

# Eastern District Junior Championships

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The 37th Eastern District Junior Championship for the Fraser Trophy was held from Dr. Guthrie's School, Liberton, Edinburgh, on 1st February, 1947.

Ten teams with a total of 85 runners were started off on their seven-mile journey by Mr. W. McKenzie, Deputy Headmaster of the School. The trail was laid over a three-mile course, which was covered twice, with an extra circuit of about a mile in the first lap. Conditions underfoot were very treacherous owing to a hard frost after a thin powdering of snow.

After the first quarter-mile of road, C. Robertson of Dundee Thistle went to the front, followed by W. Robertson, Hawkhill; R. G. Strachan, Rovers; D. Taylor, Hawkhill; E. Clarke, Kirkcaldy; and P. Donnachie, Thistle. At two miles C. Robertson was leading Taylor and Strachan by 100 yards, and was running very confidently.

At the start of the second lap, after 4 miles, the lead had increased to 175 yards, with Taylor and Strachan still running together, followed closely by Clarke, Donnachie, W. Robertson, and J. G. Gray, Rovers.

At this point Dundee Thistle were in a good position for team honours with 5 men inside 13, with Kirkcaldy showing good packing with 6 inside 23, and Hawkhill, Rovers, and University fighting for third place.

Running easily, C. Robertson finally ran out a winner by 170 yards from D. Taylor, with R. G. Strachan third, 100 yards farther behind.

The result of the team contest remained in doubt for quite a time,

Kirkcaldy finishing with 95 points, and Dundee Thistle counting 41 points for five men, but with no sign of a sixth. However, the fears of the Thistle supporters were finally set at rest when their man appeared in the 45th position to give them the first place with 86 points. Hard luck, Kirkcaldy!

### Individual Result

- 1—C. Robertson, Thistle—43m. 32s.
- 2—D. Taylor, Hawkhill—44m. 5s.
- 3—R. G. Strachan, Rovers—44m. 25s.
- 4—E. Clarke, Kirkcaldy—44m. 53s.
- 5—W. Robertson, Hawkhill—45m. 4s.
- 6—P. Donnachie, Thistle—45m. 10s.

### Team Result

- 1—Dundee Thistle (C. Robertson 1, P. Donnachie 6, C. Donnet 7, W. Byrne 13, N. Ewen 14, N. Young 45)—86 points.
- 2—Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. (E. Clarke 4, J. Peacock 15, J. Preston 17, W. E. Duncan 18, J. Ritchie 19, J. Bell 22)—95 points.
- 3—Dundee Hawkhill (D. Taylor 2, W. Robertson 5, J. S. McKenzie 16, N. Scott 20, J. Davidson 30, G. Haskett 33)—106 points.
- 4—Edinburgh University—9, 11, 26, 27, 28, 34—135 points.
- 5—Rover Scouts—3, 8, 12, 23, 55, 56—157 pts.
- 6—Edinburgh Southern—10, 21, 24, 31, 44, 47—177 points.
- 7—Edinburgh Eastern—39, 40, 60, 62, 68, 69—338 points.

## SCOTTISH MARATHON CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Marathon Club was held on Friday, 14th March.

Officials for ensuing season were elected thus:—Hon. President, G. S. Barbour; President, D. McL. Wright (Maryhill H.); Vice-President, A. Gold (Garscube H.); Hon. Secretary, R. Devon "Cruachan," 15 Earnock Ave., Motherwell (Motherwell Y.M.C.A.); Hon. Treasurer, J. Walker (St. Modan's A.A.C.); Captain, J. MacNamara (Maryhill H.); Vice-Captain, E. Paton (Clydesdale H.).

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