

CROSS-COUNTRY

EAST TEN MILES TITLE

SUCCESS FOR DUNDEE THISTLE

EDINBURGH NORTHERN SECOND

DUNDEE THISTLE HARRIERS won the 18th annual Eastern District ten miles cross-country championship for the George Mackenzie Trophy at Musselburgh on Saturday. In the last five successive races the Dundonians have been second to Edinburgh Northern Harriers, who, on Saturday, brought their run of successes to a conclusion by occupying second place.

The success of the Dundee club is mainly attributable to the inclusion of J. M. Petrie, the former professional distance runner, who took over for the last sector of 2½ miles with a lead of 11 seconds from Northern Harrier, J. P. Laidlaw, who has been in each of the last six winning teams. Laidlaw went off in great style, and actually got in front of Petrie about half distance. The Dundee runner, however, started to increase his pace over the fields, and again drew away from Laidlaw, who was unable to match his opponent's pace. Petrie continued to run strongly, and finished with a lead of approximately ninety yards.

UNIVERSITY IN LEAD

Over the first relay, G. M. Carstairs, Edinburgh University, led by a few yards from A. W. Carfrae, Edinburgh Harriers, with Dundee Thistle third, Heriot's fourth, and Edinburgh Northern as far back as ninth place.

A. Whitecross brought Dundee Thistle into the lead in the next relay, with the students in second place and Rover Scouts third. D. H. Ferguson gained five places for Northern, bringing them up to fourth position, which was further improved to second place at 7½ miles by W. Hinde.

The Dundee runners held on to their lead, however, by a margin of 11 seconds, which was sufficient for Petrie to win over the last lap.

Dundee Thistle have not won out of their turn. Their last win was in 1929. With Petrie in their team, they are likely again to constitute a strong challenge for the National Championship in March. Petrie, before running professional, ran for Scotland in a cross-country international.

Result:—

TEAMS

1. Dundee Thistle Harriers (A. Hay 15 mins 18 secs, A. Whitecross 15 mins 22 secs, A. M. Doucet 15 mins 11 secs, J. M. Petrie 14 mins 35 secs, 63 mins 21 secs).
2. Edinburgh Northern Harriers, holders (C. S. Clark 15 mins 45 secs, D. H. Ferguson 15 mins 23 secs, W. Hinde 14 mins 51 secs, J. P. Laidlaw 14 mins 38 secs, 60 mins 37 secs).
3. Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds (G. M. Carstairs 15 mins 8 secs, J. W. Martin 15 mins 33 secs, L. S. Bruce 13 mins 20 secs, G. A. Smith 14 mins 41 secs, 60 mins 42 secs).
4. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers (W. Duncan 15 mins 36 secs, T. Dewar 15 mins 38 secs, W. Law 15 mins 15 secs, A. Dow 14 mins 42 secs, 61 mins 39 secs).
5. Edinburgh Southern Harriers (G. P. Jamieson 15 mins 41 secs, J. Ross 15 mins 36 secs, R. Sims 15 mins 32 secs, G. Lindsay 15 mins 13 secs, 62 mins 2 secs).
6. Dundee Hawkhill Harriers (J. McGregor 16 mins 20 secs, G. Smith 15 mins 32 secs, G. Haskett 15 mins 33 secs, J. S. Smith 15 mins 8 secs, 62 mins 27 secs).
7. Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds A team (I. H. Macdonald 15 mins 35 secs, J. W. Gibson 16 mins, G. G. Gardiner 15 mins 33 secs, J. Davidson 15 mins 31 secs, 62 mins 39 secs).
8. Edinburgh Rover Scouts A.C. (Rev. W. H. Whalley 15 mins 26 secs, G. Mochrie 15 mins 32 secs, F. Wilson 16 mins 8 secs, W. Blair 15 mins 39 secs, 62 mins 45 secs).
9. Heriot Cross Country Club (D. B. Mackenzie 15 mins 26 secs, J. Warling 16 mins 15 secs, W. R. G. Harvey 15 mins 44 secs, A. M. Thomson 15 mins 31 secs, 62 mins 55 secs).
10. Edinburgh Harriers (A. W. Carfrae 15 mins 9 secs, J. T. Suttie 16 mins 16 secs, C. J. Doo 15 mins 30 secs, E. Strathouse 16 mins 23 secs, 63 mins 18 secs).
11. Edinburgh Southern Harriers A team, 63 mins 59 secs.
12. Gah Harriers, 63 mins 44 secs.
13. Perth City Harriers, 63 mins 18 secs.
14. Falkirk Victoria Harriers, 68 mins 48 secs.

FASTEST LAPS

1. J. M. Petrie, Dundee Thistle Harriers, 14 mins 35 secs.
2. J. P. Laidlaw, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, 14 mins 38 secs.
3. G. A. Smith, Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds, 14 mins 41 secs.
4. A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 14 mins 42 secs.
5. W. Hinde, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, 14 mins 51 secs.
6. J. Suttie Smith, Dundee Hawkhill Harriers, 15 mins 2 secs.
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