

# CROSS-COUNTRY

## EASTERN DISTRICT RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP

### EDINBURGH NORTHERN WIN BY TWO SECONDS

As expected Edinburgh Northern Harriers won the Eastern District Ten Miles Relay Championship, decided at Liberton, on Saturday, although they were rather lucky to do so. Over the last lap of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles, A. M. Donnet, Dundee Thistle, started off almost 200 yards behind the Northern man, G. A. Smith. Running the fastest race of the day, Donnet gained rapidly, and in the finishing straight came up almost to Smith's heels. Smith, however, managed to hold off Donnet's strong challenge, and broke the tape about 12 yards ahead.

The finish was the only thrilling part of the race. Over the first lap, J. Stoddart gave Northern a lead of 5 seconds from the Southern's new find, G. W. Dobbie, with D. Gowans, Dundee Thistle, a further 8 seconds behind. In this lap, Biddle Smith, Hawkhill Harriers, and G. Mochrie, Rover Scouts, went off the trail and lost about 60 yards. J. P. Laidlaw increased the Northern's lead by 20 seconds over the next relay, in which Dundee Thistle, through A. Hay, came up into second place. Northern's third man, W. Hinde, still further increased their lead, allowing their last man to go off 34 seconds ahead of Dundee Thistle. Donnet, Dundee Thistle, ran the last lap 32 seconds faster than Smith, and his failure to win was one of the most plucky ever seen.

A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A., put in a remarkable last lap, bringing his club from eighth to fourth place at the finish. - Edinburgh Southern's team ran consistently well to occupy third place.

#### Results:—

1. Edinburgh Northern Harriers, holders (J. Stoddart 15 mins 43 secs, J. P. Laidlaw 15 mins 18 secs, W. Hinde 15 mins 46 secs, G. A. Smith 15 mins 42 secs); 62 mins 29 secs.

2. Dundee Thistle Harriers (D. Gowans 15 mins 36 secs, A. Hay 15 mins 30 secs, N. Ewen 15 mins 55 secs, A. M. Donnet 15 mins 10 secs); 62 mins 31 secs.

3. Edinburgh Southern Harriers (G. W. Dobbie 15 mins 48 secs, R. Sims 15 mins 58 secs, I. Ross 15 mins 55 secs, A. Archer 15 mins 30 secs); 63 mins 11 secs.

4. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers (W. Biddle 16 mins 20 secs, W. Duncan 15 mins 56 secs, J. Peacock 16 mins 14 secs, A. Dow 15 mins 19 secs); 63 mins 49 secs.

5. Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds (P. I. Uren 16 mins, D. F. Wood 16 mins 7 secs, J. W. Gibson 15 mins 52 secs, C. C. Gardiner 15 mins 55 secs); 63 mins 54 secs.

6. Edinburgh Rover Scouts A.C. (G. Mochrie 16 mins, P. C. Yeaman 16 mins 14 secs, W. Blair 16 mins 3 secs, J. C. Donaldson 15 mins 38 secs); 63 mins 55 secs.

7. Dundee Hawkhill Harriers; 64 mins 19 secs.

8. Edinburgh Harriers; 65 mins 4 secs.

9. Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds A Team; 65 mins 40 secs.

Fastest Laps—1. A. M. Donnet, Dundee Thistle, 15 mins 10 secs; 2. J. P. Laidlaw, Edinburgh Northern, 15 mins 18 secs; 3. A. Dow, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. H., 15 mins 19 secs.