

EASTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Eastern District twelfth annual Junior Cross-Country Championship took place from, and terminated within, the Edinburgh University Field, Craiglockhart, Edinburgh, on Saturday afternoon, before some 200 spectators. The course was one of about 7½ miles, and it held this advantage, that the runners passed through the field at the half-distance, the route being a double one. Eleven teams turned out, and they had full complements necessary for counting. Twelve runners each was the maximum, and six the minimum. The principal officials of the National Cross-Country Union were present, and of them Mr A. Ross Scott (C.H.) and Mr G. Hume (B. and D.H.) were the timekeepers, and Mr D. Taylor (hon. secretary) was the clerk of the course.

W. S. Grant, Waverley Harriers, was at the head of the pack on leaving the enclosure, with W. G. Dawson (Edinburgh Harriers) one yard behind. On re-entering the field on the return journey, Grant had increased his advantage, and was running strongly 30 yards in advance of Dawson, who kept pugging away as second man. Once again on the road, the men moved freely, and on passing the entrance of the road leading to the grounds, the Edinburgh Northern Harriers had established themselves firm favourites for the team championship, running with seven men out of the first fifteen competitors, and all men of good standing. The runners were soon lost to sight, but on coming into view again Grant was holding tenaciously to his lead, with Dawson following hard behind. Grant reached the tape practically unchallenged, his time being returned as 43 mins. 41½ secs.; Dawson (E.H.) was second, and his time was 44 mins. 16 secs.; Aitchison (Gala H.) third, time 44 mins. 47 secs.; Hendry (K.H.) fourth, time 44 mins. 53 secs.; Gordon (K.N.H.) fifth, time 45 mins. 2 secs.; Venn (E.N.H.) sixth, Morrison (Grange Harriers) seventh, W. Bruce (E.N.H.) eighth, Reidie (K.H.) ninth, T. Murphy (E.N.H.) tenth, Marshall (Victoria Harriers, Falkirk) eleventh, Garland (V.H., Falkirk) twelfth, and Munro (K.N.H.) thirteenth. Munro's arrival made the Edinburgh Northern Harriers' position as the champion team unassailable. They acquitted themselves well. Details:—

The champion, William S. Grant (Waverley Harriers.) The team results were as follows:—1, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, 46 points (places, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 10th, and 19th.) Their previous success was in 1908, with 68 points.

2, Victoria Harriers, Falkirk, 133 points; 3, Edinburgh Harriers, 156 points; 4, Edinburgh Southern Harriers, 176 points; 5, Gala Harriers, 200 points; 6, Waverley C.C.C., 242 points; 7, Waverley Harriers, 245 points; 8, Thistle Harriers, Dundee, 288 points; 9, Grange Harriers, 310 points; 10, Harlot's C.C.C., 440 points. Shillingburgh Central Harriers did not finish.