

EASTERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

The third annual Eastern District Junior Cross-Country Championship was decided on Saturday at Myreside, and the scene is the same as last year—when the champion was decided within the Rugby pitch at Inverforth club, sending representatives. The competing clubs were—Stirlingshire Central, Edinburgh, Edinburgh North, Waverley, Edinburgh University, Edinburgh South, Bonnybridge, Kirkcaldy, Dysart, and Dundee Thistle. The course was, roughly speaking, six miles in length, the trail was led by a contingent of runners under charge of Messrs Geo. Hutton and G. D. Paton (Kirkcaldy Harriers), assisted by C. R. Gills (Walsomians), John Paton, who won the championship last year, and others. The trail led twice round the Walsomians' Rugby pitch, by the east gate into Colinton Road, over the canal bridge and across country towards Slabford Aqueduct, right and across the Dreichorn Bridge, where it again crossed country to Colinton Manse, and home by the gate, finishing after going once round the field. The official contained, among others—Mr A. M. Bryson (W.S. referee), Messrs A. R. Gills (Walsomians C.C.C.), and W. Hatcher (Waverley Harriers), judges; and T. Fraser (Edinburgh Harriers), timekeeper. The whole course was led, the ploughed fields being extremely difficult to travel, and the start took place opposite the stand, when nearly 100 runners were off in a bunch. The leaders made a quick round the field, and when the hatters left the gate the country G. F. Mathieson R.L.L. was leading.

The Stirlingshire Harriers sent seven representatives—Edinburgh, 12; Northern, 11; Waverley, 15; Edinburgh University, 7; Edinburgh Southern, 13; Bonnybridge, Kirkcaldy, 3; Dysart, 12; Dundee Thistle, 5. For review we append the team placings last year:—1, Stirlingshire Central, 74 points; 2, Bonnybridge, 116; 3, Waverley, 123; 4, Edinburgh Harriers, 133; 5, Walsomians, 165; 6, Northern, 166; 7, Southern, 206; 8, Kirkcaldy, 222; 9, University, 212.

THE FINISH.

The following is the order of the finish:—1, A. Suter, Dundee Thistle Harriers; 2, C. T. Thomson, Waverley; 3, H. M. Stoddart, Dysart; 4, J. Grievs, Edinburgh University; 5, T. Stewart, Dundee; 6, D. Mathieson, 7, J. Murray, Kirkcaldy; 8, A. Black, Waverley; 9, C. Paterson, Edinburgh Harriers; 10, J. Frazer, Edinburgh Southern; 11, G. Todder, Edinburgh Northern; 12, J. Mitchell, Stirlingshire Central; 13, A. P. White, Edinburgh Harriers; 14, G. Guthrie, Waverley; 15, G. Mathieson, Edinburgh Harriers. The winner covered the distance in 2 minutes 43 seconds, and won a race by 50 yards. Stoddart was about 30 yards behind Thomson. About three-quarters of a minute covered the fifteen.

TEAM PLACINGS.

Rank	Team	Points
1	Waverley Harriers	80
2	Edinburgh Harriers	98
3	Dundee Thistle	99
4	Stirlingshire Central	106
5	Edinburgh University	206
6	Edinburgh Southern	213
7	Edinburgh Northern	215
8	Dysart	226
9	Bonnybridge	227