

# CROSS-COUNTRY

## EASY WIN FOR A. DOW

### EAST OF SCOTLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

#### TEAM EVENT FOR DUNDEE

THERE were some 700 spectators at Musselburgh Racecourse on Saturday, to watch the progress and finish of the 31st annual junior cross-country championship of the East of Scotland, in which 170 runners took part.

Mr Oswald Barclay, secretary of the Lothians Racing Club, had put the suite of rooms in the grandstand at the disposal of the organisers of the meeting, and was to have been present to show his interest in the race by formally starting it. He was prevented from attending through a threat of influenza, and Mr C. Chalmers, president of the National Cross-Country Union of Scotland, was starter and referee. The "old-timers," Messrs G. M. Grant, George Hume, D. Taylor, and W. Dempsey, were timekeepers, and Messrs W. Cooper, J. W. Dickson, J. Ketchen, G. Sandilands, G. Dallas, H. J. Scott, and J. Corcoran were the judges. Messrs T. Jack, G. K. Althie, H. Fraser, and A. Good were marksmen.

Fourteen teams took the field, though unfortunately Heriot's Cross-Country Club had not a full team of six to count, one of their chosen standing down at the last moment. Examinations had intruded. But it is worthy of note that the 13 complete teams actually finished, as well as two individual aspirants to honours. The late arrival of one of the teams led to the men being called back to the shelter of the dressingrooms for a few minutes to allow the latecomers to get ready, and it was half an hour after the advertised starting time that "Go" was heard, and the men sprang off to run round the horseshoe circuit (2¼ mile.)

#### LEADERS SET FAST PACE

By the time they had run half a mile, the field had tailed to the extent of 200 yards. The leaders were setting a great pace, and after one turn of the grass track, A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., had got 30 yards ahead of A. W. Carfrae, Edinburgh Harriers, and these two were clear of a mixed bunch. After the return from the cross-country test the first time, Dow led by 70 yards from Carfrae, both going strongly. The teams which looked best at the second time past the grandstand were Edinburgh Harriers and Edinburgh Southern.

The finish was of the straggling type, for the first man home, Dow, ran in an easy winner by 150 yards in the time of 43 mins. 34 secs. The second man home was D. Dewar, Kirkcaldy Eastbank Harriers, in 44 mins. 21 secs. The third man was Carfrae, 44 mins. 39 secs.

Contrasted with the freshness of the first three men to get home, there was a fair amount of distress shown by a few others. One man fell three yards from the winning-post, and actually crawled on hands and knees for a few feet before rising to barge over, sandwiched in between two opponents.

#### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

	Min.	Secs.
1. A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. ....	43	34
2. D. Dewar, Kirkcaldy Eastbank .....	44	21
3. A. W. Carfrae, Edinburgh Harriers .....	44	39
4. D. H. Ferguson, Edinburgh Northern Harriers .....	45	8
5. G. Sampkin, Dundee Thistle Harriers .....	45	15
6. G. A. Smith, Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds .....	45	19
7. G. Lindsay, Edinburgh Southern Harriers .....	45	26
8. A. Senter, Edinburgh Harriers .....	45	35
9. J. S. D. Nisbet, Gala Harriers .....	45	36
10. C. Johnston, Dundee Thistle Harriers .....	45	56
11. C. Smith, Dundee Hawthill Harriers .....	45	44
12. A. L. Cram, Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds .....	45	50

#### TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

	Points
1. Dundee Thistle Harriers (G. Symphair 5, C. Johnston 10, D. Thomson 14, F. Suttie 17, P. Quinn 21, J. Shepherd 30) .....	97
2. Edinburgh Harriers (A. W. Carfrae 3, A. Senter 8, G. Mackay 16, A. Ritchie 20, A. McPherson 28, T. McCallum 31) .....	106
3. Edinburgh Southern Harriers (G. Lindsay 7, W. Gibson 24, J. S. Reid 26, G. G. Jamieson 27, W. Gilchrist 33, R. Colquhoun 48) .....	163
4. Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds (G. A. Smith 6, A. L. Cram 12, W. H. Whalley 13, G. P. Hall 23, L. H. Liddle 34, T. W. Summers 76) .....	166
5. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers (A. Dow 1, W. Gibb 15, J. Reid 18, J. Adie 23, W. McGregor 47, T. Dewar 83) .....	171
6. Dundee Hawthill Harriers (C. Smith 11, A. Jamieson 29, D. Taylor 38, J. Neilson 39, J. Robertson 41, R. McDonald 56) .....	211
7. Edinburgh Northern Harriers (D. H. Ferguson 4, G. R. Hershough 38, J. Thomson 45, A. A. Laurie 50, R. Carr 51, C. Allan 54) .....	242
8. Kirkcaldy Eastbank Harriers (2. 32, 40, 53, 63, 64) .....	254
9. Terracedale Harriers, 279 points; 10. Gala Harriers, 316 points; 11. Edinburgh Rover Scouts A.C., 539 points; 12. Fendwick Harriers, 565 points; 13. Falkirk Victoria Harriers, 614 points.	