

CROSS-COUNTRY

EASTERN RELAY TITLE

NORTHERN HARRIERS WIN

At Penicuik on Saturday 17 teams, representing 13 clubs, contested the Eastern District cross-country ten miles relay championship for the George Mackenzie Trophy.

At the end of the first circuit the two Dundee clubs, Hawkhill and Thistle, led the field. At this stage Edinburgh Harriers were third, Edinburgh University fourth, Gala fifth, and the holders, Edinburgh Northern, sixth. A brilliant second circuit by the Scottish Internationalist, W. Hinde, brought Edinburgh Northern right to the fore, to lead the field at five miles by 34 seconds. G. A. Smith also ran a fast circuit for Edinburgh University to bring them into second place. Although Hinde had put Northern into a winning position in the race, J. P. Laidlaw ensured their ultimate win by running the third 2½ miles in the record time of 12 mins. 45 secs., and increasing his club's lead to 43 seconds from Dundee Thistle, who had gained a place at the expense of the students' team.

Over the final 2½ miles H. McIntosh, Edinburgh Northern, had a comparatively easy task to win, but, taking no chances, he increased his club's lead, and passed the tape 55 seconds ahead of Dundee Thistle's representative, W. D. Slidders. A great race was put up for third place by W. H. Whalley, Edinburgh University, and A. W. Cairns, Edinburgh Harriers. The latter started with a deficit of 21 seconds, and, running brilliantly—in fact, running the best race of his career—passed the student and beat him by fourteen seconds for third place.

This is the third successive year that Edinburgh Northern and Dundee Thistle have finished first and second. Details:—

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Edinburgh Northern Harriers (W. Johnston, 13 mins. 25 secs.; W. Hinde, 12 mins. 50 secs.; J. P. Laidlaw, 12 mins. 45 secs.; H. McIntosh, 13 mins. 8 secs.)—52 mins. 6 secs.
2. Dundee Thistle Harriers (J. M. Adams, 13 mins. 17 secs.; D. Cowan, 13 mins. 23 secs.; D. Curn, 13 mins. 1 sec.; W. D. Slidders, 13 mins. 20 secs.)—53 mins. 1 sec.
3. Edinburgh Harriers (J. T. Suttie, 13 mins. 18 secs.; A. Senter, 13 mins. 36 secs.; A. Ritchie, 13 mins. 29 secs.; A. W. Cairns, 12 mins. 47 secs.)—53 mins. 10 secs.
4. Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds—53 mins. 24 secs.
5. Edinburgh Northern Harriers B, 53 mins. 58 secs.
6. Gala Harriers, 54 mins. 7 secs.; 7. Dundee Hawkhill Harriers, 54 mins. 10 secs.; 8. Dundee Thistle Harriers B, 54 mins. 12 secs.; 9. Edinburgh Southern Harriers, 54 mins. 43 secs.; 10. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 54 mins. 45 secs.; 11. Penicuik Harriers, 55 mins. 40 secs.; 12. Heriot Cross-Country Club, 55 mins. 45 secs.; 13. Edinburgh Rover Sports A.C., 56 mins. 7 secs.; 14. Edinburgh Northern Harriers C, 56 mins. 16 secs.; 15. Warriston Cross-Country Club, 56 mins. 45 secs.; 16. Falkirk Victoria Harriers, 57 mins. 21 secs.; 17. Gala Harriers B, 57 mins. 44 secs.

FASTEST RELAYS

- J. P. Laidlaw, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, 12 mins. 45 secs.
- A. W. Cairns, Edinburgh Harriers, 12 mins. 47 secs.
- W. Hinde, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, 12 mins. 50 secs.
- D. Curn, Dundee Thistle Harriers, 13 mins. 1 sec.
- H. McIntosh, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, 13 mins. 8 secs.
- M. Stewart, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, 13 mins. 11 secs.
- D. Taylor, Dundee Hawkhill Harriers, 13 mins. 14 secs.
- G. Simpson, Dundee Thistle Harriers, 13 mins. 16 secs.
- G. A. Smith, Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds, 13 mins. 17 secs.
- J. M. Adams, Dundee Thistle Harriers, 13 mins. 17 secs.
- J. T. Suttie, Edinburgh Harriers, 13 mins. 18 secs.

At a meeting of the National Cross-Country Union, Eastern District, held after the race, it was decided to run the Eastern seven miles championship at Musselburgh on February 10.