

CROSS-COUNTRY NOTES.

FALKIRK VICTORIA HARRIERS WIN EASTERN DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.—The 20th annual Eastern District cross-country championship was run under the auspices of the National Cross-Country Union of Scotland last Saturday from Portobello Higher Grade School. Twelve teams competed, 12 runners in each team, the first six home for each club to count for points. The course was one of seven miles, starting from Southfield Place (near Portobello Station), taking the country at Hamilton Place, crossing the Fingate Burn to Northfield, thence to Willowdale Road, cross-country by Meadowfield to Duddingston village, road to Craigmillar Castle, taking the country to Milton Road, and finishing at the clubhouse. Unfortunately, the weather conditions were unsatisfactory, and the ground to be covered was reported by the trail-layers to be on the soft side. Edinburgh Southern Harriers hold the lead for the first mile, with the Falkirk Victoria Harriers a good second. The trail at this point reached the wet and heavy part, J. Spence and J. G. Russell being on the lead for the club, with R. Risk and B. McCallum a yard behind. From this point the Falkirk men found their feet, and began steadily to make ground. B. McCallum then took up the running with five of the Falkirk Club in good position. About half distance the Falkirk half-dozen were well in front, the order being J. Spence, W. Roy, R. Risk, B. McCallum, J. Leonard, and J. G. Russell. Each of the six took turn of leading for the club, and, apart from the E.D.C.C., it was one of the hardest struggles for the first position for the club. The Falkirk team never looked back, and won with 14 points from the Edinburgh Northern Harriers, and 65 points from Edinburgh Southern Harriers. The second six men of the Falkirk Club ran extremely well, and with a little more experience they should do well next year. The first man home for the individual championship was W. G. S. Moor, Edinburgh University Harcs and Hounds, time 43 min. 25 sec; 2. T. Whitten, Dundee Thistle Harriers, time 43 min. 51 sec; 3. A. P. Hamilton, Heriot's Cross-Country Club, time 44 min. 3 sec. The race was 3 1-5th minutes faster than last year. The team placings were:—1. Falkirk Victoria, 14 points; 2. Edinburgh Northern, 34 points; 3. Edinburgh Southern, 154 points.

The race to-day (Saturday) is an inter-club run with Linlithgow Club from Cameleon Gymnasium, starting at 2.15 sharp.