

CROSS-COUNTRY

SUTTIE SMITH'S BROTHER WINS NOVICE TITLE

EGLINTON'S TEAM SUCCESS

THE sixteenth annual novice championship meeting of the National Cross-Country Union of Scotland was held at Hamilton Racecourse on Saturday afternoon over a course of approximately four and three-quarter miles. Recent rains had made the going heavy, but the conditions overhead were good.

Of the 36 clubs entered for the team event only one, Glasgow Transport, failed to start a team, having only two runners forward, who ran as individuals. Thirty-three teams finished, an excellent tribute to the training of the lads.

At two and a half miles C. Smith, of Hawkhill Harriers, led the field, J. Bailo, of Trinity Academicals, and T. Lamb, of Bellahouston, running next in order. In the succeeding mile Smith had drawn clear of his field, and was leading Bailo by 30 yards, S. Kennedy, of Shawfield, now running in third place. Bailo lost ground in the last mile, Smith going further ahead to win by 103 yards from J. E. Farrell, the Maryhill champion, who beat Lamb by ten yards for second place. Farrell finished with a spurt, which brought him up from seventh place.

Smith, who is 19 years of age, is a brother of J. Suttie Smith, the old Scottish champion. He is a slightly-built lad, and his style is distinctly reminiscent of his noted brother. He finished the race very fresh and impressed as having something in hand. Suttie Smith never won this race; he finished second to S. K. Tembe in season 1925-6.

Eglington Harriers won the team honour by reason of their magnificent packing. Their first man home, J. Wallace, finished only twelfth, but all four counting men were inside the first 20. This was the Ayrshire club's second victory in the event, having won in season 1926-7.

Maryhill Harriers who won a year ago did remarkably well to run into second place with a new team. Beith Harriers had probably the hardest luck of all the clubs engaged. They had actually three counting men in the first nine, but their fourth man finished only 88th, which put them back into fourth place.

Details:—

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

	Mins.	Secs.
1. C. Smith, Dundee Hawkhill Harriers ...	26	49.4.5
2. J. E. Farrell, Maryhill Harriers	27	3
3. T. Lamb, Bellahouston Harriers	27	10
4. W. D. Oswald, Victoria Park A.A.C.; 5. S. Kennedy, Shawfield Harriers; 6. D. McEwan, Auchmountain Harriers; 7. H. Morrison, Maryhill Harriers; 8. M. Barr, Beith Harriers; 9. J. Bailo, Trinity Academicals A.C.; 10. P. Allwell, Beith Harriers.		

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

	Pts.
1. Eglington Harriers (J. Wallace 12, W. Martindale 17, J. Wilson 19, W. Fulton 20)	68
2. Maryhill Harriers (J. E. Farrell 1, H. Morrison 6, P. Pandolph 23, R. McPherson 37)	77
3. Victoria Park A.A.C. (W. D. Oswald 3, R. Rogerson 13, J. Woodrow 30, W. Hutchison 45) ...	91
4. Beith Harriers, 112 pts.; 5. Bellahouston Harriers, 125 pts.; 6. Shettleston Harriers, 126 pts.	

The placings of the three Eastern teams competing were:—

	Pts.
13. Penicuik Harriers (W. Gall 22, W. McKenzie 44, A. Anderson 91, J. Hamilton 95)	232
19. Edinburgh Northern Harriers (G. D. Wood 40, M. L. Brethrick 58, W. Hebble 132, J. Webster 144)	374
21. Edinburgh University (L. H. Liddell 25, L. S. Bruce 56, J. M. McDonald 109, I. A. McKnight 158)	388