

LEAGUE SURPRISE

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Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Win from Edinburgh Southern

Edinburgh Southern Harriers, the present champions, suffered a setback in the opening race of the season under the auspices of the Western Cross-Country League at Kirkcaldy Saturday. They started favourites, but could only take second place to Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers, who were 17 points ahead. Edinburgh Northern finished fourth, despite the fact that they had the individual winner of the race. Edinburgh Rover Scouts put up a sterling performance to take third place, only four points behind Southern, and 17 points ahead of Northern.

For individual honours, J. P. Laidlaw and A. Dow contested a duel, with Laidlaw coming out on top, winning by about 25 yards. C. J. Dye, of Edinburgh Harriers, was the first junior to finish, and in occupying first place he suggests possibilities for the more important district championships later in the season. Improvement was shown by J. Stodart, Northern, who was fourth.

Individuals

	M.	S.
J. P. Laidlaw, Edinburgh Northern Harriers...	23	54
A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers	23	58
C. J. Dye, Edinburgh Harriers	24	0
J. Stodart, Edinburgh Northern Harriers ...	24	17
J. C. Donaldson, Edinburgh Rover Scouts A.C..	24	28
W. Riddell, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers ...	24	30
J. Peacock, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers	24	36
W. Blair, Edinburgh Rover Scouts A.C. ...	24	37
R. Sime, Edinburgh Southern Harriers	24	38
J. Wells, Edinburgh Northern Harriers	24	38
L. G. Kapelle, Edinburgh Southern Harriers...	24	41
A. Archer, Edinburgh Southern Harriers	24	42

Teams

Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers (A. Dow 2, W. Riddell 6, J. Peacock 7, W. Low 17, W. M'Gregor 19, W. Duncan 21)—72 points.

Edinburgh Southern Harriers (R. Sime 9, L. G. Kapelle 11, A. Archer 12, G. A. Dobbie 14, I. Ross 20, A. Hunter 23)—89 points.

Edinburgh Rover Scouts A.C. (J. C. Donaldson 5, W. Blair 8, G. Mochrie 13, F. C. Yeaman 15, J. G. Gray 24, J. Mitchell 28)—93 points.

Edinburgh Northern Harriers (J. P. Laidlaw 1, J. Stodart 4, J. Wells 10, W. Johnston 22, A. B. Leitch 30, W. Heatlie 36)—103 points.

Edinburgh Harriers (C. J. Dye 3, I. Wood 25, D. Smith 26, J. Knox 31, T. Mackay 33, J. Charleston 34)—152 points.

Kirkcaldy Old Boys' Club (D. Moir 16, J. Bell 18, B. R. Cameron 27, G. Carter 29, D. Page 32, J. Ramsay 35)—157 points.

CROSS COUNTRY

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN'S SUCCESS IN LEAGUE RACE

J. P. LAIDLAW WINS AGAIN

KIRKCALDY Y.M.C.A. Harriers, who were without the services of two of their best men in W. Riddell and W. Duncan, made a plucky but vain effort to stave off Edinburgh Southern Harriers' determined challenge in Saturday's Eastern Cross Country League race at Portobello. Edinburgh Southern, present League champions, were defeated rather surprisingly by the Fife champions in the initial race at Kirkcaldy, but on Saturday they turned their deficit of 17 points into a lead in the aggregate of the two races of 17 points.

Edinburgh Northern Harriers were one short of the necessary number to count, and this fact discounted any chance they had of winning. Nevertheless, they did well under the circumstances to finish only twelve points behind the winners. They had the satisfaction, however, of providing the individual winner in J. P. Laidlaw, who also won the Kirkcaldy race. A. Dow, Kirkcaldy, and W. Hinde, Northern, ran up to form in occupying second and third places, while C. J. Dye, Edinburgh, again proved that he is Edinburgh's best candidate for Eastern junior championship honours next month.

Results:—

INDIVIDUALS

	M.	S.
1. J. P. Laidlaw, Edinburgh Northern Harriers...	26	11
2. A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers	26	17
3. W. Hinde, Edinburgh Northern Harriers ...	26	38
4. C. J. Dye, Edinburgh Harriers	26	32
5. H. Shaw, Edinburgh Southern Harriers	26	41
6. G. A. Smith, Edinburgh Northern Harriers ...	26	52
7. W. Blair, Rover Scouts A.C.	26	57
8. A. Archer, Edinburgh Southern Harriers	27	0
9. J. C. Donaldson, Rover Scouts A.C.	27	11
10. J. Peacock, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers ...	27	15

TEAMS

1. Edinburgh Southern Harriers (R. Sims 5, A. Archer 8, G. W. Dobbie 11, W. J. Marshall 12, J. Forbes 13, I. Ross 16)—68 points.

2. Edinburgh Northern Harriers (J. P. Laidlaw 1, W. Hinde 3, G. A. Smith 6, J. Stoddart 12, T. B. Ainslie 24, by default 34)—80 points.

3. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers (A. Dow 2, J. Peacock 10, W. Low 14, W. McGregor 21, T. Dewar 23, D. Pryde 32)—102 points.

4. Rover Scouts A.C. (W. Blair 7, J. C. Donaldson 9, G. Mochrie 17, J. G. Gray 18, F. C. Yeaman 26, J. Mitchell 27)—104 points.

5. Edinburgh Harriers (C. J. Dye 4, J. T. Suttie 19, A. Dippie 25, A. Ritchie 28, D. McPherson 29, J. Knox 31)—156 points.

6. Kirkcaldy Old Boys Club (G. C. Carter 20, J. Bell 22, D. Moir 30, D. Page 33, by default 35, 36)—176 points.

LEAGUE AGGREGATES

Edinburgh Southern Harriers ...	80,	68—157	points
Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers	72,	102—174	points
Edinburgh Northern Harriers ...	103,	80—183	points
Rover Scouts A.C.	93,	104—197	points
Edinburgh Harriers	152,	136—288	points
Kirkcaldy Old Boys Club	157,	176—333	points