

With a victory at Calachols on Saturday, Dundee Thistle Harriers, the holders, performed the unique feat of winning the East of Scotland Junior Cross-Country Championship in two successive years.

Hitherto, only one club in Scotland has won a district junior title in successive years, namely Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers in the Western District Championship in 1907 and 1908. The difficulty lies in the fact that a new team has to be built up by the holders as the counting six in the winning team become seniors by their victory, and therefore are debarred from taking further part in the competition.

Dundee Thistle won with a total of 82 points, Dundee Hawthill Harriers being second with 146, and Edinburgh Southern Harriers third with 174, one point better than Edinburgh University, fourth.

COURSE DIFFICULTIES

The race was a double triumph for Dundee runners, for Charles Smith, Hawthill, the Scottish novice champion, and brother of the noted international athlete, J. Suttie Smith, was first man home, 38 seconds in front of the more fancied A. W. Cairns, Edinburgh Harriers, with D. H. Ferguson, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, third, 20 seconds behind Cairns.

Cairns, with his recent victories over the international runners, J. Wilson, J. P. Laidlaw, and W. Hinde, was considered to have an outstanding chance, but he was well beaten, although how much the difficulties of the course contributed to his defeat is an interesting subject for speculation. The course was a stiff, rather hilly one, taking in a number of fields that presented difficulties to a long-striding runner in the shape of hillocks and formidable grass tufts, which were responsible for not a few falls. Cairns was running practically all the way with a painfully chopped stride that contrasted markedly with the easy action of the shorter-striding Smith, who, incidentally, is under five feet in height.

Over the first lap of 3½ miles Smith drew away from Cairns and had a lead of almost 70 yards at the half-way stage. At this stage the order was Smith, Cairns, Ferguson, D. Dewar (Eastbank), W. H. Whalley (University), D. B. Mackenzie (Heriot's), A. B. Ewen (Dundee Thistle), G. A. Smith (University), J. A. Brown (Gala), and I. H. Macdonald (University).

THISTLE'S GOOD PACKING

The placings of the Dundee Thistle's six runners at this point foreshadowed their team victory, their first two men were inside the first dozen places, while the whole team were inside 25.

Over the second lap, Smith continued to draw away from Cairns, who in turn was maintaining his lead over Ferguson. Ewen (Thistle) managed to gain three places in the final circuit, while D. Dewar, Eastbank, second last year, receded from fourth place at half-distance to seventh place at the finish.

Dundee Thistle finished their six counting men in 20 places to win the team championship and Fraser Trophy by 64 points from their local rivals, Hawthill Harriers. Edinburgh Southern and Edinburgh University had a close fight for the honour of being the first Edinburgh club to finish. Southern beat the students by one point for third place. Edinburgh University had the best three counting places of any team, but their tail finished too far in the rear for full advantage to be taken of the fine running of W. H. Whalley (5th), G. A. Smith (6th), and I. H. Macdonald (11th).

Details:—

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP		Miles.	Secs.
1	C. Smith, Hawthill	43	22
2	A. W. Cairns, Edinburgh	44	20
3	D. H. Ferguson, Edinburgh	44	20
4	A. B. Ewen, Dundee Thistle	44	29
5	J. Wilson, Edinburgh	45	16
6	G. A. Smith, Edinburgh University	45	19
7	D. Dewar, Eastbank	45	25
8	J. R. Mackenzie, Heriot's	45	26
9	A. B. Ewen, Dundee Thistle	45	26
10	G. A. Brown, Gala	45	27
11	I. H. Macdonald, Edinburgh University	46	7
12	J. Gallwey, Eastbank	46	7

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP		Points
1	Dundee Thistle Harriers (A. B. Ewen 4, A. Whalley 10, A. Brown 15, G. Macdonald 17, R. Wright 18, J. Brown 20)—82 points	82
2	Hawthill Harriers (C. Smith 1, A. Wilson 14, D. Taylor 23, C. Hinde 24, G. Sellar 27, F. Kane 30)—146 points	146
3	Edinburgh Southern Harriers (G. Lindsay 15, R. Robertson 21, A. G. Reid 25, G. H. Wilson 25, A. Fraser 44, L. G. Koppel 45)—174 points	174
4	Edinburgh University (W. H. Whalley 5, A. Smith 6, I. H. Macdonald 11, J. Martin 21, W. G. Kerr 25, F. C. Veerman 64)—175 points	175
5	Kilmahoy Y.M.C.A. Harriers (W. Dunlop 16, J. Ait 18, T. Dewar 23, W. Stewart 25, A. Walker 26, J. E. Eastman 45) (W. Dewar 7, J. Gallwey 12, J. Brown 20, G. Ross 25, D. Strathairn 41, A. Adams 68)—181 points	181
6	Edinburgh Southern Harriers (23), 8, Edinburgh Southern Harriers—227	227
7	Edinburgh University Harriers (24), 17, Gala Harriers—251	251
8	Edinburgh Harriers (25), 11, Heriot Cross-Country Club—272	272
9	Edinburgh Harriers (26), 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 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6. G. A. Smith, Edin. University	45	19
7. D. Dewar, Eastbank ...	45	32
8. D. B. Mackenzie, Heriot's ...	45	36
9. J. A. Brown, Gala ...	45	41
10. D. Whitecross, Dundee Thistle	46	2
11. I. H. Macdonald, Edin. Univ.	46	7
12. J. Galloway, Eastbank ...	46	8

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