

WESTERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Hamilton Park Racecourse was on Saturday the scene of the 30th annual team and individual championships of the National Cross-Country Union of Scotland (Western District.) There was a record entry of 31 teams, in addition to which there were four individual entrants. Each team was made up of nine runners—six to count—but several clubs were so severely hit by the influenza epidemic that they could not muster a full team. In all there were over 250 competitors, of whom 201 finished the course. The trial was the same as last year—two lap of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles and two of $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles, making the full distance seven miles. Although in the main the weather was favourable, the going was heavy. The first lap was entirely within the racecourse, and was completed in 8 mins. 36 secs. At this stage the leaders were A. McHattie, Doon Harriers; W. T. Anderson, Shettleston Harriers; D. S. Muir, Maryhill Harriers; R. D. Allison, Springburn Harriers; J. N. H. Gardiner, Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers; and T. Meikle, Barleith Harriers. The leaders at the end of the second circuit ($4\frac{1}{4}$ miles—25 mins. 48 secs.) were J. Campbell, Bellahouston Harriers; Gardner and C. P. Wilson, Irvine Y.M.C.A. Harriers. Campbell retained his lead until about halfway round the final lap, when Wilson moved up, followed closely by Gardiner. On entering the final straight, Gardiner made a stout challenge, but failed to get on terms, and thus, for the second year in succession the Motherwell runner had to be content with second place. Wilson, who is an ex-champion of the Y.M.C.A., was the more experienced runner, and finished a good winner.

The team race was looked upon as something of a good thing for Shettleston Harriers, but although they won, it was by a very much smaller margin than anticipated. Result:—

Individual Championship.—1, C. P. Wilson, Irvine Y.M.C.A. Harriers—42 mins. 43 secs.; 2, J. N. H. Gardiner, Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers—42 mins. 53 secs.; 3, J. Campbell, Bellahouston Harriers—43 mins. 7 secs.; 4, M. Stobbs, Cairne A.A.C.—43 mins. 16 secs.; 5, J. Stevenson, Springburn Harriers—43 mins. 19 secs.; 6, W. H. Gardiner, Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers—43 mins. 28 secs.

Team Championship.—1, Shettleston Harriers (H. McDonald, 5; J. Hood, 16; W. T. Anderson, 20; T. Goldie, 22; T. McLeish, 30; J. Whistlers, 32), 125 points; 2, Springburn Harriers (J. Stevenson, 3; R. Allison, 7; A. Allison, 13; G. Tully, 27; A. Montgomery, 41; W. Grant, 48), 139 points; 3, Hamilton Harriers (J. Wardlaw, 6; F. Peattie, 9; J. Winks, 10; J. Robinson, 47; G. Craig, 64; P. Derine, 73), 209 points; 4, Bellahouston Harriers, 216 points; 5, Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 235 points; 6, Bellahouston Harriers, 281 points; 7, Paisley Harriers, 385 points; 8, West of Scotland Harriers, 295 points; 9, Garscube Harriers, 519 points; 10, Clydesdale Harriers, 413 points; 11, Monkland Harriers, 416 points; 12, Eglinton Harriers, 460 points.

A WORTHY CHAMPION.

C. P. WILSON'S CROSS. COUNTRY FEAT.

By "Ggrœe."

C. P. Wilson, Irvine Y.M.C.A., exhibited excellent judgment and fine pace in winning the thirtieth annual seven miles Western District Cross-Country Championship by 60 yards at Hamilton. He never showed any anxiety to be with the leaders until the five miles turning point, and the way he set about his rivals over the last two miles was a revelation. This is undoubtedly Wilson's best race of his career.

J. Gardiner, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., was unfortunate in running second for the second year; but he is young enough to run into his own by another year. Dugger J. Campbell, Bellahouston, ran splendidly throughout. He made the mistake at five miles of forcing the pace, and in the end had to be content with third place.

Paniced candidates, W. T. Anderson and J. Hood, Shettleston Harriers, disappointed; and T. Meikle, Barleith, who was bracketed with M. Stobbs as probable winners, had to give up owing to stitch.

Shettleston Harriers did not win the team championship and William Maley Trophy quite so easily as many expected, and probably they would have had more difficulty in their achievement had some of the teams not suffered from the ravages of the flu.

Fourteen points' margin over Springburn Harriers, however, was a satisfactory result both to the winners and the runners-up. Not for many years has so many clubs failed to furnish complete teams, and the undernoted record of individual points should provide interesting comparative statistics to those clubs who desire to present such particulars to their members.

President John Howieson (Shettleston Harriers), who accepted the handsome Maley Trophy from President G. M. Grant, of the National Cross-Country Union, at a function in the Y.M.C.A. Restaurant after the contest, said it was appropriate that his club should win the championship on the 25th anniversary, and he congratulated the losers on putting up such a splendid performance.

Results:—

INDIVIDUAL.

1. C. P. Wilson, Irvine Y.M.C.A., 42 min. 43 sec.; 2. J. Gardiner, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., 42 min. 53 sec.; 3. J. Campbell, Bellahouston, 43 min. 7 sec.; 4. M. Stobbs, Catrine, 44 min. 16 sec.; 5. J. Stevenson, Springburn, 44 min. 17 sec.; 6. W. H. Gardiner, Motherwell, 44 min. 28 sec.; 7. H. McDonald, Olympic; 8. J. Wardlaw, Hamilton; 9. R. Allison, Springburn; 10. D. Scott, Monkland; 11. P. Peattie, Hanchon; 12. Adam McHattie, Doon Harriers.

TEAM.

1. SHETTLESTON—H. McDonald (5), J. Hood (16), W. T. Anderson (20), T. Geddie (22), T. Littlejohn (30), J. Whitters (32); 125 pts.

2. SPRINGBURN—J. Stevenson (17), R. Allison (7), A. Allison (13), G. Tulley (27), A. Montgomery (41), W. Grant (48); 133 pts.

3. HAMILTON—J. Wardlaw (10), P. Peattie (21), J. Winnie (10), J. Robertson (47), G. Craig (64), P. Devine (73); 205 pts.

4. BEITH—J. Calder (11), D. McKee (12), G. McKee (29), G. Ferguson (37), A. L. Simmons (51), G. Black (60); 216 pts.

5. MOTHERWELL—J. Gardiner (11), W. Gardiner (4), W. Topping (26), J. Archibald (45), H. Maitland (58), J. Simpson (101); 235 pts.

6. BELLAHOUSTON—J. Campbell (2), J. Russell (15), M. Campbell (50), W. Cunningham (52), A. Forrester (75), G. Brown (77); 281 pts.

7. PAISLEY—C. Anderson (19), A. Nicolson (24), W. Stewart (35), N. Douglas (46), J. Campbell (68), J. McLaugherty (91); 283 pts.

8. WEST OF SCOTLAND—W. Bremner (12), W. Carson (23), B. S. Passmore (35), A. Snodgrass (39), J. W. Porteous (74), P. Lough (109); 295 pts.

9. GARSCUBE—G. Currie (31), J. McKinnon (40), D. B. Brooke (53), L. Lindsay (54), J. Dobbie (70), W. McGookin (71); 319 pts.

10. CLYDESDALE—H. Noble (17), T. McAnay (33), S. Davidson (78), W. Scott (72), W. Chalk (102), J. Faherty (104); 413 pts.

11. MONKLAND—D. Scott (8), J. Thomson (21), V. Smith (34), J. McInnes (66), R. McInnes (123), A. Millar (124); 416 pts.

12. EGLINTON—R. Maxwell (42), G. Evans (59), J. Hamilton (61), T. Bell (81), A. Laidlaw (103), G. Alexander (111); 460 pts.

13. PLEBEIAN—J. Lamond (44), R. McKnight (67), J. Cook (80), J. Kerrigan (84), A. McWalter (107), A. Harper (129); 508 pts.

14. GLASGOW UNIVERSITY—P. MacArthur (65), R. McKenzie (69), W. H. Dunlop (87), R. Stewart (98), D. Brander (115), W. Balgownie (121); 557 pts.

15. DUMBARTON—G. Sinclair (56), W. Brown (87), R. Duffie (89), J. Flynn (92), C. Campbell (117), W. Stevenson (128); 563 pts.

16. GLENPARK—J. Addison (14), J. W. Barker (94), W. Wood (100), S. Bissett (114), W. Erskine (145), A. Wood (172); 656 pts.

17. WELLPARK—W. Stewart (83), W. Lister (90), W. Kennedy (93), A. Macrae (102), N. C. Fletcher (137), R. Ramsay (167); 721 pts.

18. ST. PETER'S—P. J. Gaffney (59), W. Green (72), J. J. Smith (99), A. Brady (117), C. O'Hara (177), W. Fegan (184); 736 pts.

19. OLYMPIC—W. Stewart (129), P. MacFarlane (127), W. Blackstock (143), R. Campbell (149), O. Wilson (156), N. Horsfield (160); 764 pts.

20. GLASGOW Y.M.C.A.—H. Campbell (110), W. Nibloe (138), T. Strachan (140), E. Allison (146), W. McArthur (147), A. Ross (151); 852 pts.

21. PAISLEY JUNIOR—J. Brown (113), P. Masterton (113), J. McKellar (181), J. Campbell (185), L. McEwan (190), A. Ferguson (191); 1053 pts.

INCOMPLETE TEAMS.

MARYHILL—J. Foster (113), J. Richardson (118), D. Hunter (155), J. Stromberg (159), G. Braekenridge (168).

HERMITAGE F.P.—W. Simpson (125), W. H. McKinlay (126), J. W. Glen (154), W. Kennedy (173), J. McNaughton (189).

PAISLEY Y.M.C.A.—D. Cadenhead (36), A. Murdoch (96), R. C. Smith (133), J. Peacock (164), D. McCallum (182).

KILMARNOCK—P. Highgate (18), H. Taylor (25), J. Macrae (106), H. Malcolm (108).

SHAWFIELD—J. McLauchlan (62), J. P. (112), A. Stark (152), J. Christie (180).

BARLEITH—J. Scobie (66), J. Claws (115), W. Foster (162).

GLASGOW—A. Donnelly (58), E. K. Knox (119), J. McKellar (120).

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CROSS-COUNTRY

Brilliant Judgment by Wilson in Western Championship

RESULTS ANALYSED

Almost all the teams engaged in the 30th annual seven miles Western Cross-Country Championship at Hamilton on Saturday suffered from the epidemic of flu. Auchmountain failed to start a team; Doon Harriers were able to muster only one runner; Glasgow Harriers could only start four; and Irvine five.

Other notable non-starters were:—J. R. Orr and D. M'Intyre, Glasgow Y.M.C.A.; J. Matthews, Paisley Juniors; H. Gilchrist and R. Laidler, Paisley Harriers; P. Murty and P. Connor, St Peter's; and R. Graham, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.

Starter P. Mallon, Dumbarton, got the big field away to a good start. At the end of the circuit of the Button Hook race track, J. Gardiner, Motherwell, favourite, and R. Allison, Springburn, were just in front of A. M'Hattie, Doon, and W. T. Anderson, Shettleston. Then followed J. Campbell, Bellahouston; D. S. Muir, Maryhill; M. Stobbs, Catrine; C. P. Wilson, Irvine, and T. Meekle, Barleith (another fancied candidate), but he was not running too freely.

Change in Leadership

The five miles check revealed a change in the leadership. J. Campbell, Bellahouston, forged ahead followed by J. Gardiner. C. P. Wilson, Irvine, was moving splendidly and comfortably at this stage. R. Allison and W. Gardiner, Motherwell; J. Stevenson, Springburn; D. S. Muir, M. Stobbs, W. Anderson, A. M'Hattie, and H. M'Donald, Shettleston, were running in that order. Campbell's time was 25 minutes 48 seconds.

So well did Wilson of Irvine run that he gradually overhauled the leaders during the next mile, and going ahead succeeded in winning the best race of his career by brilliant judgment in the good time of 42 minutes 43 seconds. About 60 yards separated him and J. Gardiner, Motherwell. J. Campbell, Bellahouston, who flattered to deceive at the five miles stage, finished third.

Individual Race

	Time.
1—C. P. Wilson, Irvine Y.M.C.A.	42 43
2—J. Gardiner, Motherwell	42 53
3—J. Campbell, Bellahouston	43 7
4—M. Stobbs, Catrine	44 16
5—J. Stevenson, Springburn	44 19
6—W. H. Gardiner, Motherwell	44 28
7—H. M'Donald, Shettleston	—
8—J. Wardlaw, Hamilton	—
9—R. Allison, Springburn	—
10—D. Scott, Monkland	—
11—R. Peattie, Hamilton	—
12—Adam M'Hattie, Doon Harriers	—

Team Results

	Points.
1—SHETTLESTON—H. M'Donald (5), J. Hood (16), W. T. Anderson (20), T. Goldie (22), T. Littlejohn (30), J. Whitters (32)	125
2—SPRINGBURN—J. Stevenson (3), R. Allison (7), A. Allison (13), G. Tulley (27), A. Montgomery (41), W. Grant (48)	139
3—HAMILTON—J. Wardlaw (6), P. Peattie (9), J. Winnie (10), J. Robertson (47), G. Craig (64), P. Devine (73)	209
4—BEITH—J. Calder (11), D. M'Kechnie (28), G. M'Kechnie (29), G. Ferguson (37), A. Fitzsimmons (41), W. Black (60)	216
5—MOTHERWELL—J. Gardiner (1), W. Gardiner (4), W. Topping (26), J. Archibald (45), H. Maitland (58), J. Simpson (101)	235
6—BELLAHOUSTON—J. Campbell (2), J. Purcell (15), M. Campbell (50), W. Cumming (62), A. Forrester (75), G. Brown (77)	281
7—PAISLEY—C. Anderson (19), A. Niven (24), W. Stewart (35), N. Douglas (46), J. Campbell (68), J. M'Lafferty (91)	283
8—WEST OF SCOTLAND—W. Bremner (12), W. Carson (23), B. S. Passmore (38), A. S. Spence (39), J. W. Porteous (74), E. Lough (109)	295
9—GARSCUBE—G. Currie (31), J. M'Farlane (40), D. B. Brooke (53), L. Lindsay (54), J. Dobbie (70), W. M'Gookin (71)	319
10—CLYDESDALE—H. Noble (17), T. M'Aulay (33), S. Davidson (78), W. Scott (79), W. Chalk (102), J. Faherty (104)	413
11—MONKLAND—D. Scott (8), J. Tennant (21), V. Smith (54), J. M'Ilmoyle (86), R. Main (123), A. Millar (124)	416
12—EGLINTON—R. Maxwell (42), G. Evans (59), J. Hamilton (61), T. Bell (84), A. Laidlaw (103), G. Alexander (111)	460
13—PLEBEIAN—J. Lamond (44), R. M'Knight (67), J. Cook (80), J. Kerrigan (81), A. M. Watt (107), A. Harper (129)	508
14—GLASGOW UNIVERSITY—P. M'Aulay (65), R. M'Kenzie (69), W. H. Dunkop (89), G. R. Stewart (98), D. Brander (115), W. B. Irving (121)	557
15—DUMBARTON—G. Sinclair (56), W. Ratray (87), R. Duffus (88), J. Flynn (92), C. Campbell (117), W. Stevenson (128)	568
16—GLENPARK—J. Addison (14), J. W. Barker (94), W. Wood (100), S. Bassett (131), W. Erskine (145), A. Wood (172)	656
17—WELLPARK—W. Stewart (83), W. Livingstone (90), W. Kennedy (93), A. Macrae (114), N. C. Fletcher (137), R. Ramsay (167)	684
18—ST PETER'S—P. J. Gaffney (63), W. Green (72), J. J. Smith (99), A. Brady (141), C. O'Hara (177), W. Egan (184)	736
19—OLYMPIC—W. Stewart (49), D. MacFarlane (127), W. Blackstock (143), R. Carruth (149), C. Wilson (156), N. Horsfield (160)	784
20—GLASGOW Y.M.C.A.—H. Campbell (110), W. Nibloe (138), T. Strachan (140), E. Atkins (146), W. M'Arthur (147), A. Ross (151)	832
21—PAISLEY JUNIORS—J. Brown (139), J. Masterton (153), J. M'Kellar (181), J. Gilmour (185), J. M'Ewan (190), A. Ferguson (191)	1039

Analysis of the Finish of Incomplete Teams

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