

ATHLETICS

EASTERN DISTRICT TITLE

TEN MILES RELAY RACE

With the result in doubt until the last few yards, the thirteenth race for the George Mackenzie Trophy and the Eastern District 10 Miles Relay Championship at Redford Barracks on Saturday was one of the most interesting of the series.

Seventeen teams started, and over the first circuit of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles J. M. Peirie, Dundee Thistle Harriers, gained a lead of 70 yards from J. Mercer, Penicuik, with J. P. Laidlaw, Edinburgh Northern, a further 30 yards behind. In the subsequent three laps Penicuik fell badly away, but a fine struggle was waged for premier place, with Dundee Thistle endeavouring to hold their position and Edinburgh Northern Harriers steadily cutting into their lead. G. Lothian and A. T. Armstrong reduced the lee-way over the second and third circuits respectively, and on leaving for the last lap H. M'Intosh, Northern, was a bare ten yards behind Dundee Thistle's fourth man, A. Hay. M'Intosh was soon on level terms, and returned the latest lap time to win by five yards, Hay's time being only three seconds worse.

Northern's win was all the more meritorious since they were deprived of the services of their leader, M. Stewart, through illness. Their team, however, rose gallantly to the occasion, and M'Intosh's brilliant running over the last circuit was a most opportune return to his best form.

Edinburgh Southern, finishing sixth over the first lap, improved their position with each lap to gain third place. W. H. Whalley did well for Edinburgh University H. and H. to finish fifth on the first circuit, but the team fell back to eighth place until J. K. Hewitt went off on the final circuit and brought the University up to fourth place. Results:—

	Mins.	Secs.
1. Edinburgh Northern Harriers (J. P. Laidlaw, 15 mins. 49 secs.; G. Lothian, 16 mins. 8 secs.; A. T. Armstrong, 16 mins. 49 secs.; H. M'Intosh 15 mins. 29 secs.)	64	15
2. Dundee Thistle Harriers (J. M. Peirie, 15 mins. 32 secs.; W. D. Sidders, 16 mins. 21 secs.; J. M. Adams, 16 mins. 52 secs.; A. Hay, 15 mins. 32 secs.)	64	17
3. Edinburgh Southern Harriers (W. Gibson, 16 mins. 10 secs.; R. Lalog, 16 mins. 42 secs.; A. N. Crovie, 16 mins. 32 secs.; I. Ross, 16 mins. 15 secs.)	65	39
4. Edinburgh University H. and H. (W. H. Whalley, 16 mins. 6 secs.; O. T. Stadart, 16 mins. 48 secs.; A. Macrae, 17 mins. 18 secs.; J. K. Hewitt, 15 mins. 35 secs.)...	65	47
5. Edinburgh Harriers (J. T. Suttie, 15 mins. 56 secs.; H. Mackenzie, 16 mins. 44 secs.; A. W. MacPherson, 16 mins. 58 secs.; A. Bentler, 16 mins. 10 secs.)	65	48

6. Edinburgh Northern Harriers B (W. Johnston, 16 mins. 23 secs.; W. Morris, 16 mins. 28 secs.; C. Hickey, 16 mins. 59 secs.; P. Addison, 16 mins. 34 secs.)	66	24
7. Gala Harriers	66	29
8. Edinburgh Southern B	66	43
9. Harist's C.C.C.	66	57
10. Dundee Hawthall Harriers	67	25
11. Penicuik Harriers	68	41
12. Grange Harriers	69	9
13. Edinburgh Rover Scouts	69	19
14. Canon A.S.C.	69	42
15. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A.	70	36
16. Falkirk Victoria Harriers	71	11
17. Terioldale Harriers	72	5

Fastest lap times—H. McIntosh (E.N.H.), 15 mins. 29 secs.; 2 (equal), J. M. Petrie and A. Hay (Dundee Thistle), 15 mins. 32 secs.; 4, J. K. Hewitt (E.U.H. and H.), 15 mins. 35 secs.; 5, J. Mercer (Penicuik H.), 15 mins. 45 secs.; 6, J. P. Laidlaw (E.N.H.), 15 mins. 49 secs.; 7, J. T. Suttle (E.H.), 15 mins. 56 secs.

EASTERN HARRIERS' RELAY

Dundee Thistle's Chances

The Fastest Lap —Who?

BY "SLIP" SAXON.

The Eastern District 10-mile cross-country relay championship for the Mackenzie Trophy will be run from Redford Barracks' Recreation Ground, Edinburgh, on Saturday.

The donor of the trophy, Mr George Mackenzie, Edinburgh, who was a Scottish internationalist on nine occasions, will start the runners on their course at 2.45 p.m. A typical cross-country course of grass and plough land has been laid out for the race the only stretch of road being shortly after the start of the 2½-mile circuit.

Eighteen teams have been entered, including Edinburgh Northern Harriers (two teams), Edinburgh Southern Harriers (two teams), Edinburgh Harriers, Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds, Edinburgh Rover Scouts' A.C., Heriot's Cross-Country Club, Canon Athletic Sports Club, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' A.C., Dundee Thistle Harriers, Dundee Hawkhill Harriers, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers, Falkirk Victoria Harriers, Grange Harriers, Penicuik Harriers, Teviotdale Harriers and Gala Harriers.

Last Year's Victors.

Edinburgh Northern Harriers, present holders of the Mackenzie Trophy, have won the Eastern Relay championship five times, Edinburgh Southern Harriers three times, Dundee Thistle Harriers twice, and Gala Harriers, Falkirk Victoria Harriers and Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds once each.

Edinburgh Northern Harriers will be represented by the quartette which carried their colours to victory at Corstorphine last year namely, Murdo Stewart, the Scottish ex-internationalist, John Laidlaw, the track internationalist, George Lothian and Harry M'Intosh.

Edinburgh Southern Harriers and Dundee Thistle Harriers are the only two clubs likely to challenge the supremacy of the Northern combination. The Thistle club will be represented by J. M. Petrie, A. Hay, J. Adams and W. Slidders. J. M. Petrie ran the third fastest lap in the last Eastern relay race.

In the club trial for the present race Hay finished within ten seconds of Petrie over 2½ miles. Adams was another ten seconds away, while Slidders was only six seconds short of Adams' time. On this form Thistle has a good chance of running Edinburgh Northern close, and more than an outside chance of bringing down the champions.

The Fastest Lap.

There will be tremendous competition for the honour of running the fastest lap, despite the fact that J. F. Wood (Heriot's C.C.C.), the S.A.A.A. 10-mile champion, who clocked fastest time last year, will not run for his club.

Murdo Stewart (Northern), second fastest in 1930, will be "on the job" again, but his clubmate J. P. Laidlaw, may beat him and thus make victory for Northern even more assured. J. M. Petrie (Thistle) will, of course, have to be taken into consideration here, while several of the younger brigade will be out to air their paces.

J. K. Hewitt (Edinburgh 'Varsity), the Scottish Novice champion, will make his first appearance in an Eastern championship race, and will not be far away from fastest-up. J. Mercer (Penicuik H.), the Eastern champion, will make a bold bid, followed by his improving clubmate, W. Gall, and the Gala pair, W. A. P. Sanderson and J. A. Brown, are sure to give a good account of themselves.