

CROSS-COUNTRY

MIDLANDS DISTRICT RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP

SHETTLESTON HARRIERS WIN

SHETTLESTON HARRIERS gained their second representative distinction of this cross-country season on Saturday when they added the Midlands District Relay Championship to the National Novice title won at the beginning of the month. Their victory at Hamilton Park Racecourse over Maryhill and Bellahouston was, in the main, due to two fast runs by W. Donaldson in the second lap and J. C. Flockhart in the third lap.

Donaldson, returning 14 minutes 9 seconds for the two and a half miles course, lifted his club from ninth place, into which J. C. Ross had run in the first lap, to fifth place at the end of the second. Flockhart, the Scottish cross-country champion and track 10 and 6 miles champion, went wholeheartedly at his task of taking his club up to the front in the third lap, and with a mile to run was in the lead.

J. Whiteside went off on the last lap with a lead of 80 yards, and in an exciting final half-mile he managed to hold off W. Nelson, Maryhill, and J. Gifford, Bellahouston, to win by 25 yards in 57 minutes 33 seconds.

The fastest lap was run by R. Simpson, who, in returning 14 minutes 3 seconds, took Motherwell Y.M.C.A. up from eighth place to second in the second lap.

TEAM PLACINGS

- 1, Shettleston H. (J. C. Ross 14 mins 40 secs, W. Donaldson 14.9, J. C. Flockhart 14.11, J. Whiteside 14.33) 57 mins 33 secs.
- 2, Maryhill H. (W. Nelson 14.20, I. Tongue 14.28, H. B. Morrison 14.44, J. E. Farrell 14.7) 57 mins 39 secs.
- 3, Bellahouston H. (T. W. Lamb 14.42, T. Gibson 14.14, R. Lumsden 14.59, J. Gifford 14.5) 57 mins 40 secs.
- 4, Springburn H. (H. M'Phie 14.14, P. M'Nab 14.27, H. Haughie 14.40, D. Fyfe 14.55) 58 mins 16 secs.
- 5, Motherwell Y.M.C.A. (R. Ferguson 14.36, R. Simpson 14.3, T. M'Glynn 14.19, T. Milne 14.58) 58 mins 20 secs.
- 6, Carrubee H. (J. R. Lardy 14.15, R. McKie 15.9, W. Cowan 14.14, T. Raby 14.54) 58 mins 32 secs.
- 7, Plebeian H., 59 mins 3 secs; 8, West of Scotland, 59 mins 32 secs; 9, Uddingston Welfare, 60 mins 6 secs; 10, Victoria Park, 60 mins 12 secs.

FASTEST LAPS

- | | mins | secs |
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| 1, R. Simpson, Motherwell Y.M.C.A. | 14 | 3 |
| 2, J. Gifford, Bellahouston H. | 14 | 5 |
| 3, J. E. Farrell, Maryhill H. | 14 | 7 |
| 4, W. Donaldson, Shettleston H. | 14 | 9 |
| 5, J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston H. | 14 | 11 |
| 6, (equal) T. Gibson, Bellahouston H.; W. Cowan, Carrubee H., and H. M'Phie, Springburn H. | 14 | 14 |
| 9, J. R. Lardy, Carrubee H. | 14 | 15 |
| 10, (equal) W. Nelson, Maryhill H. and S. K. Tombs, Plebeian 14 | 20 | |

SHETTLESTON WIN RELAY

Wobbly Start But Grand Finish: Bobby Simpson's Fine Effort

By "GGROE"

AFTER a wobbly start, Shettleston came away in grand style to win the Midland Relay Championship, at Hamilton Park Racecourse on Saturday, and regain the title they lost to Plebeian last season. The east end club were over 100 yards in front at the third take-over, but at the finish they had only thirty yards to spare from Maryhill who, thanks to the grit of J. E. Farrell, beat the more fancied Bellahouston team by six yards for second place. Springburn, who were in the lead at the first lap, were fourth, while Plebeian (holders) faded out in the last lap, and finished so far back seventh.

One of the most surprising features of the race was the excellent form shown by Bobby Simpson, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., who brought his club from eighth to second place in the second circuit, and set up the fastest time of 14 mins. 3 secs. Jack Gifford, pulled out by J. E. Farrell, in a great fast-lap tussle, was only two seconds slower than Simpson, and two seconds faster than his Maryhill rival. W. Donaldson, Shettleston, was next in the fast times, beating his renowned clubmate, J. C. Flockhart, by two seconds.

Springburn Lead

Any thoughts that the race would result in a runaway victory for Shettleston were dispelled in the first lap, when the favourites' representative, J. C. Ross, finished ninth. Hugh M'Phee, Springburn, was the leader at this stage, but it was only by a few yards that he beat J. R. Lardy, Garscube. R. Clark, Plebeian, was third, a good bit behind.

"Plebs" sent off Sam Tombe in pursuit of the leaders in the second sector, and Sam did his job manfully, leading Simpson of Motherwell by ten yards. Donald had brought Shettleston up to fifth place in this lap, and with Jim Flockhart going next for the east end club, a change in leadership was quite expected. For two miles, however, W. G. Black, Plebeian, held on to the champion, and it was only at the hill, on the loop of the racecourse, that Flockhart drew clear.

When Gifford, the S.A.A.A. three miles champion, was on Farrell's heels after a mile had been run, Bellahouston seemed assured of second place, but Farrell ran a well-judged race, taking all the sting from the speedy Gifford before the finishing straight, and held on to win by six yards.

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2. Maryhill (W. Nelson 14.20, L. Tongue 14.28, H. B. Morrison 14.44, J. E. Farrell 14.7)—57 mins. 39 secs.
3. Bellahouston (T. W. Lamb 14.42, T. Gibson 14.14, R. Lumsden 14.39, J. Gifford 14.5)—57 mins. 40 secs.
4. Springburn (H. M'Phee 14.14, P. M'Nab 14.27, H. Haughie 14.40, D. Fyfe 14.55)—58 mins. 16 secs.
5. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. (J. L. Ferguson 14.36, R. Simpson 14.3, T. I. M'Glynn 14.49, T. R. Milne 14.52)—58 mins. 20 secs.
6. Garscube (J. R. Lardy 14.15, R. M'Kie 15.9, W. Gowans 14.14, T. Daily 14.54)—58 mins. 32 secs.
7. Plebeian (holders)—R. Clark 14.18, S. K. Tombe 14.20, W. G. Black 14.42, T. Moffat 15.43)—59 mins. 3 secs.
8. West of Scotland (A. L. Spencer 14.29, J. Parker 14.32, E. I. M'Donald 15.7, T. Cruden 14.24)—59 mins. 32 secs.
9. Uddingston Welfare (W. Cameron 14.48, R. Dyer 15.3, J. Morris 14.58, P. Morrow 15.17)—60 mins. 6 secs.
10. Victoria Park (A. Forbes 14.43, J. S. Oswald 15.17, D. E. Thomson 15.9, R. Rogerson 15.3)—60 mins. 12 secs.
11. Bellahouston "B" (J. Hamilton 14.51, I. Carlyle 15.22, A. Dickie 15.19, J. Campbell 14.45)—60 mins. 17 secs.
12. Shettleston "B" (J. J. M'Donald 14.35, E. Taylor 15.3, J. D. Scott 15.25, B. M'Laughlan 15.21)—60 mins. 24 secs.
13. Glasgow University (J. N. Lapraik 14.45, J. D. Binning 14.53, J. C. Gray 15.15, W. A. M'Bride 15.52)—60 mins. 45 secs.
14. Springburn "B" (W. Thomson 15.22, W. M'Nab 15.47, J. Brinkins 15.14, J. Kelly 14.40)—61 mins. 3 secs.
15. Maryhill "B" (J. Nelson 14.47, A. Coogan 15.37, F. Graham 15.33, G. Porteous 15.8)—61 mins. 5 secs.
16. Airdrie (A. Macpherson 14.34, J. Marshall 14.45, J. M'Glone 15.40, J. Thomson 16.11)—61 mins. 10 secs.
17. Shawfield (G. Anderson 14.41, H. King 15.27, W. Platt 16.1, J. Gillies 15.5)—61 mins. 14 secs.
18. Plebeian "B" (H. K. Duff 15.23, J. Wilkie 14.51, A. Robertson 15.33, G. M'Allister 15.37)—61 mins. 24 secs.
19. Hamilton (A. Wardlaw 15.35, G. Craig 15.49, J. Brownlie 15.32, A. Robertson 15.6)—63 mins. 2 secs.
20. Motherwell "B" (J. Brown 15.14, W. M'Gowan 16.7, J. M'Donald 16.6, R. Devon 16.18)—63 mins. 45 secs.
21. Olympic (R. Hutchison 15.36, J. Beaton 15.1, A. Hutchison 16.00, H. Miller 18.4)—64 mins. 41 secs.

FASTEST TIMES

1. R. Simpson, Motherwell Y.M.C.A.—14 mins. 3 secs.
2. J. Gifford, Bellahouston—14 mins. 5 secs.
3. J. E. Farrell, Maryhill—14 mins. 7 secs.
4. W. Donaldson, Shettleston—14 mins. 9 secs.
5. J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston—14 mins. 11 secs.
6. (equal) W. Gowans, Garscube; T. Gibson, Bellahouston, and H. M'Phee, Springburn—14 mins. 14 secs.
7. J. R. Lardy, Garscube—14 mins. 15 secs.
8. R. Clark, Plebeian—14 mins. 18 secs.
9. (equal) S. K. Tombe, Plebeian, and W. Nelson, Maryhill—14 mins. 20 secs.