

CLONLIFFE HARRIERS

ANNUAL INVITATION RACE

The above Club brought off on Saturday one of the most successful invitation races held in recent years from their headquarters, "Kavanagh's," Old Gate, Glasnevin. Dublin University Harriers wrote regretting their inability to attend, as they had an engagement near at hand with Edinburgh University. There was a large muster of followers of the game, and many old enthusiasts were noticed amongst the crowd. 68 runners took part, representing the following clubs:—

Donore Harriers (10), City and Suburban (13), Leinster Harriers (5), and Clonliffe Harriers (40). The pack, paced by T. Burton (captain), followed the trail laid by E. Betts (vice-captain), and H. Egar. The country covered was to a point beyond King James's Castle, and thence into Finglas, where the pack lined up opposite Flood's for the "run-in," to finish at the Turret at Glasnevin Cemetery (city end), the distance being 13 miles and 120 yards. The fastest time for this journey was accomplished in 1901 by J. E. Deacon (Clonliffe Harriers), viz., 9 min. 1-5 sec.

The men were despatched to a capital start by Mr. J. T. Graham, and M'Dermott (Clonliffe) led at a cracking pace, which thinned out the lot rather early in the race; the leaders shortly after leaving Finglas village being Buckley, Doyle, and Downing (City and Suburban), Millington (Donore), with Ryder and Betts (Clonliffe) about 40 yards behind, and about 20 yards ahead of the remainder who were running en masse. Ryder passing Betts was gradually overhauling the leaders, who were in turn pacing one another. Millington meantime having fallen back. When nearly half-way Ryder came up behind the leaders, and remained there, with Buckley doing most of the pacing and Betts and Millington forming the connecting link of the pack. Passing the entrance to the Lovers' Walk the order of the leaders was:—Buckley, Doyle, Downing, Ryder, with Millington, Betts, and P. Kelly 15 yards behind. This order remained unchanged until the trying Violet Hill was reached, when Downing took the lead, with Ryder, Buckley, and Doyle at his heels. A great race ensued at the top of the hill, where Doyle, who was forcing the pace, was joined by Ryder, these two coming away and running to the entrance gate; the former made a determined effort to lead Ryder 150 yards from home, but the latter, responding gamely to the challenge, spurred past in vigorous style, leaving Doyle at every stride, and won a magnificent race by 15 yards; 10 yards dividing the second and third. The result was hailed with a burst of cheering, and the winner's victory over Doyle, Buckley, and Downing, three International men, promises him a brilliant future. P. Kelly (Clonliffe) also deserves special praise for his fine running, as this is also his first season, and in getting placed fifth, for which he was awarded the Open Novice medal, he should do still better with experience. S. Pearson (Clonliffe), another first season youth, secured the Club Novice medal (kindly presented by Mr. J. M'Dermott), and finished fifteenth. Clonliffe finished 13 men in the first twenty home. The winner's time, which beats that of last year, was 9 mins. 15 sec.

Officials:—Starter, Mr. J. T. Graham; Timekeeper, Mr. C. H. Caulfield; Judges, Messrs. G. F. Walker, Thomas Foley, P. J. Brabazon, P. J. Synnott, George Lawlor, M. A. Manning, E. J. Rooney, J. P. Finnegan, J. Keogh, B. Parker, H. Dudley-Fletcher, T. Peelo, and H. M. Finlay; Road Stewards, Messrs. S. Coates, C. F. Lonergan, J. G. Lonergan, J. Ryan, M. J. Whelan, C. J. Whelan, T. Clarke, M. Gibson, N. Hand, A. Hislop, P. J. Walsh, C. Flynn, P. Neary, G. N. Kelly, and J. Muldoon.

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The following is the order in which they finished:—

- 1, F. J. Ryder (Clonliffe); 2, J. J. Doyle (City and Suburban); 3, F. J. Buckley (City and Suburban); 4, T. Downing (City and Suburban); 5, P. Kelly (Clonliffe); 6, E. Betts (Clonliffe); 7, F. J. Arthur (City and Suburban); 8, T. Millington (Donore); 9, H. H. Oulken (Clonliffe); 10, F. Coletan (City and Suburban); 11, T. Hassell (Clonliffe); 12, C. G. Wisdom (Clonliffe); 13, J. Wilson (Clonliffe); 14, C. Kelly (Donore); 15, S. Pearson (Clonliffe); 16, P. J. Conroy (Clonliffe); 17, C. V. Gross (Clonliffe); 18, M. Wilson (Clonliffe); 19, P. J. Lonergan (Clonliffe); 20, W. Lemass (Clonliffe); 21, H. B. Guan, Donore; 22, L. Gigg (Donore); 23, J. Palmer (Donore); 24, T. Burton (Clonliffe); 25, S. Traynor (City and Suburban); 26, P. Fox (Clonliffe); 27, C. Dooley (Donore); 28, I. F. Ronan (Clonliffe); 29, H. Egar (Clonliffe); 30, R. Browne (City and Suburban); 31, T. Kinsella (City and Suburban); 32, V. Nugent (Clonliffe); 33, A. Morton (Clonliffe); 34, J. Heare (Clonliffe); 35, J. Iremonger (Clonliffe); 36, T. Bruce (Clonliffe); 37, Sergt. Fry (Donore); 38, P. Collins (Clonliffe); 39, M. Pender (Donore); 40, P. J. Howlin (Clonliffe); 41, R. Briscoe (Clonliffe); 42, W. Clothier (Clonliffe); 43, J. Wheatley (Leinster); 44, P. Lawler (Clonliffe); 45, W. Hull (Clonliffe); 46, J. Goomey (Clonliffe); 47, T. Bolton (Clonliffe); 48, S. Browne (City and Suburban); 49, J. O'Beirne (Clonliffe); 50, J. M'Gowran (Leinster); 51, Mr. J. Walsh (Clonliffe); 52, F. J. Grew (Clonliffe); 53, R. Gilligan (Clonliffe); 54, B. Wynne (Leinster); 55, C. Millington (City and Suburban); 56, J. M'Dermott (Clonliffe); 57, J. Higgins (Clonliffe); 58, E. Burt (Clonliffe); 59, P. Traynor (City and Suburban); 60, R. Morgan (City and Suburban); 61, J. Supple (Clonliffe); 62, G. Corrigan (Clonliffe); 63, C. H. Fennell (Donore); 64, T. O'Stange (Leinster); 65, Y. P. MacDonagh (Donore); 66, J. A. Sansom (Clonliffe), and 67, Mr. J. Bazrett (Clonliffe).

Mr. G. F. Walker distributed the prizes, which were six in number.

DUBLIN CITY HARRIERS

CAPTAIN v. VICE-CAPTAIN'S RACE.

At Clonskeagh, on the 29th, the above club held a six mile cross-country inter race, when 23 faced the starter. The course was heavy after the recent rain, nevertheless 20 of the 23 starters finished. The race resulted in a narrow win for the Captain's team on points. D. Grindle proved the winner, closely followed by D. Brynne. The Committee decided to present prizes to the first six home, who are as follows:—Messrs. Grindle, Brynne, Donohue, O'Brien, Kane, and Traynor. Consolation prizes—Messrs. "Williams" and Brown. Usual run to-morrow night at 8.15. Committee meeting at 9.30 p.m.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY HARRIERS v EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY H. & H.

This annual contest was held to-day over the Meadowbrook course at Dundrum. The course was heavy, and the start was somewhat delayed. Spectators were conspicuous by their absence, and the contest failed to arouse any great interest. It was after 3 o'clock when the teams were despatched, those present then being but a handful.

Dublin won by 10 points to 23. Team-placings:—

Kerr (Dublin)	1.
Duggan (Dublin)	2.
H. Craig (Dublin)	3.
A. Craig (Dublin)	4.
J. O. Henry (Edinburgh)	5.
Hartness (Edinburgh)	6.
White (Edinburgh)	7.
Laidlaw (Edinburgh)	8.

Winner's time—39 mins. 6 sec., and Duggan's was 23 mins. 17 sec.