Road, across fields, Cathkin Braes, over Braes, and home by Carmunock and Aithenhead Roads. L. J. Glegg; whip, G. S. Fraser; and others. One pack.

Dysart Harriers Club met at White Oak and ran the race for the Walker Hares—A. Weir and J. Turner. Route—Wemyss road and home by Thornton Road. First arrivals—1, W. Webb (37 min 15 sec); 2, P. Holden (37 min 50 sec); 3, W. Young (38 min 10 sec); 4, D. G. (38 min 30 sec); 5, A. Simpson (38 min 35 sec).

Edinburgh Northern Harriers re-ran seven miles handicap on Saturday from Race-course, Musselburgh. Trail-laid by D. C. M'Andie, A. Harper, J. Plain, and Jackson. Route—Once round the course road to poorhouse, Ploughs to brick-works, and finish in front of grand stand. First arrivals—1, J. B. Lagan; 2, W. Cleland; 3, G. H. Peddie; 4, G. Inglis; 5, R. Rennie; 6, A. E. Twogood. Handicap result—1, W. Cleland (2 min 50 sec); 2, G. H. Peddie (2 min 50 sec); 3, G. Inglis (2 min 50 sec); 4, A. E. Twogood (2 min 50 sec); 5, J. B. Lagan (3 min 25 sec); 6, E. Clarke (3 min 40 sec).

B.H. (Kirkintilloch Section) met at Osney School. No trail laid. Route—Glasgow Road, Cadder, Boghead, Lenzie, Woodhouse, Bridgend, and home through the Slows—Pace, James Ross; whip, S. Kennedy; whip, A. Kelly, and eight others. Distance, eight miles. Slows, 52 min; Pace, 49 min. First arrivals—Slows, Nicol; Pace, Alexander, and J. Dawson; fasts, D. Kennedy, T. M'Connell, and A. Kelly.

Boghead A.C. met at headquarters, Dumbarton. Hares, J. Simpson and J. M'Connell. Route—Out by Crosslett, Silverton, Low Parks, Dumbuck, Overtoun, Gartnavel, Aithenbar, and Boghead, finishing at manse. Slows—Pace, D. Fagan; Pace, George Ross, and six others. Distance, seven miles. Times—Hares, 55 min; Slows, 52 min. First arrivals—1, J. Fraser; 2, H. Robertson; 3, J. Turnbull; 4, D. Fagan; 5, George Boyd; 6, George Ross; 7, J. M'Connell.

Dundee Thistle Harriers ran at Blackfriars on Saturday, and traversed the usual five miles course. Pace, T. Carnegie; whip, Crabb, and eleven others. Distance, five miles. Time, 45 min. First arrivals—1, J. Wallace; 2, A. Fallan; 3, J. Guild; 4, Crichton; 5, W. Milne; 6, J. Crabb.

Dumbarton Y.M.C.A. Harriers ran on Saturday from headquarters. Hares—J. Malcolm and R. Hastings. Route—From headquarters to Ropework Burn, Silverton, Craig, Dumbowie, through Overtoun, finishing at engine work. Slows—Pace, P. Mathie; whip, James Nicol. Fast—Pace, Mathie; whip, James Campbell. Distance, seven miles. Times—Hares, 53 min; Slows, 52 min. First arrivals—Hares—1, James Malcolm; 2, R. Hastings. Slows—1, James Nicol; 2, J. Kennedy; 3, T. M'Allan. Fast—1, T. Mathie; 2, J. Campbell; 3, A. Watson.