

# HARRIERS

## EAST RELAY TITLE

### NORTHERN'S SIXTH SUCCESSIVE VICTORY

#### CARSTAIRS'S FINE RUNNING

Edinburgh Northern Harriers emphasised their well-established superiority in the East with another sound victory—the sixth in succession—in the district cross-country relay championship on Saturday in Kirkcaldy. The win was every bit as comfortable as the margin of 29 seconds over Dundee Thistle Harriers and 39 seconds over Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds suggests.

Neither of the Northern's two internationals—J. P. Laidlaw, the national three miles champion, and W. Hinde—was concerned, as might have been expected, in the fastest lap, which was run again by A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., another Scottish internationalist and former 10 miles track champion, who, in returning 14 mins. 52 secs., beat C. M. Carstairs's first lap time of 15 mins. 5 secs. by 13 seconds, and D. B. Mackenzie's first lap time of 15 mins. 7 secs. by 15 secs. All four Northern men, however, were in the first ten fastest times.

#### AN INTERESTING RACE

It was always an interesting race because of, rather in spite of, the "Who's going to be second?" aspect it assumed at the end of the first lap when D. H. Ferguson, Northern's first man, finished fourth within striking distance of the leaders, Carstairs, University, and Mackenzie, Heriot's, and A. Hay, Thistle. And even when, at the end of the second lap, the championship looked to the discerning spectator as good as decided, with Northern, thanks to a strong lap by their novice champion, J. Baillo, leading from Dundee Thistle and University, excitement was maintained by the fight going on in the rear of the race between those clubs placed unexpectedly far back by the off-form running of early men. There was always the expectation of a third or fourth man running a remarkable lap to retrieve the position of his club. The expectation was not, however, realised. In the third lap W. Hinde, A. Donnet, and J. W. Martin maintained the placings of the leaders, and J. P. Laidlaw was left with little to do to win from the Thistle's fourth man, A. Whitecross, the 1934 Youths' Champion, and the University's fourth man, C. A. Smith.

#### NORTHERN'S BALANCED TEAM

Northern, by their all-round excellence and team balance—only 13 seconds covered their four men—were worthy of this, their ninth, victory in the event. But little behind them in team balance and consistency, with 17 seconds covering the times of their men, Dundee Thistle were very good runners-up, without threatening to break the winners' series of successes. Of the University, whose third place was one of their best performances in the championship, it can be said, without any reflection on the running of the other three, particularly Smith, they owed their success to the magnificently inspiring first lap of the former Watson's College athletics champion, Carstairs. His running was quite the feature of the afternoon, tending by its unexpectedness to overshadow the very fine performance of Alexander Dow in running the best lap.

There were one or two unexpected failures, notably of Edinburgh Southern Harriers, who, in finishing sixth, ran below the form that gained them third place last year, and Edinburgh Harriers, who were as far back as eleventh. J. T. Suttie, the Scottish two miles steeplechase champion, ran a surprisingly disappointing first leg for so consistent a runner, and finished thirteenth. A. W. Carfrae, taking the third stretch, was left with too much to do, and in returning 15 mins. 29 secs. ran well within himself.

Details:—

#### RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP

##### MACKENZIE TROPHY

1. Edinburgh Northern, holders (D. H. Ferguson 15.18, J. Baillo 15.22, W. Hinde 15.21, J. P. Laidlaw 15.9.) 61 mins. 10 secs.

2. Dundee Thistle (A. Hay 15.13, D. Coburn 15.29, A. Donnet 15.27, A. Whitecross 15.30.) 61 mins. 39 secs.

3. Edinburgh University (C. M. Carstairs 15.5, I. M. McDonald 15.44, J. W. Martin 15.52, G. A. Smith 15.8.) 61 mins. 49 secs.

4. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. (W. Duncan 15.35, T. Dewar 15.33, D. Pryde 16.4, A. Dow 14.52.) 62 mins. 4 secs.

5. Dundee Hawkhill, 53 mins. 3 secs.; 6. Edinburgh Southern, 63 mins. 6 secs.; 7. Edinburgh Northern B, 63 mins. 33 secs.; 8. Eastbank A.A.C., 64 mins. 4 secs.; 9. Heriot's C.C.C., 64 mins. 11 secs.; 10. Edinburgh Rover Scouts, 64 mins. 16 secs.; 11. Edinburgh Harriers, 64 mins. 26 secs.; 12. Edinburgh Southern Harriers B, 64 mins. 34 secs.; 13. Edinburgh Eastern Harriers, 66 mins.; 14. Gala Harriers, 66 mins. 3 secs.

Gordon Highlanders did not finish.

##### FASTEST LAPS

	Mins.	Secs.
1. A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. ....	14	52
2. C. M. Carstairs, E.U.H. and H....	15	5
3. D. B. Mackenzie, Heriot's C.C.C.	15	7
4. C. A. Smith, E.U.H. and H. ....	15	8
5. J. P. Laidlaw, E.N.H. ....	15	9
6. C. Smith, Hawkhill .....	15	11
7. A. Hay, Dundee Thistle .....	15	13
8. D. H. Ferguson, E.N.H. ....	15	18
9. W. Hinde, E.N.H. ....	15	21
10. J. Baillo, E.N.H. ....	15	22
11. W. H. Whalley, Rov. Scouts A.C.	15	23
12. J. Wilson, E.S.H. ....	15	26