

# Cross Country League Facts

The Eastern District Cross-Country League brought its twenty-fourth season to a close last Saturday at Kirkcaldy, when the Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds became holders of the Sandilands Shield for the first time.

The League was formed in season 1924-25, when four clubs — Edinburgh Northern, Edinburgh Southern, Edinburgh Harriers, and Heriot's Cross-Country Club —



competed. The last-named, however, have not taken part since 1938-39. In season 1927-28 Mr George Sandilands, of Kirkcaldy, who used to run in the colours of the Edinburgh Harriers, presented a shield for annual competition. The designation of the League was altered from the Edinburgh and District to the Eastern District in 1936-37. Edinburgh Northern have been successful on 12 occasions, the Southern thrice.

Fifty-three races have been run, and of these seven have gone to J. P. Laidlaw (Northern), five each to J. F. Wood (Heriot's) and A. Dow (Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A.), four each to W. D. Patterson (Southern), M. Stewart (Northern), and W. Hinde (Northern); three each to H. M'Intosh (Northern), A. Carfrae (Edinburgh Harriers), and T. H. Braid (University); two each to R. Paterson (Southern) (herewith), A. G. Burns (Northern), D. Ross Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A.), and J. Smart (Southern). Since the present method of scoring was introduced, the lowest winning total in a race is 23 by the Edinburgh Northern in 1926-27.

The seniors of the club were competing in the final league race at Kirkcaldy which resulted in a win for Edinburgh Southern Harriers; 2 University; 3 Caledonians. Individual placings:—1 D. Braid, University; 2 J. Preston, Kirkcaldy Y.M.; 3 E. Lucas, Cale. Team final placings: — Edinburgh Southern 151 points; University 220 points; Kirkcaldy Y.M., 324 points.

## **EASTERN DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE.**

The Eastern District Cross-Country League was formed in Season 1924-1925 under the name of the Edinburgh and District Cross-Country League, the present name being adopted in Season 1936-37. George Sandilands, a former

member of the Edinburgh Harriers, presented a Shield to be known as the "Sandilands" Shield in 1927-1928, to be held by the winning Club.

Edinburgh Southern Harriers winning each successive race have retained the Shield for the present season. Here is the final League table:—

		Reces			T.
		1st	2nd	3rd	
Edinburgh Southern H.	...	35	60	56	151
Edinburgh Univ. H. & H.		78	55	87	220
Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A.	...	103	122	99	324
H.M.S. Caledonia	...	119	115	95	329
Rover Scouts	...	166	157	168	491
Edinburgh Eastern H.	...	208	200	175	583
Edinburgh Harriers	...	230	204	273	707
Edinburgh Northern H.	...	237	263	223	723

### Individuals—

First Race, 4 miles—J. Smart (E.S.H.), 1; W. Brown (E.S.H.), 2; T. H. Braid (E.U.A.C.), 3;

Second Race, 5 miles—J. Smart (E.S.H.), 1; T. J. Logan (E.S.H.), 2; R. F. Wilby (E.U.A.C.), 3.

Third Race, 6 miles—T. H. Braid (E.U.A.C.), 1; J. Preston (K.Y.M.), 2; E. Lucas (H.M.S. Caledonia), 3.