

EDINBURGH HARRIERS AGAIN WIN.

MENZIES, E.N.H., FIRST HOME.

The fourteenth annual Eastern District Championship was held from Victoria Park, Falkirk, on Saturday before a good attendance of spectators. The course, which extended to about seven miles, was exceptionally heavy owing to the thaw after the recent severe frost.

The competing clubs were Falkirk Victoria Harriers (holders), Edinburgh Harriers, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, Edinburgh Southern Harriers, Gala Harriers, Grange Harriers, Heriot Cross-Country Club, Stirlingshire Central Harriers, Teviotdale Harriers, Dundee Thistle Harriers, Watsonian Cross-Country Club, and Waverley Harriers.

At the finish Menzies was a comfortable first in 52min 38sec.

The first twelve finished in the following order:—1, W. Menzies, Edinburgh Northern H.; 2, T. Hamilton, Teviotdale H.; 3, W. Maxwell, Grange H.; 4, W. Marshall, Falkirk Victoria H.; 5, B. J. Thomson, Edinburgh H.; 6, J. C. Thomson, Edinburgh H.; 7, R. S. Miller, Falkirk Victoria H.; 8, A. Senter, Edinburgh H.; 9, T. Brown, Edinburgh Northern H.; 10, George Brodie, Edinburgh H.; 11, A. Shierlaw, Waverley H.; 12, W. M'Ewan, Edinburgh H.

The team placings resulted as follows:—1, Edinburgh Harriers—B. J. Thomson 5, J. C. Thomson 6, A. Senter 3, George Brodie 10, W. M'Ewan 12, A. Edwards 15—total, 56 points; 2, Edinburgh Northern Harriers—W. Menzies 1, T. Brown 9, R. Wilson 13, W. Wilson 16, T. M. Anderson 26, W. Dempsey 35—total, 100 points; 3, Falkirk Victoria Harriers—W. Marshall 4, R. S. Miller 7, J. G. M'Nab 17, J. Robertson 21, J. M. Flynn 25, C. F. Dougal 27—total, 101 points; 4, Teviotdale Harriers, 201 points; 5, Dundee Thistle Harriers, 239 points; 6, Edinburgh Southern Harriers, 312 points; 7, Edinburgh Waverley Harriers 335 points; 8, Gala Harriers, 356 points; 9, Grange Harriers, 389 points; 10, Heriot Cross-Country Club, 425 points; 11, Watsonian Cross-Country Club, 480 points; 12, Stirlingshire Central Harriers, 433 points.

Saturday's victory is the fifth occasion Edinburgh Harriers have secured team honours. The previous successes were in 1899, 1902, 1905, and 1909.

This is the first time a member of the Edinburgh Northern Harriers has won the individual championship.

Edinburgh Harriers on Saturday finished eleven men in the first thirty. The twelfth man was sixty-ninth.

HARRIERS.

EASTERN DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

The fourteenth team and individual cross-country championship was run from the Falkirk Victoria Public Park, Falkirk (kindly granted by the Town Council), last Saturday, in weather that was all that could be desired.

The officials were:—Judges—James Allan, pres. S.A.A.A.; W. Laing, pres. N.C.C.U.; A. F. Dickson, H.C.C.C.; W. Struthers, G.G.H.; A. M. Wyse, G.W.H. Referee—George M. Grant, E.N.H. Marksmen—Thomas Jack, E.S.H.; C. R. Woolard, H.C.C.C.; W. Ross, E.H.; D. A. Jamieson, E.S.H.; A. Black, W.H.; George Philip, jun., S.C.H.; J. Foubister, E.N.H.; S. M. Fisher, F.V.H.; R. R. Williamson, F.V.H. Stewards—H. Girdwood, E.N.H.; A. Stevenson, F.V.H.; J. D. Hughes, E.H.; W. W. Cruickshanks, F.V.H.; J. W. Dickson, H.C.C.C.; G. H. Roy, F.V.H.; J. R. Mackay, E.H.; John M. Boyd, F.V.H.; George B. Scott, E.N.H.; A. D. Herbertson, G.H.; and members of E.D. Committee. Time-keepers—D. Taylor, E.N.H.; George Hume, E.H.; and John Bartleman, W.C.C.C. Clerks of course—John G. Hunter, F.V.H., and James R. Hogg, hon. secy, E.D., N.C.C.U. of Scotland.

The trail-layers were under the guidance of the president of the Falkirk Victoria Harriers, S. M. Fisher, and R. R. Williamson, captain F.V.H.; while W. Laing, president of the N.C.C.U.; T. Jack, president of the S.A.A.A.; G. M'Kenzie, W.S.H., internationalist; and J. D. Hughes, E.H., internationalist, ran over the trail before the race started.

Prompt to advertised time of starting, the runners were brought to the starting point, and after a brief description of the course from the president, W. Laing, Mr A. T. Dickson, chairman of the Eastern District Committee, gave the word to go; and J. Robertson, F.V.H., made a sprint to the front, followed by J. C. Thomson, E.H.; W. Maxwell, G.H.; and W. Menzies, E.N.H. J. C. Thomson finished the 800 yards in 2min. 15sec. W. Menzies and W. Maxwell were about a yard behind him. J. C. Thomson led out of the park, along the road, into the grass park, but he showed some hesitancy when he came to the ditch at the foot of the Public Park. Here W. Maxwell, Grange Harriers, made a bid for individual honours, followed by C. F. Crichton, W.C.C.C.; W. Marshall, F.V.H.; and W. Menzies, E.N.H.; J. C. Thomson falling back to fifth place. Here followed ploughed fields till the tunnel under the railway was reached. Here the Victoria began to make an effort, and when the Beancross Road was reached the whole twelve were running inside the first fifty. Then followed a stretch of ploughed land till the road from Polmont to Beancross was reached. W. Maxwell still led, with W. Marshall, F.V.H., and T. Hamilton, T.H., close behind him. Here they followed the road for about a quarter of a mile, then followed a ploughed field, a grass field, then another ploughed field, across the main road between Polmont and Laurieston, fields to Redding Village. W. Maxwell was still leading, with W. Menzies close up. Here followed a good bit of road, and W. Menzies made good use of it and took the lead here. T. Hamilton, T.H., also put in a good bit of running here. He shook off the attentions of W. Marshall, and came up to W. Maxwell, who tried to hold him, but reluctantly had to fall back to third position. They kept this position till the Public Park was reached, with the only difference that the front men somewhat increased their lead from the third and fourth men.

The result was as follows:—1, R. Menzies, E.N.H. (time, 52min. 32sec.); 2, T. Hamilton, T.H.; 3, W. Maxwell, G.H.; 4, W. Marshall, F.V.H.; 5, B. J. Thomson, E.H.; 6, J. C. Thomson, E.H.; 7, R. S. Miller, F.V.H.; 8, A. Center, E.H.; 9, T. Brown, E.N.H.; 10, G. Brodie, E.H.; 11, A. Shierlaw, W.H.; 12, W. M'Ewan, E.H.

The team placings were as follows:—

Edinburgh Harriers,	56 points.
Edinburgh Northern Harriers, ..	160 points.
Falkirk Victoria Harriers, ..	161 points.
Teviotdale Harriers,	201 points.
Dundee Thistle Harriers,	229 points.
Edinburgh Southern Harriers, ..	312 points.
Waverley Harriers,	335 points.
Gala Harriers,	358 points.
Grange Harriers,	389 points.
Heriot Cross-Country Club, ..	445 points.
Watsonian Cross-Country Club, ..	486 points.
Stirlingshire Central Harriers, ..	483 points.

Some remarkable performances were put up in this race. The winning team finished all six men within the first 15; the second team's (Edinburgh Northern Harriers) sixth man was 35th; while the Victoria's sixth man was 27th; but the Falkirk Victoria Harriers' twelve men finished within the first 45 runners of the 140 runners that started.

The winners of the medals were as follows:—Individual Eastern District champion, R. Menzies, E.N.H.; 2, T. Hamilton, T.H.; 3, W. Maxwell, G.H. Teams:—

1st—Edinburgh Harriers.

B. J. Thomson,	5th
J. C. Thomson,	6th
A. Center,	8th
G. Brodie,	10th
W. M'Ewan,	12th
A. Edwards,	15th

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56 points.

2nd—Edinburgh Northern Harriers.

W. Menzies,	1st
T. Brown,	9th
R. Wilson,	13th
W. Wilson,	16th
T. M. Anderson,	26th
W. Dempsey,	35th

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160 points.

3rd—Falkirk Victoria Harriers.

W. Marshall,	4th
R. S. Miller,	7th
J. G. Macnab,	17th
J. Robertson,	21st
J. M. Flynn,	23th
C. F. Dougal,	27th

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161 points.

After the race the company adjourned to Mr R. Mathieson's, High Street, where tea was served, over 120 sitting down. Afterwards they went down to the F.V.H. headquarters, where the presentation of prizes took place. Here a most enjoyable smoker took place. Mr A. F. Dickson occupied the chair, and Mr W. Laing presented the prizes, including Mr J. S. Carswell's prize, which was won by W. Marshall, he being first man home for the Victoria. Among those who excelled at the concert were the following:—G. M'Kenzie, W.S.H.; A. F. Inglis, E.N.H.; E. Macpherson, W.C.C.C.; J. D. Hughes, E.H.; B. Robertson, E.S.H.; A. Robb, F.V.H.; G. Walker, E.N.H.; H. Scott, E.S.H. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr Laing, who presented the prizes; Mr James R. Hogg, secretary of E.D.C.; Mr J. N. Machugh, who played the accompaniments to the singers; and to Mr A. F. Dickson, who so ably filled the position of chairman during the evening. The whole company dispersed after singing "Auld Lang Syne," having much enjoyed the concert.

The Falkirk Victoria Harriers will have a run from headquarters next Saturday. A large attendance is requested.