

MIDLAND DISTRICT 10M. RELAY

At Stepps, 2/11/57

Victoria Park A.C. were worthy winners of the Midland Relay, thus breaking Shettleston's run of success which has lasted since 1953. Shettleston had to rearrange their team at the last minute owing to the indisposition of Graham Everett.

A surprise leader at the end of the first stage was Alex Breckenridge, Vic. Pk. "B," who led by 40yds., in 14:04 from Joe Connolly, Bellahouston, 14:18, with Bob Calderwood, Vic. Pk. "A," close behind in 14:19. The second lap saw several changes with Harry Fenion, Bellahouston, leading by about 25yds., from G. Dunn, Vic. Pk. "A," in 28:15. Vic. Pk. regained the lead in the third lap through Jim Russell, who gave John McLaren a 70yd. start for the final lap. The race was now virtually over, and although Gordon Nelson, Bellahouston, ran well, he could make no impression on John McLaren, who increased his lead to 100yds. and recorded the day's fastest lap time of 13:43.

1, Victoria Pk. "A" (R. C. Calderwood 14:19; G. Dunn 14:06; J. Russell 14:02; J. McLaren 13:43) 56:10.

2, Bellahouston (J. Connolly 14:18; H. Fenion 13:57; R. Black 14:39; G. Nelson 13:52) 56:46.

3, Clydesdale (J. Hislop 14:41; P. Younger 14:25; R. Clark 14:40; J. Wright 13:55) 57:41.

4, Springburn 57:55; 5, Shettleston "A" 58:14; 6, Victoria Pk. "B" 58:27; 7, Garscube "A" 58:47; 8, Vale of Leven 58:53; 9, Motherwell Y.M. 59:40; 10, Victoria Pk. "C" 59:45; 11, Shettleston "B" 60:02.

Fastest Laps: 1, J. McLaren (Vic. Pk.) 13:43; 2, G. Govan (Shett.) 13:51; 3, G. Nelson (Bell) 13:52; 4, J. Wright (Clydes) 13:55; 5, H. Fenion (Bell) 13:57.