

# CROSS-COUNTRY

## EDINBURGH TEAM WINS EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

### A. W. CARFRAE'S VICTORY IN INDIVIDUAL EVENT

A FEATURE of the Eastern District Cross Country Championship, run over a seven miles course at Colinton, on Saturday, was the success of the favourites, Edinburgh Southern Harriers, in the team race, and A. W. Carfrae, Edinburgh Harriers, in the individual championship. Edinburgh Southern won the team championship by the margin of one point from Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds, who, in finishing so close, gave the best performance of their career in the series. Dundee Hawkhill Harriers, second last year, were presumed to have a chance of the premier honours on this occasion, but at no time did they appear in the race to have a winning chance. They finished third, 75 points behind the winners.

It is thirty years since the Eastern individual championship was won by an Edinburgh Harrier, and Carfrae's victory on Saturday, after such a long interval, was exceedingly welcome to his club, who, at the beginning of this season, celebrated the fiftieth year of their formation. The winner graduated to his success by consistent progress. In the 1934 race he was third, and last year second.

#### SOUTHERN HARRIERS' HONOURS

Edinburgh Southern Harriers have been on the verge of team championship success for several years. Their last win was recorded in 1930, and in 1933 they were second to Hawkhill Harriers at Dundee. In 1934 and again last year they occupied third place. They were fortunate in having at their disposal the same team that was placed in the last race, and, with the acquisition of R. Sime, who has in his first season won their club novice championship and led his team to success in the district championship, their confidence to annex premier honours is well justified.

G. M. Carstairs and G. A. Smith, Edinburgh University, were expected to run well, and they performed even above expectations in taking second and third place medals. D. B. Mackenzie, Heriot's, was most unfortunate. He was reckoned the most likely runner in the field to deprive Carfrae of his expected victory, and at the end of the first circuit of three and a half miles, Carfrae, in 21 mins. 2 secs., had only a few yards' lead from the Heriotier.

#### MACKENZIE'S LEG INJURED

Unknown to the spectators, however, Mackenzie had badly gashed his leg on a gate, and on entering the second lap the pain of his wound, which later required stitching, began to tell, and slowed him up considerably. In fact, it may be said that it robbed him of whatever chance he had of winning, and that he was able to finish in fourth position reflects creditably on his pluck and determination.

At the end of the first circuit, following Carfrae and Mackenzie, were G. M. Carstairs, University; R. Sime, Southern; G. A. Smith, University; W. Riddell, Eastbank; J. A. Brown, Gala; and W. H. Whalley, Rover Scouts. A check-up on the team placings at this juncture showed Edinburgh Southern counting 95 points, University 103 points, and Dundee Hawkhill Harriers 121 points.

Over the final circuit Carfrae opened up a long lead from Mackenzie, who was passed by both Carstairs and Smith, while J. A. Brown, Gala, and G. Lindsay, Southern, came ahead of R. Riddell, Eastbank. Both Southern and University gained places in the last three miles, but Hawkhill Harriers receded in the team counting.

Results:—

#### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. A. W. Carfrae, Edinburgh Harriers—Time, 42 mins. 45 secs.
2. G. M. Carstairs, Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds—43 mins. 21 secs.
3. G. A. Smith, Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds—43 mins. 34 secs.
4. D. B. Mackenzie, Heriot Cross Country Club—43 mins. 54 secs.
5. R. Sime, Edinburgh Southern Harriers—44 mins. 9 secs.
6. J. A. Brown, Gala Harriers—44 mins. 17 secs.

#### TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (FRASER TROPHY)

1. Edinburgh Southern Harriers (R. Sime, 5; G. Lindsay, 7; J. D. Wilson, 10; J. S. Reid, 11; W. Shaw, 23; L. G. Kapelle, 33); 88 points.
2. Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds (G. M. Carstairs, 2; G. A. Smith, 3; J. W. Martin, 13; I. H. McDonald, 19; L. S. Bruce, 25; W. G. Kerr, 28); 89 points.
3. Dundee Hawkhill Harriers (G. Kellier, 14; A. Jamieson, 20; C. Haskett, 21; J. Robertson, 29; G. Smith, 32; J. Bradley, 47); 163 points.
4. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers (J. Peacock, 17; W. Duncan, 23; W. Low, 24; T. Dewar, 30; D. Nairn, 31; R. Stephenson, 32); 177 points.