

CROSS-COUNTRY

FALKIRK VICTORIA HARRIERS.—

In spite of the terrible weather conditions prevailing in Scotland last Saturday, Falkirk Victoria Harriers were able to carry on with their running fixture at Camelon when they had the other teams of the Eastern District League as guests in the third and final race of the League. This was the first time the "Vics" have had this fixture allotted to their home grounds. Because of the bad conditions, the six miles trail was only laid between twelve and two o'clock by R. Sinclair, who reported the course very tough and trying, although he had found no dangerous ice patches. At three o'clock Provost Watson fired the gun which sent 80 runners away on a trip which tested the best. The Rowantree Burn forded twice proved a very hard obstacle. However, a close race resulted when Wilkinson, Edin. Northern, beat Crawford and Cleland, both Falkirk Victoria, into second and third places by less than one second. First-year juniors Rankine and Gordon ran well to finish eighth and fourteenth respectively, while R. Sinclair, after having been laying the trail, surprised everyone by landing 26th position in the race and sixth for Falkirk, and so kept in the first team once again. The race was the first full race to be held from the "Vics' " new headquarters at Dorrator Road, Camelon. Full results:—Team results—1, Edinburgh University, 59 pts.; 2, Falkirk Victoria, 71 pts.; 3, Edinburgh Southern, 102 pts. Individuals—1, J. P. Wilkinson, 36 mins. 59 secs.; 2, A. J. Crawford, 37 mins.; 3, D. Cleland, 37 mins. 8 secs. After the race, Provost Watson presented the Edinburgh University with the Sandilands Trophy as winners of the League and he congratulated them and the local runners on having made such a good showing as to enable them to take the runners-up position. He also congratulated the club on their headquarters. Final League results:—1, Edinburgh University, 95 pts.; 2, Falkirk Victoria, 159 pts.; 3, Edinburgh Southern, 228 pts. Crawford (capt.), Edinburgh University, replied to the Provost and thanked the "Vics" for the hard race and good arrangements made. Thereafter, Mr. Horsburgh, president of the E. of S.C.C.U., thanked Provost Watson for the excellent way in which he had carried out his duties.