

MIDLAND C.C. RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP.

The race of 4 x 2½ miles on 3rd Nov., 1951, was again held at Stepps.

Showing a return to form, Harry Fenion the former Scottish Youth's champion in 14 mins. 52 secs. handed over a surprise lead for Bellahouston at the first change-over, with a 5 seconds advantage over Springburn (J. Stevenson) and 8 seconds ahead of the holders—and favourites—Victoria Park (I. Binnie).

Running sweetly through, Tom Lambert (14.36) took Springburn into the lead, but Christie held Bellahouston in a close 2nd position. Meanwhile Johnny Stirling (V.P.) was not his usual and dropped 6 places to 9th and was passed by his club's 2nd string man R. Kane who kept his team in 5th position. This gave the race a strange complex—the kind of thing we expect in cross-country.

At the end of the 3rd lap Springburn still held the lead through R. F. McLean, but Victoria Park made ground through young Syd Ellis moving from 5th to 2nd returning 14.38 and "Chic" Forbes bringing the "A" team to 5th with 14.32. Bellahouston though still fighting yielded to 3rd and Shettleston, mainly through Clark Wallace had worked from 8th to 4th.

'With the last leg in the capable hands of Tom Tracey, with to this stage easily the fastest time 14.01. Springburn were proud and worthy winners with the total time of 58m 27s. There was great excitement for the other leading places. Eddy Bannon (Shettleston) was in rampant form and took his club through to 2nd place, with the individual fastest time of 13 mins. 47 secs. Andy Forbes (V.P.) with 14 mins. 03 secs. passed his "B" team man and held off a late challenge by Bellahouston's H. Kennedy. With three juniors in their team Bellahouston were the surprise packet and a pleasing 4th.

Details :

1. SPRINGBURN H.—(J. Stevenson 14.57 : T. Lambert 14.36 : R. F. McLean 14.53 : T. Tracey 14.01)—58 mins. 27 secs.
2. SHETTLESTON H.—(J. McNeil 15.12 : B. Bickerton 15.08 : R. C. Wallace 14.40 : E. Bannon 13.47)—58 mins. 47 secs.
3. VICTORIA PARK A.A.C.—(B. Binnie 15.00 : J. D. Stirling 15.32 : C. D. Forbes 14.32 : A. Forbes 14.03)—59 mins. 07 secs.
4. BELLAHouston H.—(H. Fenion 14.52 : J. Christie 14.47 : F. Cowan 15.04 : H. Kennedy 14.27)—59 mins. 10 secs.
5. VICTORIA PARK "B."—(R. Calderwood 15.07 : R. Kane 14.56 : S. Ellis 14.38 : A. Breckinridge 14.40)—59 mins. 21 secs.
6. HAMILTON H.—(H. Gibson 15.10 : J. Finlayson 14.44 : G. McGill 15.23 : A. C. Gibson 15.06)—60 mins. 23 secs.
7. GARSCUBE H.—(D. Coupland 15.27 : A. Kidd 14.57 : G. A. Dunn 15.13 : J. J. Duffy 14.51)—60 mins. 28 secs.
8. MOTHERWELL Y.M.C.A.—(A. H. Brown 15.11 : J. Moir 15.16 : G. Mackle 15.46 : D. Nelson 14.27)—60 mins. 40 secs.
9. CLYDESDALE H.—(J. Higginson 15.17 : F. Clark 15.16 : P. Younger 15.47 : G. White 14.44)—61 mins. 04 secs.
10. SPRINGBURN H. "B."—(D. Wallace 15.14 : J. Morton 15.23 : J. Wallace 15.22 : J. Rankin 15.26)—61 mins. 25 secs.
11. BELLAHouston H. "B."—(A. Dinwoodie 15.24 : G. Bell 15.18 : J. Kelly 15.18 : J. McLean 15.37)—61 mins. 37 secs.
12. ST. MODAN'S A.A.C.—(D. Clelland 15.03 : J. McGhee 14.58 : J. Lynn 16.08 : M. Kaney 15.53)—62 mins. 02 secs.
13. VICTORIA PARK "C."—(I. Walls 15.46 : D. McFarlane 15.41 : J. Ellis 14.43 : J. Simpson 15.53)—62 mins. 03 secs.
14. MARYHILL H.—(R. A. Macdonald 15.34 : R. Wright 15.44 : R. Brymner 15.22 : J. Wright 15.36)—62 mins. 16 secs.
15. CAMBUSLANG H.—(W. Green 15.41 : E. Reilly 15.33 : S. Fleming 16.54 : A. Fleming 15.21)—63 mins. 29 secs.
16. BELLAHouston H. "C."—(C. Milligan 16.02 : G. Sutherland 16.23 : C. Kirk 15.27 : D. Robertson 15.41)—63 mins. 33 secs.
17. CLYDESDALE H. "B."—(J. Young 16.07 : R. Boyd 15.18 : W. Howie 16.13 : P. Reynolds 15.56)—63 mins. 34 secs.
18. SHETTLESTON H. "C."—(T. Walters 15.33 : J. Kirk 15.46 : J. Burton 16.11 : H. Simpson 16.28)—63 mins. 58 secs.
19. GARSCUBE H. "B."—(F. Jewell 16.43 : J. Gunn 15.37 : H. G. Carson 16.17 : A. W. Warton 15.36)—64 mins. 13 secs.
20. MARYHILL H. "B."—(T. Harrison 15.59 : S. Lawson 15.51 : A. B. Morrison 16.50 : J. Gibson 15.42)—64 mins. 22 secs.
21. SHETTLESTON H. "D."—(P. Fitzpatrick 16.10 : J. B. Miller 16.21 : J. McIlroy 15.56 : A. Hill 16.25)—64 mins. 52 secs.
22. CLYDESDALE H. "C."—(A. Donaghue 16.05 : D. Bowman 16.30 : W. Andrew 16.12 : A. Divers 16.44)—65 mins. 31 secs.
23. HAMILTON H. "B."—(J. Hepburn 15.49 : N. Baillie 16.01 : D. Jeffrey 17.36 : D. Wilson 16.54)—66 mins. 20 secs.
24. OLYMPIC H.—(A. Hall 16.53 : J. Harris 17.13 : J. R. Gifford 17.20 : A. Sellar 15.51)—67 mins. 17 secs.
25. GLASGOW POLICE A.A.—(K. Sigrist 17.03 : W. Armour 16.17 : A. Cameron 17.27 : H. Stephen 16.45)—67 mins. 32 secs.
26. GLASGOW POLICE "B."—(J. Johnston 17.26 : R. McMurdy 17.37 : J. Girdwood 17.21 : I. Hallyburton 17.22)—69 mins. 49 secs.

Beith Harriers' Annual Open Ballot team race, 4 miles C.C. will be held on New Year's Day from Gateside Road, Beith, at 3 p.m. Entry fee, 1/-. Teas after. Individual and team prizes.