

HARRIERS.

NORTHERN HARRIERS' SUCCESS.

EASTERN JUNIORS TEAM RACE.

THE Edinburgh Northern Harriers gained their sixth victory in the team race of the Eastern District Junior Cross-Country Championship, which was decided over a course of slightly over six miles at Pentcruick. Although it was the first time that it had been held in the district, the race proved a popular one, sixteen teams and at least one individual taking part in the race, which was over a circuit of just over three miles. It was not an especially hard course, but the rapidly softening ground rendered it more difficult than would normally have been the case. It was very much to the liking of the local runner, J. Mercer, of Pentcruick Harriers, who gained a splendid victory, running home well ahead of his nearest rivals. He was accorded a rousing reception from the crowd, who were highly delighted that the title should be won for the first time by a local runner. Mercer, who has been running well all season, has always promised, but this is his first big success.

The team championship came to Edinburgh to the Northern Harriers, who beat the more fancied Southern Harriers and the Dundee sides by an ample margin.

The arrangements were carried through by a host of officials with the utmost precision, among those helping being Messrs T. Jack, president, and G. Dallas, hon. secretary of the National Cross-country Union of Scotland; G. M. Grant, G. Hume, and D. Taylor who were timekeepers, H. J. Scott, the referee, and the joint clerks of the course, J. Kitchin and H. Porteous.

The field comprised 175 runners, who were sent off by Provost Conan, the Fraser Trophy and the medals being presented at the close of the race in the West Street Hall by Mr T. Jack.

The results were:—

Individual Race—1, J. Mercer, Pentcruick H., 32 mins. 10 secs.; 2, J. Brannan, Dundee Hawkhill H., 32 mins. 20 secs.; 3, J. A. Brown, Gala H., 32 mins. 47 secs.; 4, H. Minto, Edinburgh Northern H., 33 mins. 8 secs.; 5, A. Torrance, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., 33 mins. 12 secs.; 6, A. Hay, Dundee Thistle H., 33 mins. 22 secs.; 7, D. B. Mackenzie, Heriot C.C.C., 33 mins. 37 secs.; 8, G. Lethian, Edinburgh Northern, 33 mins. 40 secs.; 9, J. S. Nisbet, Gala H., 33 mins. 45 secs.; 10, J. P. Laidlaw, Edinburgh Northern, 33 mins. 49 secs.

Team Race—1, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, 119 points (H. McIntosh 4, G. Lethian 8, J. P. Laidlaw 10, W. Johnstone 11, C. Hickey 40, J. Crain 46); 2, Dundee Hawkhill Harriers, 135 points (J. Brannan 2, G. Simpkin 17, A. Jamieson 19, G. Hampton 23, T. Barron 36, W. Garland 38); 3, Dundee Thistle H., 140 points (A. Hay 6, J. M. S. Melville 15, J. Adams 20, P. Mill 26, J. Donegan 34, W. Thind 39); 4, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., 145 points (A. Torrance 5, D. Ross 14, J. Reid 18, W. Gibb 28, A. Wishart 35, W. Duncan 43); 5, Edinburgh Southern Harriers, 159 points (R. Laing 12, J. D. Wilson 13, W. Gilson 23, J. S. Reid 27, L. G. Kapelle 37, I. M. Miller 48); 6, Edinburgh Harriers, 304 points (R. Drans 16, A. W. Macpherson 24, G. Mackay 30, J. Fairclair 61, T. McCallum 66, H. S. Scott 107); 7, Edinburgh Under-18s, B. and H., 315 points; 8, Heriot C.C.C., 337 points; 9, Gala Harriers, 343 points; 10, Teviotdale Harriers, 387 points; 11, Canon A.S.C., 417 points; 12, Grange Harriers, 466 points; 13, Pentcruick Harriers, 503 points; 14, Falkirk Victoria Harriers, 507 points; 15, Brahan Harriers, 530 points; 16, Edinburgh Rover Scouts A.C., 684 points.