

# EASTERN DISTRICT RELAY

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THE Eastern District Relay Championship for the George McKenzie Trophy was held at Kirkcaldy on 4th December, 1948.

A second entry of 22 teams was received, and specially welcome were Strathtay Harriers, a new club from Perth, with two teams.

The first lap runners were sent off to a good start by Chief Constable Baldie, of Kirkcaldy.

Edinburgh University led throughout to score a convincing win by over 200 yds. from the holders, Edinburgh Southern. This was University's second success in the event, their previous win being in 1921.

The result of the race was never in doubt, thanks to a splendid first lap by R. F. Wilby in which he led J. Sanderson, Gala, by 65 yards, with Scottish half-mile champion, J. Smart, Southern, 20 yards further behind.

At the end of the second lap, University "B" had moved up into second place, with Southern still third. Kirkcaldy Y.M. and Northern picked up several places to put themselves within striking distance of the leaders, while Caledonia were also lying handy in sixth position. The third lap saw Southern move up into second place, 85 yards behind University, with University "B" the same distance away, third. Kirkcaldy maintained their 4th position over this lap.

Tom Braid, Eastern District Junior Champion, set off on the last lap, followed by W. L. Brown, and although Brown had a grand bid and closed the gap to within 25 yards out in the country, Braid proved too strong for him, and finally ran out a fairly easy winner, to record

joint second fastest time. University "B" held their position to finish third, with Kirkcaldy, fourth, once again just missing the medals.

The following are the results:—

1. **Edinburgh Univ. H. & H.**—(R. F. Wilby 15.44; G. Young 16.24; R. R. Rowles 16.56; T. H. Braid 15.57).—65 mins. 1 sec.
  2. **Edinburgh Southern H.**—J. Smart 16.01; J. Pearson 16.51; T. J. Logan 16.29; W. L. Brown 16.22).—65 mins. 43 secs.
  3. **Edinburgh University "B."**—A. Cumming 16.08; W. Parkes 16.36; R. Naylor 16.54; R. J. Sherwin 16.11).—65 mins. 49 secs.
  4. **Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. H.**—W. E. Duncan 16.38; D. Beveridge 16.21; P. Husband 16.54; J. Preston 16.14).—66 mins. 7 secs.
  5. **Gala H.**—J. Sanderson 15.57; D. Murray 17.42; G. Wintrup 16.47; W. Scott 16.37).—67 mins. 3 secs.
  6. **H.M.S. Caledonia.**—D. F. Lucas 16.30; C. Howarth 16.33; A. A. Humphreys 17.32; R. J. Pasely 16.29).—67 mins. 4 secs.
  7. **Edinburgh Southern "B."**—W. J. Marshall 16.54; H. Robertson 16.47; W. A. Robertson 16.36; G. Mitchell 17.03).—67 mins. 20 secs.
  8. **Edinburgh Southern "C."**—J. Lindsay 17.05; G. Boyle 16.57; J. Kay 16.48; T. Henderson 17.11).—68 mins. 1 sec.
  9. **H.M.S. Condor.**—N.A.A. Humphries 16.43; N.A.A. West 17.11; N.A.A. O'Brien 17.10; N.A.A. Weller 17.02).—68 mins. 6 secs.
  10. **Edinburgh Rover & Scouts.**—C. Jones 16.43; R. Pearson 16.55; W. Linton 17.11; G. Strachan 17.20).—68 mins. 9 secs.
  11. **Edinburgh Northern H.**—D. Dick 16.33; W. Messer 16.27; S. B. Robertson 17.37; G. Aithie 17.38).—68 mins. 15 secs.
  12. **Dundee Thistle H.**—C. D. Robertson 16.23; D. Gowans 16.55; C. Donnet 17.13; J. Taylor 17.49).—68 mins. 20 secs.
  13. **Dundee Hawkhill H.**—J. McVie 17.20; A. Blyth 17.43; N. Scott 16.46; G. Crichon 16.34).—68 mins. 23 secs.
  14. **Edinburgh University "C."**—J. Thin 16.34; J. Waterson 17.14; D. Chambers 17.36; G. Walker 17.05).—68 mins. 29 secs.
  15. **Strathay H.**—I. Newton 17.05; J. S. McKechnie 17.15; R. Pickard 18.04; F. Sime 16.32).—68 mins. 56 secs.
  16. **H.M.S. Caledonia "B."**—G. J. Frampton 16.54; B. J. Willis 16.41; R. C. Clark 18.16; F. Evans 17.18).—69 mins. 9 secs.
  17. **H.M.S. Caledonia "C."**—R. J. Wilde 17.36; J. A. Wyatt 17.38; F. Meaden 17.49; P. L. Bennison 17.14).—70 mins. 17 secs.
  18. **St. Andrews University.**—De Crespigny 18.14; R. Templeton 17.41; W. Volume 17.31; J. Buchan 17.20).—70 mins. 45 secs.
  19. **Strathay "B."**—J. Dick 17.30; N. Campbell 18.05; M. King 17.41; D. MacBeth 18.22).—71 mins. 38 secs.
  20. **H.M.S. Caledonia "D."**—A. F. Plummeridge 17.34; A. McDonald 18.27; E. F. Prestridge 17.48; J. Single 18.43).—72 mins. 32 secs.
  21. **Edinburgh H.**—A. Dippie 17.48; R. Epton 18.19; I. Wilson 17.45; J. Elmes 18.44).—72 mins. 36 secs.
- Edinburgh Eastern H.**—R. Stark 17.21; F. Donaghy 17.41; A. A. Falconer 25.43).—Did not finish team.

**Fastest Times.**—1, R. F. Wilby 15.44; 2, J. Sanderson and T. H. Braid 15.57; 4, J. Smart 16.01; 5, A. Cumming 16.08; 6, R. J. Sherwin 16.11; 7, J. Preston 16.14; 8, D. Beveridge 16.21; 9, W. L. Brown 16.22; 10, C. D. Robertson 16.23.