

CROSS-COUNTRY

EDINBURGH AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

OPENING RACE RESULTS

The eighth season of the Edinburgh and District Cross-Country League was opened at Portobello on Saturday. The distance of the race was officially intended to be four miles, but building schemes and stringent fencing of suitable fields in the vicinity necessitated the curtailment of the course to one of three and a half miles.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, a field of 160 runners lined the starter, Mr Thos. Jack. Underfoot conditions were extremely bad, although the torrential rain had abated prior to the start. J. Gibson, Canon, led from W. Gall, Penicuik, and M. Stewart, Northern, over the first mile. W. Gall soon forged ahead, and coming on to the Promenade to the finish he had a clear lead from W. Gibson, Southern, and W. Hinde, Northern. With a fast sprint to the tape, Gall recorded his first League win by a margin of almost 20 yards from W. Hinde, who was competing in his first open race. W. Gibson was the first man of the winning Southern team to finish, occupying actual third position, one place ahead of his clubmate R. Laing. Internationalist J. P. Laidlaw was the second Northern man to finish, while J. Gibson, Canon, after his efforts early in the race, did well to finish sixth, only 31 seconds behind the winner.

Mr J. W. Dickson, Heriot's, ex-president of the National Cross Country Union, was referee.

Results:—

INDIVIDUALS

| | mins. | secs. |
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| 1. W. Gall, Penicuik Harriers | 22 | 26 |
| 2. W. Hinde, Edinburgh Northern Harriers... | 22 | 39 |
| 3. W. Gibson, Edinburgh Southern Harriers... | 22 | 36 |
| 4. R. Laing, Edinburgh Southern Harriers... | 22 | 49 |
| 5. J. P. Laidlaw, Edinburgh Northern Harriers | 22 | 56 |
| 6. J. Gibson, Canon Athletic Club | 22 | 57 |
| 7. D. B. McKenzie, Heriot's C.C.C. | 23 | 2 |
| 8. J. D. Wilson, Edinburgh Southern Harriers | 23 | 3 |
| 9. I. Ross, Edinburgh Southern Harriers..... | 23 | 6 |
| 10. W. Stormont, Eastbank A.C. | 23 | 7 |

TEAMS

| | Points |
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| 1. Edinburgh Southern Harriers (W. Gibson 3, R. Laing 4, J. D. Wilson 8, I. Ross 9, J. D. Wilson 12, L. C. Kapelle 18) | 54 |
| 2. Edinburgh Northern Harriers (W. Hinde 2, J. P. Laidlaw 5, M. Stewart 11, J. M. Grant 13, W. Johnston 24, A. White 36) | 91 |
| 3. Eastbank Athletic Club (W. Stormont 10, D. Dewar 20, J. Adamson 29, R. Peckles 30, R. Young 31, J. Galloway 37) | 157 |
| 4. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers (J. Reid 17, W. Duncan 21, A. Terrance 25, A. Wishart 32, W. Gibb 35, J. Reid 38) | 168 |
| 5. Penicuik Harriers, 182 points; 6 (equal), Heriot Cross-Country Club, 225 points, and Kirkcaldy Boys' Club 225 points;—8, Edinburgh Rover Scouts A.C., 256 points; 9, Kirkcaldy Old Boys' Club, 280 points; 10, Canon Athletic Sports Club, 282 points; 11, Roslin Harriers, 321 points. | |