

D. Peat, Individual Champion.

The Western District Championship, decided at Carntyne on Saturday, was one of the best contested since the institution of the event. In the first place, a record entry of 27 clubs was secured, and included every runner of note in the West of Scotland. There were very few individual absentees, although several clubs had to call on reserves, and it must have been very gratifying to the officials to find no fewer than 275 runners finish the full course of seven miles. The trail was laid by members of Shettleston Harriers, and they provided a course of varied description.

Among the clubs represented with full teams were Clydesdale, Bellahouston, Dennistoun, Garscube, Glasgow Y.M.C.A., Glenpark, Wellpark, Hamilton, Johnstone Y.M.C.A., Maryhill, Mauchline, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., Monkland, Olympic, Paisley Juniors, Shettleston, Springburn, and West of Scotland, Burnbank, Auchmountain, Babcock & Wilcox, Paisley, and Rutherglen were represented by 11 runners each, Ayr and Renfrew by 10, Paisley Y.M.C.A. 9, and Boghead A.A.C. 8.

The most notable absentees were A. M. Macrae (Ayr), who stood down on medical advice; W. F. Taylor (Bellahouston), and Robert Magura (Glenpark), owing to the serious illness of his mother.

Somewhat late, the runners were dispatched without accident, and the large field presented a thrilling sight, as they covered the first lap of the racecourse. J. Hart (Bellahouston), and H. Hughes (West of Scotland), were first to draw in front, but after a lap Hart had dropped back, and R. R. Russell (Springburn) had drawn level with Hughes. Another lap caused the field to spread out, and on leaving the racecourse for the open country the leaders were Angus M'Millan (Glasgow Y.M.C.A.), David Peat (Motherwell Y.M.C.A.), and Hughes. The race, however, was being closely contested, and from first to last there was hardly a gap between the runners. Shortly after the runners had left the ground some surprise was created by the return of Hughes, who was feeling the effects of a recent fall and suffering from stomach troubles. There was great excitement as the runners again appeared in sight. Entering the ground Peat, Mason, and Craig were well together, and after a battle-royal round the final circuit of the racecourse, the runners passed the judges in the following order:—

1, David Peat, Motherwell (Y.M.C.A.H.), 39min 20secs; 2, G. Mason (Paisley Junior H.), 39min 23secs; 3, A. Craig (Bellahouston H.), 39min 24 sec; 4, G. Cummings (Paisley H.), 39 min 25secs; 5, A. Loch (Clydesdale H.), 39min 35secs; 6, R. Badger (Monkland H.), 39min 40secs; 7, J. Cunningham (Paisley Junior H.); 8, Dan Sharp (Wellpark H.); 9, David M'Lelland (Glenpark H.); 10, A. M'Millan (Glasgow Y.M.C.A.H.); 11, Peter Divers (Motherwell Y.M.C.A.H.); 12, F. McCormack (Clydesdale H.); 13, H. Campbell (Springburn H.); 14, T. Ralston (Paisley Junior H.); 15, H. M'Rory (Paisley Junior H.); 16, J. Y. M'Adam (Bellahouston H.); 17, G. Stephen (Bellahouston H.); 18, E. Rodgers (Bellahouston H.); 19, R. S. Sinclair (Glenpark); 20, W. M'Lean (Auchmountain H.); 21, R. F. M'Murdo (Motherwell Y.M.C.A.H.); 22, T. M'Turk (Garscube H.); 23, Adam Leitch (Garscube H.); 24, Geo. Findlay (Clydesdale H.); 25, W. A. Livingstone (Maryhill H.); 26, W. C. Stewart (Olympic H.); 27, A. M'Killop (Hamilton H.); 28, John Oxley (Boghead A.A.C.); 29, John Brown (Motherwell Y.M.C.A.H.); 30, R. Swan (Paisley Junior H.).

The team placings resulted as follows:

1, Paisley Junior Harriers—G. Mason, 2; J. Cunningham, 7; T. Ralston, 14; H. M'Rory, 15; R. Swan, 30; T. Gilchrist, 38—total, 106 points.

2, Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers—D. Peat, 1; P. Divers, 11; R. F. M'Murdo, 21; J. Brown, 29; D. Clarkson, 34; A. Rae, 42—total, 138 points.

3, Bellahouston Harriers—A. Craig, 3; J. Y. M'Adam, 16; J. Stephen, 17; E. Rodgers, 18; D. Honeymoon, 51; W. Law, 77—total, 182 points.

4, Clydesdale Harriers—A. Lock, 5; F. McCormack, 12; G. Findlay, 24; J. McCormack, 52; W. Lock, 61; P. Shesky, 98—total, 252 points.

5 and 6—a tie—Greenock Glenpark Harriers—D. M'Lelland, 9; R. S. Sinclair, 19; Colin Aitken, 45; J. K. Gauldie, 55; A. Lang, 65; J. Ryan, 72—total, 265 points. Garscube Harriers—T. M'Turk, 22; Adam Veitch, 23; J. Campbell, 37; W. Allan, 43; Andrew Veitch, 62; B. Wright, 78—total, 265 points.

7, Hamilton Harriers—A. M'Killop, 27; Alex. Thomson, 36; A. Muir, 39; J. Stewart, 58; J. Logan, 66; Roy Cooper, 74—total, 300 points.

8, Glasgow Y.M.C.A. Harriers—A. M'Millan, 10; R. Dick, 33; W. P. Brown, 63; W. Ritchie, 68; H. Kirkpatrick, 76; A. Knox, 92—total, 342 points.

9, Maryhill Harriers—W. A. Livingstone, 25; J. C. Caldwell, 35; G. Hamilton, jun., 50; W. Clark, jun., 83; A. Clelland, 103; M. Clark, 104—total, 400 points.

10, Greenock Auchmountain Harriers—W. M'Lean, 20; J. J. Leighton, 47; H. Walker, 53; J. Sutherland, 73; J. M'Lelland, 94; R. K. Craig, 118—total 405 points.

11, Monkland Harriers—R. Badger, 6; J. Clifford, 40; W. Cross, 67; A. Morrow, 95; Dan Clark, 102; R. Johnston, 114—total, 424 points.

12, Greenock Wellpark Harriers—D. Sharp, 8; A. McDougall, 56; A. Sharp, 72; A. R. McGillivray, 87; A. McKillop, 106; Robert Brown, 131—total, 467 points.

13, Springburn H., 539; 14, West of Scotland H., 591; 15, Burnbank H., 745; 16, Paisley H., 746; 17, Mauchline H., 770; 18, Rutherglen H., 776; 19, Boghead A.A.C., 842; 20, Dennistoun H., 860; 21, Ayr H., 909; 22, Olympic H., 939; 23, Paisley Y.M.C.A.H., 949; 24, Shettleston H., 985; 25, Johnstone Y.M.C.A.H., 1,026; 26, Renfrew H., 1,093; 27, Babcock and Wilcox H., 1,135.