

MIDLAND RELAY RACES

J. C. FLOCKHART RUNS WELL

The 5th annual relay championship of the Midland District of the Scottish National Cross-Country Union was held at Hamilton Racecourse on Saturday afternoon. The afternoon was frosty, but on the whole the going was good.

As expected, the race proved a duel between Pictish Harriers, winners in 1929 and 1931, and Shettleston Harriers, who scored their initial victory last year. At the end of the first circuit J. C. Ross gave Shettleston a slight lead over Pictish, for whom S. K. Tombs took the first lap. Over the second circuit, however, A. McGregor put his side ahead, Shettleston dropping into third place behind Motherwell Y.M.C.A. A fine lap, the fastest of the afternoon, by J. C. Flockhart, the national champion, enabled Shettleston to regain first place, but their fourth man, J. Littlejohn, could not hold W. J. Gunn, and Pictish won an interesting race by almost 50 yards, Motherwell Y.M.C.A. being third 70 yards further away. Springburn, who were fifth in the first three sectors, finished fourth, and Maryhill, after occupying ninth place at half distance, thanks to a good lap by Tom Blakely, the Scottish record holder, eventually finished fifth. Result:—

1. Pictish Harriers (S. K. Tombs 13.44, A. McGregor 13.52, M. Rayne 14.12, W. J. Gunn 14.45)—56 mins. 33 secs.

2. Shettleston Harriers, holders (J. C. Ross 13.42, R. McCubbin 14.29, J. C. Flockhart 13.34, T. Littlejohn 15.1)—56 mins. 46 secs.

3. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers (R. Simpson 13.37, W. H. Gardiner 14.12, G. Wallace 14.16, J. N. H. Gardiner 14.24)—56 mins. 49 secs.

4. Springburn Harriers (P. McNab 14.9, H. M'Phie 14.13, W. Struthers 14.45, A. C. Montgomery 14.21)—57 mins. 33 secs.

5. Marshall Harriers (W. Nelson 14.22, D. M'N. Robertson 14.23, T. Blakely 14.17, A. H. Blair 14.35)—57 mins. 37 secs.

6. Shawfield Harriers (A. Austin 14.14, T. Lapsack 14.21, J. Seymour 15.11, J. Gillies 13.53)—57 mins. 39 secs.

7. Bellahouston Harriers "A," 58 mins. 2 secs.; 8. Bellahouston Harriers "B," 58 mins. 2½ secs.; 9. Gascube Harriers "A," 58 mins. 10 secs.; 10. Gascube Harriers "B," 58 mins. 23 secs.; 11. St. Peter's A.A.C., 58 mins. 53 secs.; 12. Monkland Harriers, 58 mins. 59 secs.; 13. Hamilton Harriers, 59 mins. 16 secs.; 14. Glasgow University Harriers and Harries, 59 mins. 43 secs.; 15. Bellahouston Harriers "B," 59 mins. 43 secs.; 16. West of Scotland Harriers, 59 mins. 20 secs.; 17. Glasgow Harriers, 59 mins. 56 secs.; 18. Clydesdale Harriers, 60 mins. 13 secs.; 19. Victoria Park A.A.C., 60 mins. 47 secs.; 20. Glasgow Y.M.C.A. A.C., 61 mins. 2 secs.; 21. Olympic Harriers, 61 mins. 40 secs. Glasgow Trumpet A.C. retired after completing two laps.

Fastest Laps—1. J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston Harriers, 13 mins. 34 secs.; 2. J. C. Ross, Shettleston Harriers, 13 mins. 42 secs.; 3. S. K. Tombs, Pictish Harriers, 13 mins. 44 secs.; 4. A. McGregor, Pictish Harriers, 13 mins. 52 secs.; 5. J. Gillies, Shawfield Harriers, 13 mins. 53 secs.; 6. J. Campbell, Bellahouston Harriers, 13 mins. 54 secs.; 7. R. Simpson, Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 13 mins. 57 secs.; 8. J. Kelly, St. Peter's A.A.C., 14 mins. 7 secs.; 9. P. McNab, Springburn Harriers, 14 mins. 9 secs.; 10 (equal), V. Rayne, Pictish Harriers, and W. H. Gardiner, Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers, 14 mins. 12 secs.

PLEBEIAN CHAMPIONS

Midland Ten-Miles Relay Title Regained At Hamilton.

By "GGROE."

PLEBEIAN HARRIERS regained the Midland District ten miles relay championship at Hamilton Park Racecourse, on Saturday. They beat the holders, Shettleston Harriers, by sixty yards, with Motherwell Y.M.C.A. a good third, fifteen yards further behind.

The outstanding competitor of the race was J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston, the Scottish cross-country champion, who easily established fastest time for the 2½ miles course.

The holders started well, through the agency of J. C. Ross, who kept in front of S. K. Tombe, Plebeian, with Jackie Campbell, Bellahouston, third. During the second lap A. M'Gregor, Plebeian, the novice champion, passed H. M'Cubbin, Shettleston, for the lead. W. H. Gardiner, Motherwell, was also ahead of M'Cubbin. Flockhart took over for Shettleston 35 seconds behind M. Rayne, Plebeian, and, when only a little more than a mile had been traversed, was actually on the heels of the leader.

The Shettleston man handed over to T. Littlejohn an advantage of fifteen yards against W. J. Gunn, Plebeian, with Motherwell now third. Gunn was content to wait until reaching the finishing straight—to beat his rivals comfortably.

TEAM PLACINGS.

1. Plebeian (S. K. Tombe 13.44, A. M'Gregor 13.52, M. Rayne 14.12, W. J. Gunn 14.45)—56 mins. 33 secs.
2. Shettleston (J. C. Ross 13.42, H. M'Cubbin 14.29, J. C. Flockhart 13.34, T. Littlejohn 15.1)—56 mins. 46 secs.
3. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. (R. Simpson 13.57, W. H. Gardiner 14.12, G. Wallace 14.16, J. N. H. Gardiner 14.24)—56 mins. 49 secs.
4. Springburn (P. M'Nab 14.9, H. M'Phee 14.18, W. Struthers 14.45, A. C. Montgomery 14.21)—57 mins. 33 secs.
5. Maryhill (W. Nelson 14.22, D. M'N. Robertson 14.23, T. Blakely 14.17, A. H. Blair 14.35)—57 mins. 27 secs.
6. Shawfield (A. Austin 14.14, I. Lapraik 14.21, J. Seymour 15.11, J. Gillies 15.53)—57 mins. 39 secs.
7. Bellahouston (J. Campbell 13.54, A. Hamilton 14.20, G. Hunter 15.4, H. Lumsden 14.44)—58 mins. 2 secs.
8. Victoria Park A.A.C. (J. Gifford 14.13, J. Oswald 14.22, A. H. Horn 14.58, D. E. Thomson 14.29½)—58 mins. 2½ secs.
9. Garscube "A" Team (D. B. Brooke 14.26, J. Bennett 14.34, R. D. Phoenix 14.40, L. Lindsay 14.30), 58 mins. 10 secs.
10. Garscube "B" Team (A. D. McDonald 14.23, T. Daily 14.34, J. Foster 14.42, J. W. Rodger 14.44), 58 mins. 23 secs.
11. St. Peter's A.A.C. (J. M'Guinness 14.24, J. Kelly 14.7, T. Cosgrave 15.14, J. J. Brennan 15.8), 58 mins. 53 secs.
12. Monkland (R. Reston 14.59, F. L. Stevenson 14.26, J. Hamilton 14.47, D. Sectt 14.47), 58 mins. 59 secs.
13. Hamilton (J. Erceland 14.15, J. Shaw 14.52, A. Gaffney 15.18, A. Wardlaw 14.51), 59 mins. 15 secs.

14. Glasgow University (W. M'Farlane 15.5, G. V. Smith 14.40, W. H. Kirkwood 14.59, N. Morison 14.59), 59 mins. 43 secs.
15. Bellahouston "B" Team (W. Russell 14.53, R. Francis 15.14, W. B. M'Coll 14.56, F. Gibson 14.42), 59 mins. 45 secs.
16. West of Scotland (A. L. Spencer 14.26, W. Erskine 14.50, J. Parker 15.18, A. Spencer 15.16), 59 mins. 50 secs.
17. Glasgow (G. Anderson 14.22, A. Skene 14.44, W. G. Skene 15.55, G. H. Webb 14.55), 59 mins. 56 secs.
18. Clydesdale (J. Martin 14.40, F. Dobbie 15.19, D. M'Donald 15.6, T. Arthur 15.9), 60 mins. 13 secs.
19. Victoria Park "B" Team (K. A. Smith 14.44, A. D. M'Pherson 15.16, J. M'Donald 15.36, W. Stevenson 15.11), 60 mins. 47 secs.
20. Glasgow Y.M.C.A. (D. Eadie 14.46, T. Watson 15.59, W. Black 14.50, E. Atkins 15.27), 61 mins. 2 secs.
21. Olympic (R. Hutcheson 14.46, G. M. Hunter 16.13, R. Blackstock 15.29, H. Millar 15.12), 61 mins. 40 secs.

FASTEST LAP TIMES.

1. J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston, 13 mins. 34 secs.
2. J. C. Ross, Shettleston, 13 mins. 42 secs.
3. S. K. Tombe, Plebeian, 13 mins. 44 secs.
4. A. M'Gregor, Plebeian, 13 mins. 52 secs.
5. J. Gillies, Shawfield, 13 mins. 53 secs.
6. J. Campbell, Bellahouston, 13 mins. 54 secs.
7. R. Simpson, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., 13 mins. 57 secs.
8. J. Kelly, St. Peter's A.A.C., 14 mins. 9 secs.
9. P. M'Nab, Springburn, 14 mins. 9 secs.
10. (equal) M. Rayne, Plebeian, and W. H. Gardiner, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., 14 mins. 12 secs.

OTHER RACES.

AUCHMOUNTAIN—2½ miles team race at Carwood Street Pavilion, Greenock—1, A. G. M'Phail, 14 mins. 3½ secs.; 2, A. M'Donald, 14 mins. 48 secs.; 3, J. Boyle, 15 mins. 25 secs.; 4, J. Richardson, 15 mins. 51 secs. Winning team—A. G. M'Phail, 1, J. Stewart, 6, R. Parker 13, 20 points.

BEITH—Five-miles novice championship at Gateside, Beith—1, J. McCallum, 32 mins. 42 secs.; 2, A. Barrett, 32 mins. 46 secs.; 3, G. Murdoch, 32 mins. 56 secs.

CATRINE—2½ miles relay trial at Quarryknowe—1, J. Orr, 2, H. M'Gregor, 3, W. E. M'Adam, 4, W. D. Dick.

CAMBUSLANG Y.M.O.A.—Seven miles trial at Greenlee Road, Cambuslang—1, J. Gray, 2, S. Thompson, 3, T. Moffat, 4, J. Gray, 5, Y.M.O.A. Championship—T. Moffat, W. Burnett, J. Coates, J. Black, A. Goldie, R. Morton.

TORPEDO—Five miles road race at Pirrie Park, Greenock—1, J. Wright, 27 mins. 27secs.; 2, R. Morris, 27 mins. 22secs.; 3, F. Hassall, 28 mins. 27secs. Winning team—B. M'Glynn, J. Boyd and R. Morris.

KILBARCHAN A.A.C. AND PAISLEY JUNIORS—Three packs covered six miles at Kilbarchan. Arrivals:—Slows—1, T. M'Ewan (P.); 2, J. M'Millan (K.); 3, T. Gray (P.). Mediums—1, J. M'Manus (P.); 2, G. Smith (K.); 3, J. Gilmour (P.). Fast—1, R. Kerr (K.); 2, G. Lyle (K.); 3, J. M'Googan (P.).