

# CROSS-COUNTRY

## EASTERN DISTRICT'S CONCLUDING EVENT

The Eastern District Cross Country League programme was concluded this afternoon, when the third race was decided over a six-mile course from Dr Guthrie's School at Liberton. Over the first two sees Edinburgh Southern had a 37 points lead from Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. and 26 points from Edinburgh Northern. Southern were strongly lanced to retain the title they won from Northern last year. The latter team lacked the services of W. Hyde, and this made their task all the more difficult. J. P. Laidlaw, Northern, who won the first two race, was "tipped" for the unique "hat trick" of individual successes. His closest rival was likely to be A. Dow, Kirkcaldy, who was running his last race before leaving the district. G. A. Smith, Northern, N. Sime and A. Archer, Southern; and W. Blair, Rover Scouts, were other winners likely to be concerned in the finish.

### LIDLAW AGAIN

Parking splendidly, Southern had six men in the first 12 and totalled 47 points to easily retain the League title. Northern finished second with 95 points.

The individual honours went to J. P. Laidlaw, Northern, who won his third successive League race with three seconds to spare from his Fife rival, A. Dow.

The winner's time—22 min. 13 sec.—made it obvious that the race was not run over six miles as planned. Laidlaw has now won premier position in seven League races. Results:

Team Race—1. Edinburgh Southern, 47 points; 2. Edinburgh Northern, 95; 3. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., 97; 4. Kirkcaldy Old Boys' Club, 101; 5. Rover Scouts, 152; 6. Edinburgh Barriers, 174.

Individual—1. J. P. Laidlaw, Northern, time, 22 min. 13 sec.; 2. A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., 22 min. 16 sec.; 3. R. Sime, Southern, 22 min. 29 sec.; 4. A. Archer, Southern, 22 min. 39 sec.; 5. J. C. Donaldson, Rover Scouts, 22 min. 59 sec.; 6. D. Moir, Kirkcaldy Old Boys' Club, 23 min. 2 sec.

Final League Placings—1. Southern, 204 points; 2. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., 271; 3. Northern, 278; 4. Rover Scouts, 349; 5. Kirkcaldy Old Boys' Club, 434; 6. Edinburgh Barriers 462.

# SOUTHERN HARRIERS RETAIN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

The final Eastern League race, decided from Dr Guthrie's School, Liberton, on Saturday, was scheduled to be over a six miles course, but it was impossible to lay out a continuous course of such a length, and the race was restricted to four miles.

In the two former races this season, the individual finishing places had been J. P. Laidlaw, first, and A. Dow second, and on Saturday the result was the same, Laidlaw getting home ahead of Dow by about 20 yards.

The team race was won easily by Southern, the reigning league champions. They entered into the race with a lead of 17 points over Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers, won by the large margin of 48 points from Edinburgh Northern, and retained the league championship with a lead in the aggregate of the three races of 67 points over the runners-up, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A.

Results:—

## INDIVIDUALS

1. J. P. Laidlaw, Edinburgh Northern Harriers. 22 mins 15 secs.
2. A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers. 23 mins 16 secs.
3. H. Sims, Edinburgh Southern Harriers. 23 mins 20 secs

## TEAMS

	Points
1. Edinburgh Southern Harriers (R. Sims 3, A. Archer 4, G. W. Dobbie 7, W. J. Marshall 10, J. Forbes 11, I. Ross 12) .....	47
2. Edinburgh Northern Harriers (J. P. Laidlaw 1, G. A. Smith 8, B. J. Stoddart 13, W. Johnston 20, T. B. Ainslie 23, H. J. McLean 30) .....	95
3. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers (A. Dow 2, J. Peacock 14, T. Dewar 15, W. Low 17, W. McGregor 24, W. Venters 35) .....	97
4. Kirkcaldy Old Boys Club .....	101
5. Edinburgh Rover Scouts A.C. ....	152
6. Edinburgh Harriers .....	174

## LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP (Sandilands Shield)

	Points
1. Edinburgh Southern Harriers (holders) .....	204
2. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers .....	271
3. Edinburgh Northern Harriers .....	278
4. Edinburgh Rover Scouts A.C. ....	349
5. Kirkcaldy Old Boys Club .....	434
6. Edinburgh Harriers .....	462