

EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTHS' RACE

THE first Eastern District Youths' Cross-Country Race which was held in Edinburgh, on 18th December, 1948, resulted in a triumph for the Edinburgh Eastern Harriers, who won six of the medals awarded, with 1st and 3rd individual and 1st team honours.

The winner, A. Doctor, always well up with the leaders, took the lead with a little less than a mile to go to get home 25 yards ahead of I. Morrison (Rover Scouts) with R. J. Stark (Eastern) another 50 yards away. The team race provided an exciting finish with the Edinburgh Eastern, by virtue of their first three counting, 1, 3 and 5, holding off a strong challenge from H.M.S. Caledonia's well-packing team, to give them victory by 1 point. Edinburgh Rover and Scout A.C. were 3rd only seven points behind with Teviotdale H. a further point away.

It is worthy of mention that from the recently formed Perthshire Club, Strath-tay Harriers, there were two individual

entries and their enthusiasm in travelling so far for this race is to be commended. Next season, it is to be hoped that they will be represented in the team event.

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(Eastern District N.C.C.U.).

DETAILS—

INDIVIDUAL—

1. A. Doctor, Edinburgh Eastern H. ... 19.30
2. I. Morrison, Edin. Rover & Scout A.C. 19.35
3. R. J. Stark, Edinburgh Eastern H. ... 19.45

TEAM PLACINGS—

1. **Edinburgh Eastern Harriers—**
A. Doctor, 1, R. J. Stark, 3, F. Shields,
5, T. Johnson, 32.—41 Points.
2. **H.M.S. Caledonia—**
F. Evans, 6, G. Frampton, 8, P. Bennison
13, A. Plummeridge, 15.—42 Points.
3. **Edinburgh Rover & Scout A.C.—**
I. Morrison, 2, C. Begg, 10, W. Linton,
18, D. Hall, 19.—49 Points.
4. **Teviotdale Harriers—**
4, 12, 14, 20.—50 Points.
5. **Edinburgh Southern Harriers—**
7, 11, 16, 29.—63 Points.
6. **Edinburgh Harriers—**
17, 24, 25, 30.—96 Points.
7. **Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers—**
9, 23, 39, 41.—112 Points.

NON-COUNTING INDIVIDUALS—

- M. Colman (Strathtay H.), 23, C. Petrie (Strathtay H.), 24, D. Fordyce (Edin. Rover & Scout A.C.), 25, G. Ross (Edin. Rover & Scout A.C.), 43.

DISTRICT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

EASTERN DISTRICT RACE

By M. STEWART

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THE Eastern District Junior Championship was held at West Mains Road, Edinburgh, on 5th February, 1949:

Ninety-two runners faced the starter, Mr. H. J. Scott, ex-President of the N.C.C.U.

At the end of the first lap of the 7 miles course J. Sanderson, Gala, was leading by a yard from W. Messer, Northern, with W. Grieve, Kirkcaldy, third. The team race looked as good as won by University, who were packing extremely well with seven men in the first twelve, their nearest opponents being Kirkcaldy with six inside twenty-one. The second lap caused a few minor

but unfortunately the N.S.W. runner had to withdraw on doctor's orders and the title went to White of Western Australia. We had an evening meeting in Newcastle last Wednesday. McKenley won 440 yards in 48 secs. La Beach beat Currota and Campbell of Sydney in 220 yards in 21.3 secs. and was credited with 9.4 secs. in 100 yards, but the gun had failed and a whistle was used which is bound to give a faster time. However, he did 9.5 secs. at another meeting on Saturday. At a supper after the meeting I was introduced to McKenley, La Beach, Treloar, Currota, Strickland and Campbell. Morris Currota is going to an American University shortly.

That's all the space, so all the best, to the "Scots Athlete" and yourself, and my regards to all its readers and my friends.

Yours in Sport,

W. S. SOMMERVILLE.

P.S.—I'll always be pleased to hear from any of my friends who care to write and they can be sure of a prompt answer.

W. S. S.

[Why not a shoal of letters to our former Scottish Internationalist?—W. S. Sommerville, 182 Bruncker Road, Adamstown, Newcastle, N.S.W., Australia.]

changes, Messer and Grieve dropping back, to be replaced by Wilby and Rowles of University. When the runners entered the finishing straight, Sanderson was seen to be leading, and he finished very strongly to win by 150 yards from Wilby and Rowles, who did their best to stage a dead-heat. University maintained their close packing, and finished six in the first eleven, to win with the splendid total of 36 points, with Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. second and Southern Harriers third.

DETAILS—

INDIVIDUAL—

1. J. Sanderson, Gala Harriers ... 39.32
2. R. F. Wilby, Edinburgh University 40.03
3. R. R. Rowles, Edinburgh University 40.03
4. P. Husband, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. ... 40.35

TEAM PLACINGS—

1. Edinburgh University Hare and Hounds—
R. F. Wilby, 2. R. R. Rowles, 3. G. Young, 5. A. Cumming, 6. R. J. Sherwin, 9. G. Walker, 11.—36 Points; J. Waterston, 13. R. Naylor, 17. A. Ross, 27. D. Chambers, 36. A. Ewing, 43. E. T. Graham, 48.
2. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers—
P. Husband, 4. W. Grieve, 7. W. E. Duncan, 12. G. Gordon, 18. G. Rennie, 19. D. Beveridge, 25.—85 Points; J. Ritchie, 30. J. Peacock, 32. J. McCallum, 80. J. Frazer, 83.
3. Edinburgh Southern Harriers—
H. Robertson, 14. G. Mitchell, 15. G. C. Elliot, 23. J. Kay, 24. W. Gembles, 26. T. Henderson, 35.—137 Points; I. W. Ferguson, 40. W. Grant, 46. W. A. Robertson, 66. J. G. Scott, 73.
4. Gala Harriers—
J. Sanderson, 1. G. Wintrup, 21. D. Murray, 28. J. Conn, 55. J. O'Hara, 56. W. Murray, 62.—223 Points; P. H. L. Anderson, 82.
5. H.M.S. Caledonia—
R. J. Pasely, 10. C. Howarth, 20. R. Pape, 42. B. J. Willis, 45. P. L. Bannison, 49. M. Hill, 58.—224 Points; A. A. Humphreys, 63. S. Smith, 70. A. F. Plameridge, 71. Clark, 77. Johnson, 78.
6. Dundee Hawkhill Harriers—
N. Scott, 22. G. Crichton, 33. J. McKenzie, 37. A. Blyth, 44. G. Drummond, 53. C. Scott, 57.—246 Points; J. Lindsay, 59. J. Bickerstaff, 60. J. Gallway, 67. A. Mudie, 68. J. Pert, 72.
7. Edinburgh Eastern Harriers—
R. Watson, 16. F. Donaghy, 34. A. Y. Thom, 39. A. Falconer, 47. J. Rollo, 50. W. L. Sinclair, 79.—265 Points; G. Falconer, 81.
8. Edinburgh Harriers—
N. Haworth, 29. A. Dippie, 51. A. Fleming, 54. T. Thomson, 64. J. Elmes, 69. I. W. Campbell, 74.—341 Points; L. Atherden, 76.

FAILED TO CLOSE IN—

Teviotdale Harriers—

- B. M. Murray, 31. J. Hogg, 41. J. Inglis, 52.
- J. R. W. Veitch, 61. S. Reid, 65.

Edinburgh Northern Harriers—

- W. Messer, 8. G. Aithie, 38. G. Parley, 75.
- G. S. Moffat, 84. A. H. Gordon, 85.