

ATHLETICS.

WESTERN DISTRICT RELAY RACE.

THE third annual relay race for the Struthers trophy—an event which has this season been awarded district championship status, was decided from the Shettleston Harriers' pavilion in Gartocher Road on Saturday. Out of an entry of 27 teams, representing 21 clubs, all were forward except Glasgow Corporation Tramways A.C. The course was over a circuit of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, making fully ten miles in all. Included in the field were most of the leading runners in the West of Scotland, including two S.A.A.A. champions, T. M. Riddell, Shettleston Harriers, who holds the mile title, and W. H. Calderwood, Maryhill Harriers, the four miles champion. Another notable competitor was C. H. Johnston, the well-known Glasgow University runner, who made his first appearance in an open cross-country event.

The race was won and lost on the first circuit. Here were met Riddell, Johnston, and D. M'Lean, Maryhill Harriers (Western district mile champion.) The two Glen-named runners had a great duel, victory resting with the Shettleston man by a matter of less than 10 yards. M'Lean was third, a hundred yards in the rear. At half distance Shettleston, thanks to M. E. Anderson, led by half a minute, with Garscube second and Plebeian third, Monkland fourth, and Maryhill fifth. The issue was now practically decided. Shettleston and Garscube maintained their respective positions to the end, but on the third circuit Maryhill regained third position, and thus they finished. Result:—1, Shettleston Harriers (holders) (T. M. Riddell, M. E. Anderson, W. Hart, and J. W. Stanley), 57 mins. 58 4-5 secs.; 2, Garscube Harriers (G. H. Blair, R. Robertson, J. Givran, and A. J. T. M'Harran), 58 mins. 15 secs.; 3, Maryhill Harriers (D. M'Lean, A. Mitchell, J. Hay, and W. H. Calderwood), 58 mins. 38 secs.; 4, Plebeian Harriers; 5, Monkland Harriers; 6, Drith Harriers. Fastest laps—T. M. Riddell, 14 mins. 3 secs.; C. H. Johnston, 14 mins. 4 secs.; D. M'Lean, 14 mins. 21 secs. The third prize was withheld owing to a protest being lodged against the eligibility of certain members of the Maryhill team.

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CROSS-COUNTRY

Shettleston Again Western Relay Champions

RIDDELL AND JOHNSTON'S GREAT RACE

The 10-miles Western Relay Championship for the Wm. Struthers Trophy at Shettleston was an unqualified success. Twenty-six teams started, only Glasgow Tramways failing to field a team.

In the first section of the journey notable men like T. Riddell, Shettleston; C. H. Johnston, Glasgow University; P. Nicol, Kilmarnock; D. McLean, Maryhill; F. Stevenson, Monkland; and S. K. Tombe, Plebeian, lined up.

As expected a great race ensued between Riddell (who came up specially from London) and C. H. Johnston—they drew clear from the field but Johnston could not hold Riddell in the run in, time 14min. 3sec. Don McLean, Maryhill; Peter Nicol, F. Stevenson, C. H. Blue, Garscube, and S. K. Tombe were next in that order.

Garscube and Maryhill Improve

M. E. Anderson, who took over from Riddell, increased Shettleston's lead over the next relay, being fully 200 yards in from of R. Roxburgh, Garscube, who advanced four places. Meantime G.U.A.C. and Kilmarnock dropped to sixth and eighth places.

The third and fourth circuits showed no changes, Shettleston, Garscube, Maryhill, and Plebeian consolidating their positions, and thus they finished. Shettleston won easily, thus retaining the Struthers Trophy by the assistance of the same quartette.

The Details

Placings and laps and full times were:—

1, Shettleston—T. Riddell (14min. 3sec.), M. E. Anderson (14min. 32sec.), W. Hart (14min. 37sec.), and J. W. Stanley (14min. 46 4/5sec.)—57 minutes 58 4/5 seconds.

2, Garscube—C. H. Blue (14min. 34sec.), R. Roxburgh (14min. 30sec.), J. Girvan (14min. 39sec.), and A. J. McMorran (14min. 32sec.)—58 minutes 15 seconds.

3, Maryhill—Don McLean (14min. 21sec.), A. Mitchell (14min. 50sec.), J. Hay (14min. 47sec.), and W. H. Calderwood (14min. 30sec.)—58 minutes 38 seconds.

4, Plebeian—S. K. Tombe (14min. 35sec.), W. Allan (14min. 30sec.), J. Ferguson (15min. 21sec.), and W. Gunn (15min. 14sec.)—59 minutes 40 seconds.

5, Monkland—F. Stevenson (14min. 30sec.), W. Plant (14min. 37sec.), J. Tennent (15min. 56 sec.), and T. Rae (14min. 40sec.)—59 minutes 43 seconds.

6, Belth—J. Calder (14min. 56sec.), G. McKechnie (15min. 29sec.), A. Fitzsimmons (15min. 1sec.), and D. F. McKechnie (14min. 30sec.)—59 minutes 56 seconds.

7, Wellpark "A"—60 min. 22sec.; 8, Kilmarnock—60min. 31sec.; 9, Garscube "B"—60min. 33sec.; 10, Motherwell; 11, Springburn; 12, Paisley Harriers.

A Protest

The third team awards were withheld until a protest is heard at a meeting to be held during the week.

CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONS.

Twenty-seven teams, each consisting of four runners, competed yesterday afternoon in the Western District ten miles cross-country relay team championship at Shettleston. The $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles course for the race was laid by the Shettleston Harriers, and circled from Gartocher Road via Lightburn Hospital and the new Glasgow-Edinburgh Road, each member of the teams entered having to compass a full circuit.

Shettleston Harriers, the holders of the Struthers trophy, had entered last year's winning team, and were confidently expected to register another success, although Maryhill, Garscube, and Plebeian Harriers, whose teams had all been recently strengthened, were very strong challengers.

Prominent competitors in the club selections were Tom Riddell (Shettleston), Scottish mile champion; W. H. Calderwood (Maryhill), four miles champion; Donald McLean (Maryhill), Western District mile champion; C. H. Johnston (Glasgow University), ex-four miles champion; and Frank Stevenson (Monkland), junior cross-country champion.

Tom Riddell gave Shettleston an early lead, although he had only a very narrow margin from C. H. Johnston (University), when handing over to his clubmate, Anderson.

Thereafter Shettleston were never headed. University, however, lost ground, Garscube coming into second place. These positions were maintained to the finish.