

CROSS-COUNTRY

EASTERN DISTRICT SEVEN- MILES CHAMPIONSHIP

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY JUST MISS DOUBLE SUCCESS

G. A. SMITH, Edinburgh University, the former Royal High School and Inter-Varsities track champion, scored a convincing victory in the Eastern District 7-miles cross-country championship, decided at Falkirk on Saturday. He was third last year to A. W. Carfrae, Edinburgh Harriers, and G. M. Carstairs, Edinburgh University. On Saturday, Carfrae was ineligible to compete as a former winner, and Carstairs was also a non-competitor.

Smith was in the forefront of the race throughout. At half distance he shared the leadership with D. B. Mackenzie, Heriot's, fourth last year, and at the finish had a margin of forty yards to spare from W. Blair, Rover Scouts.

Edinburgh University have never won the team championship. Last year, when they ran into second place only one point behind the winners, was their best performance in the series. On Saturday, they were very unlucky to lose again by a very narrow margin. Dundee Hawkhill Harriers, for the second time in five years, provided the surprise. Much of their success must be attributed to their mentors the brother internationalists, Suttie and Charles Smith, who are both previous winners of the event.

Results:—

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

	Time	
	Mins.	Secs.
1. G. A. Smith, Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds	40	52
2. W. Blair, Edinburgh Rover Scouts A.C.	40	59
3. J. D. S. Nisbet, Gala Harriers	41	7
4. Rev. W. H. Whalley Edinburgh Rover Scouts A.C.	41	17
5. D. B. Mackenzie, Heriot Cross-Country Club	41	19
6. A. L. Hay, Dundee Thistle Harriers.	41	20
7. G. Keiller, Hawkhill Harriers	41	32
8. J. McGregor, Hawkhill Harriers	41	33
9. W. Riddle, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Hrs.	41	40
10. H. Thomson, Gala Harriers	41	42
11. D. R. Williamson, Kirkcaldy Old Boys' Club	41	47
12. P. Armstrong, Terviotdale Harriers ...	41	49

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

(Fraser Trophy)

1. Dundee Hawkhill Harriers (G. Keiller, 6; J. McGregor, 7; E. Kay, 9; J. Bradley, 23; D. Stables, 23; F. Kane, 39)—109 points.

2. Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds (G. A. Smith, 1; J. W. Martin, 10; O. T. Stoddart, 14; J. W. Gibson, 30; F. C. Yeaman, 32; D. F. Wood, 38)—115 points.

3. Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. Harriers (T. Dewar, 11; J. Pascock, 15; W. McGregor, 17; D. Nairn, 19; W. Duncan, 27; W. Low, 29)—118 points.

4. Dundee Thistle Harriers (A. L. Hay, 5; D. Duncan, 12; J. V. Lyons, 22; W. Byrne, 24; W. W. House, 34; T. Lumsden, 37)—134 points.

5. Edinburgh Rover Scouts A.C. (W. Blair, 2; Rev. W. H. Whalley, 3; G. Mecharis, 16; J. Blyth, 35; A. M'Nis, 43; J. Mitchell, 48)—147 points.

6. Terviotdale Harriers (P. Armstrong, 8; W. L. Smith, 18; G. P. Turnbull, 30; J. A. Brown, 31; A. Kyle, 33; T. H. Jamieson, 39)—172 points.

7. Edinburgh Northern Harriers, 227 points; 8. Edinburgh Southern Harriers, 355 points; 9. Falkirk Victoria Harriers, 374 points; 10. Edinburgh Harriers, 377 points. Heriot Cross-Country Club did not finish a complete team.

EAST HARRIERS TITLE

Diminutive Dundee Pack Beat Weakened Student Rivals

By "GGROE"

IN discussing the Eastern District Championship in this column last week, I mentioned that, at full strength, Edinburgh University would probably win, but that the danger to the students would emanate from Dundee, and the race at Falkirk, on Saturday, fully bore out that statement.

The 'Varsity team was below expected strength, and Dundee Hawkhill's diminutive team rose to the occasion in grand style to beat their rivals by six points, with Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. third, only three points behind the runners-up.

Individual honours were won by the University star, G. A. Smith, who beat W. Blair, Rover Scouts, by forty yards, after a gruelling race. The third place was taken by J. S. D. Nisbet, Gala.

W. Blair A Dark Horse

The race was over a two laps course surrounding the Falkirk Royal Infirmary, and at the end of the first circuit the field of 120 competitors were headed by D. B. M'Kenzie (Heriots), and G. A. Smith (Edinburgh University), and directly behind them came G. Mochrie and Rev. W. H. Whalley, of the Rover Scouts team.

Smith, who was always fancied to win this honour, had in the meantime shaken off M'Kenzie, but dark horse W. Blair of the Rover Scouts recovered from a bad spell to gradually overhaul the leaders, and for a period he looked like being a serious menace to Smith. In the end, however, Smith succeeded in holding out, and Blair put in a fast finish to close the gap to six seconds.

As was fully expected, the Glasgow West End Club's seven miles contest at Westerton was again won by the home club, Garscube, who proved far too strong for their rivals. Brilliantly led by Donald Urquhart, the homesters packed their counting eight into the first fifteen places, to beat Victoria Park by 69 points.

Strength Of Teams

A number of club championships were run off, and from the results we will be able to see the strength of some National teams. Jim Flockhart, unfortunately, did not have W. Donaldson in opposition at Shettleston, but the champion found a worthy rival in A. Craig, who seems to have found a power of running at the correct time. Flockhart only beat his rival by some two hundred yards, with J. C. Ross third, a good way behind.

Jack Gifford was an easy winner of the Bellahouston title, and Jimmy Freeland also had a big winning margin in the Hamilton event. Alec M'Lean, Glenpark, and Tommy Strachan, Glasgow Y.M.C.A., were also good winners in their own club championships.

Veteran Sammy Tombe scored another triumph in Plebeian Harriers Championship. It proved one of the easiest wins, and unfortunately the race was robbed of much of its interest, owing to W. G. Black being unable through stitch to finish the course.

EASTERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

1. G. A. Smith, Edinburgh University (40 mins. 52 secs.); 2. W. Blair, Rover Scouts (40 mins. 59 secs.); 3. J. S. D. Nisbet, Gala (41 mins. 7 secs.); 4. W. H. Whalley, Rover Scouts (41 mins. 17 secs.); 5. D. B. M'Kenzie, Heriots (41 mins. 19 secs.); 6. A. L. Hay, Dundee Thistle (41 mins. 20 secs.); 7. G. Keiller, Dundee Hawkhill (41 mins. 32 secs.); 8. J. M'Gregor, Dundee Hawkhill (41 mins. 35 secs.); 9. W. Riddell, Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. (41 mins. 40 secs.); 10. H. Thomson, Gala (41 mins. 42 secs.).

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 8. Edinburgh Southern (G. P. Jamieson 26, O. Hamilton 47, J. Morrice 53, R. Wilson 71, R. M'Clure 73, J. Smith 85), 335 points.
 9. Falkirk Victoria (W. Gardner 28, J. Minnoch 46, W. Wright 59, J. M'Auley 72, D. Drummond 78, W. M'Lean 91), 374 points.
 10. Edinburgh (A. Ritchie 36, J. Wood 43, D. Smith 62, J. W. Crossley 68, W. Macpherson 80, J. L. Murray 86), 377 points.
- Heriots (D. B. Mackenzie 4, J. Worling 44, G. Inall 55, A. M. Thomson 74, and R. O. Gay 87) did not finish complete team.

GLASGOW WEST END SEVEN MILES

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

1. D. Urquhart, Garscube (42mins. 34secs.).
2. T. Dally, Garscube (43mins. 38secs.).
3. D. B. Brooke, Garscube (43mins. 55secs.).
4. R. Rogerson, Victoria Park (44mins. 3secs.).
5. J. Fleming, Garscube (44mins. 16secs.).
6. D. E. Thomson, Victoria Park (44mins. 28secs.).
7. A. Forbes, Victoria Park (44mins. 45secs.).
8. W. Gowans, Garscube (45mins. 3secs.).
9. J. D. Binning, Glasgow University (45mins. 3secs.).
10. J. S. Oswald, Victoria Park (45mins. 25secs.).

TEAM PLACINGS

1. Garscube (D. Urquhart 1, T. Dally 2, D. B. Brooke 3, J. Fleming 5, W. Gowans 8, R. D. Phoenix 13, T. Gourlay 14, T. Simms 15), 61 points.
2. Victoria Park (R. Rogerson 4, D. E. Thomson 6, A. Forbes 7, J. S. Oswald 10, J. Galloway 16, R. Blackstock 24, J. Blackstock 29, A. Jamieson 34), 130 points.
3. Glasgow University (J. D. Binning 9, J. N. Lapraik 11, L. B. Young 12, J. C. Gray 20, J. T. H. Taylor 22, H. Garrity 25, W. A. M'Brice 27, G. Kirkwood 30), 156 points.
4. Clydesdale (T. Sinclair 19, C. Middled 26, W. Howie 31, W. Wilkinson 32, J. Gray 33, A. Shields 37, T. Luke 38, J. Holding 39), 255 points.

JUNIOR CONTEST (2½ miles)

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

1. R. Muirgrew, Garscube (17 mins. 26 secs.).
2. A. Warton, Garscube (17 mins. 43 secs.).
3. J. Veitch, Garscube (18 mins. 25 secs.).

Team winners—Garscube.

OTHER RACES

BELLAHOUSTON.—7½ miles championship at Pollokshaws—1, J. Gifford, 44 mins. 52 secs. Handicap—1, J. M. Lindsay, 41 mins. 51 secs.; 2, W. G. M'Intyre; 3, A. Dickie.

CARTYNE.—7½ miles championship at headquaters—1, R. Semple, 46 mins. 24 secs.; 2, P. Crawford, 49 mins. 18 secs.; 3, J. M'Leish, 50 mins. 3 secs.

GALA.—Four miles Junior championship at Galashiels—1, W. Y. Robertson, 30 mins. 13 secs.; 2, J. Dodds; 3, W. J. Martin. Handicap—1, J. Dodds; 2, N. Neilson.

GLASGOW Y.M.C.A.—Eight miles championship at Thornliebank—1, T. A. Strachan, 47 mins. 30 secs.; 2, J. Redman; 3, J. R. Taylor. Winning team—T. Strachan, J. R. Taylor 3, J. R. Scott 4; 8 points.

GREENOCK WELLPARK.—Three miles junior championship at Gateside—1, F. Sinclair, 18 mins. 35 secs.; 2, R. Eaglesham, 20 mins. 27 secs.; 3, P. Donald, 21 mins. 3 secs.

GREENOCK GLENPARK.—Eight miles championship at Oranfield—1, A. M'Lean; 2, M. Ryan; 3, E. Holmes. Handicap—1, H. M'Leod (3.00), 47 mins. 2 secs.; 2, M. Ryan; 3, T. Mearns.

HAMILTON.—7½ miles championship at Hamilton Baths—1, J. Freeland, 44 mins. 38 secs.; 2, A. Wardlaw, 45 mins. 33 secs.; 3, J. Brownlie, 45 mins. 46 secs. Handicap—1, H. Cullen (10.50), 39 mins. 10 secs.; 2, J. L. Brownlie (2.10), 43 mins. 36 secs.; 3, J. G. Scott (3.30), 45 mins. 54 secs.

SHETTLESTON.—Eight miles championship at Gartocher Road—1, J. O. Flockhart, 49 mins. 35 secs.; 2, A. Craig; 3, J. C. Ross; 4, A. Hill. Winning team—A. Craig 2, B. M'Laughlan 5, H. M'Eachran 16, 23 points. Junior championship—1, D. P. Ferguson, 18 mins. 55 secs.; 2, J. Simpson; 3, J. Jackson. Handicap winner—J. Simpson.

SHAWFIELD.—Eight miles championship at Pollokshaws—1, S. A. Kennedy; 2, G. Anderson; 3, J. Gillies. Handicap winner—S. Kennedy. Winner set up course record.

PLEBIAN.—7½ miles championship from Thornliebank—1, S. K. Tombe, 39 mins. 57 secs.; 2, J. Wilkie, 40 mins. 34 secs.; 3, A. M'Gregor, 40 mins. 43 secs. Handicap—1, J. Wilkie (40), 36 mins. 34 secs.; 2, P. J. Connolly (3.50), 37 mins. 15 secs.

UDDINGSTON WELFARE.—Seven miles championship at Uddingston—1, W. Cameron, 38 mins. 49 secs.; 2, J. Shaw, 39 mins. 44 secs.; 3, W. Laughlan, 44 mins. 52 secs. Handicap—1, J. M'Lennan (7 mins. 30 secs.), 40 mins. 15 secs.; 2, P. O'Brien; 3, W. Laughlan.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.—Three miles championship at Thornliebank—1, J. Muir, 19 mins. 20 secs.; 2, H. Malloy, 19 mins. 50 secs.; 3, J. M'Pherson, 22 mins.

INTER-CLUB

IRVINE Y.M.C.A..—ARDEER, AYR AND BEITH.—Two packs covered seven miles at Irvine. Mediums—1, W. Brown (I); 2, W. S. Stewart (I); 3, S. Bulloch (A); time, 47 mins. 25 secs. Fasts—1, W. H. M'Callioch (I); 2, P. J. Allwell (K); 3, G. S. Pringle (I); time, 46 mins.

KILBARHAN, MARYHILL, PAINLEY AND PAINLEY Y.M.C.A.—Four packs ran from Kilbarhan. Fasts (nine miles)—1, W. Nelson (M); 2, W. Kennedy (K); 3, R. M'Pherson (M). Mediums (six miles)—1, A. Coogan (M); 2, A. Holmes (Y.M.); 3, D. Wilson (M). Juniors (three miles)—1, A. Melkie; 2, W. Asberry; 3, J. Millan. Slows—Pace J. Peacock (Y.M.) and G. Fulton (K).

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