

HARRIERS.

EAST OF SCOTLAND RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP.

There was plenty of enthusiasm displayed at Musselburgh Racecourse on Saturday over the tenth annual East of Scotland Relay Championship race. It was a four laps one, with teams of four, each man of whom had to cover $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles roughly, on the grass of the racecourse, on the road, and on a strip of ploughed land. There were sixteen teams from thirteen clubs, the following being represented by two quartets:—Edinburgh Northern Harriers (holders), Cameron Highlanders, and Edinburgh Southern; and the Forthdale Harriers, Gala Linlithgow, Dundee Thistle, Penicuik, Heriot's C.C., Edinburgh Harriers, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., the Edinburgh Rover Scouts, and Canon A.S.C. had one team each.

Edinburgh Northern Harriers had returned the M'Kenzie Trophy, which was won outright by them a year ago, for annual competition, and Mr George M'Kenzie, the old cross-country athlete, the donor of the trophy, was there to start the runners. Other officials included Mr George Hume, Mr G. M. Grant, Mr George Aitche, and Mr David Taylor.

It was a capital race. The leaders at the close of the first lap were J. F. Wood, Heriot's, who was twenty yards ahead of T. Whittan, Dundee Thistle, with A. T. Armstrong, Edinburgh Northern, five yards behind. The second lap leaders were R. Bell, Dundee Thistle; W. Mitchell, Heriot's; and P. Addison, Edinburgh Northern. At that stage Dundee Thistle were leading on team points. At the close of the third lap, thanks to a great effort by G. Lothian, the Northern were in command. The first three men home for the next lap were G. Lothian, Northern; J. M. Peirce, Dundee, ten yards in the rear, and Stanley B. Carr, Heriot's, a 100 yards away. In the final lap the first three to finish were J. S. Smith, Dundee Thistle; T. Mulholland, Edinburgh Northern, and Private Hartine, Cameron Highlanders.

The result was as follows:—1st (championship trophy and medals), Dundee Thistle (R. Bell, J. M. Peirce, J. S. Smith, and T. Whittan), time 57 mins. 28 secs.; 2nd, Edinburgh Northern (G. Lothian, A. T. Armstrong, P. Addison, and T. F. Mulholland), time 57 mins. 36 secs.; 3rd, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders (Sgt. Herminian, Sgt. M'Beath, L.-Cpl. Cameron, and Pte. Harkins), time 59 mins. 8 secs.

The best lap times made were as follows:—J. S. Smith, Dundee Thistle, 14 mins.; T. F. Mulholland, Edinburgh Northern, 14 mins. 7 secs.; J. F. Wood, Heriot's C.C., 14 mins. 12 secs.