

EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW.

ROAD RELAY RACE.

The first road relay race between Edinburgh and Glasgow was decided on Saturday afternoon in fine weather. The starting point was St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, and the various stations en route were at Maybury Cross (5 miles), Broxburn (10½ miles), Wester Dechmont Farm (15 miles), Armadale (20½ miles), Forrestfield Inn (26¼ miles), Airdrie War Memorial (33¼ miles), and Barrachnie (39¼ miles), finishing the 44¼ miles at Royal Exchange, Glasgow. Edinboro Harriers did not appear, but of the 18 teams facing the starter, 17 completed the course, the only one to fall out being Paisley Harriers through one of their men not appearing to take up his place at the end of the fifth section.

At Maybury Cross, Picheian held the lead, with Dundee Thistle second, Maryhill third, Motherwell fourth, Irvine fifth, and Edinburgh Southern sixth. When Broxburn was reached there was no change in the three leading places, but Irvine were now fourth and Edinburgh Southern fifth. Excellent running by J. M'Nair, the Maryhill novice champion, caused a change ere Wester Dechmont Farm was reached, and at this point the national champions were leading Picheian by over 100 yards, with Dundee Thistle third, Irvine still fourth, and Motherwell fifth, Edinburgh Southern having fallen back to seventh place. J. M. Petrie, who took over for Dundee Thistle here, soon began to make up the lower, and at Armadale the Tay-side team were in front for the first time, with Maryhill, Picheian, Irvine, Garcube (who had gained two places), and Motherwell next in order.

Then came the most interesting and what proved to be the deciding part of the race. Starting from Armadale 38 seconds behind W. S. Russell, the Dundee representative, W. J. Gunn, ran a beautifully smooth race. He rapidly overhauled Russell and D. T. Muir, and keeping ahead, reached Forrestfield Inn with 19 seconds in hand. The position at this point was—Picheian first, Dundee Thistle second, and Maryhill, Irvine, Garcube, and Motherwell next in order.

SUTTIE SMITH'S TASK.

It was in the seventh sector that J. Suttie Smith appeared to run for Dundee, but he had a tough task to concede Max Rayne 19 seconds over the seven miles. He set about it in good fashion, and at Plains Post Office did get on terms with the Picheian man, but he found that his opponent refused to give way and was finally beaten to the change-over by some five yards. At the Airdrie Memorial Picheian led, with Dundee Thistle second, Maryhill third, Irvine fourth, Motherwell fifth, and Springburn, who had made a wonderful recovery from Maybury Cross when they were in thirteenth place, sixth.

Rayne's plucky display against the champion settled the issue in Picheian's favour, for there was no change in the placings at Barrachnie, nor yet at the close, the last two Picheians increasing the advantage over each section.

Apart from the performance of W. J. Gunn, J. Suttie Smith, and M. Rayne, the chief feature of the race was the excellent running shown by A. Ingram and J. M'Nair, the novice champions of Picheian and Maryhill. M'Nair, in particular, enhanced his reputation, and others to run above form were D. Fry and J. Watson, of Irvine, R. Allison, of Springburn, J. M. Petrie and J. Brannan, of Dundee. Result:—

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1. Picheian Harriers (A. Ingram, 26.49 1-5; A. M. Murray, 32.57; E. James, 23.19 4-5; O. M'Ghee, 32.7; W. J. Gunn, 28.17; M. Rayne, 34.45; P. J. Connolly, 30.37; J. Lamond, 25.35).....	3	54	7
2. Dundee Thistle Harriers (W. M'Gowan, 27.7 3-5; J. Brannan, 32.25; J. M'Kechale, 23.37; J. M. Petrie, 31.7 2-5; W. S. Russell, 29.34; J. Suttie Smith, 34.7; A. M'Queen, 31.58; W. D. Sudders, 25.6).....	3	55	0
3. Maryhill Harriers (A. H. Blair, 27.9; D. M. Robertson, 32.27; J. M'Nair, 22.39; A. Mitchell, 32.28; D. T. Muir, 29.22; T. Blakely, 37.3; D. M'Lean, 31.11; D. M'L. Wright, 25.54).....	3	58	13
4. Irvine Y.M.C.A. Harriers (R. Wilson, 27.32; D. Macgowan, 32.30½; D. Auld, 25.40½; A. Auld, 35.1; D. Kerr, 30.37; C. P. Wilson, 35.54; D. Fry, 30.53; J. Watson, 25.48).....	4	0	56
5. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers (R. Graham, 27.50; R. Mackand, 35.30½; R. Simpson, 25.16½; W. J. M'Fwan, 34.48; J. Archibald, 30.23; M. H. Gardner, 36.26; D. Shaw, 32.23; W. H. Gardner, 25.34).....	4	3	51
6. Springburn Harriers (J. Stevenson, 32.22; J. Mars, 35.39½; J. Mackay, 25.54½; W. Grant, 33.13; G. Tully, 30.23; R. Allison, 36.52; H. Campbell, 32.4; A. Stevenson, 25.38).....	4	4	6
7. Garrauto Harriers.....	4	4	17
8. Bollabowton Harriers.....	4	4	47
9. Monkland Harriers.....	4	6	16
10. Edinburgh Southern Harriers.....	4	6	40
11. Shettleston Harriers.....	4	8	16
12. Hamilton Harriers.....	4	9	37
13. Edinburgh Northern Harriers.....	4	13	2
14. Dumbarton A.A.C.....	4	13	54
15. Canon A.S.C.....	4	13	8
16. Olympic Harriers.....	4	15	11
17. Clydebank Harriers.....	4	16	24

Fastest laps with approximate distances—First (5½ miles)—A. Ingram, Picheian Harriers, 26 mins. 49 1-5 sec.; second (5 miles)—J. Brannan, Dundee Thistle Harriers, 32 mins. 25 sec.; third (4½ miles)—J. M'Nair, Maryhill Harriers, 22 mins. 39 sec.; fourth (5½ miles)—J. M. Petrie, Dundee Thistle Harriers, 31 mins. 7 3-5 sec.; fifth (¼ miles)—W. J. Gunn, 28 mins. 17 sec.; sixth (7 miles)—J. Suttie Smith, Dundee Thistle Harriers, 34 mins. 7 sec.; seventh (5½ miles)—D. Scott, Monkland Harriers, 30 mins. 18 sec.; eighth (5 miles)—F. J. Stevenson, Monkland Harriers, 24 mins. 22 sec.

Southern did best of the Edinburgh clubs. At Maybury Cross I. Ross was sixth, and in the next section to Broxburn T. Lockhart had moved into fifth place. In the third leg they dropped into seventh, which was maintained in the following section, but in the next two sections, despite excellent running by A. A. Bowman and A. N. Osoble, they had fallen other two places, and in the last all they went further behind to ninth in tenth place. Southern, eighth at Maybury Cross, had fallen to tenth in the next section, and at Wester Dechmont Farm were running in thirteenth place, where they remained until the close of the race. Canon, ninth at the first control, did no better than eight places in the next section. Harburgh, however, regained three, only to see them lost again in the stretch between Wester Dechmont Farm and Armadale. In the last two sections F. Seymon and W. Gilchrist each gained a place. The details of the club's performances are:—

Edinburgh Southern Harriers (I. Ross 27.53; T. Lockhart 33.5½; J. A. Smith 24.19½; R. Sigurdson 34.38; A. Bowman 26.38; A. N. Osoble 37.56; J. D. Wilson 1.35; J. A. Henderson 26.55)—4 hours 6 mins. 40 sec.

Edinburgh Northern Harriers (J. P. Laidlaw 27.45; Wilkie 35.4½; W. Dungey 26.42½; T. G. Shadden 4.1; F. M'K. Thomson 31.42; P. Addison 37.42; W. Scott 34.3; H. McIntosh 26.2)—4 hours 13 mins. 2 sec.

Canon A.S.C. (W. Gibson 27.46 1-5; D. C. Ingh 7.45; G. K. Horsburgh 24.23; A. Johnston 36.48; J. Robertson 31.8; J. Morrow 38.13; W. Seymon 35.10; F. Gilchrist 26.12)—4 hours 15 mins. 8 sec.

DISTANCE RUNNERS IN RELAY TUSSLE

Big Chance for Dundee Thistle To-Morrow

By WHIP.

THE organisers of the first Edinburgh to Glasgow relay race must be pleased with the entry this event has brought forward.

The 16 clubs taking part in to-morrow's event represents the cream of Scotland's distance runners, and a keen race is sure to be witnessed.

The complete entry reads as follows:—

Bellaouston Harriers; Canon A.C.; Clydesdale Harriers; Dumbarton Harriers; Dundee Thistle Harriers; Edinburgh Southern Harriers; Edinburgh Northern Harriers; Garscube Harriers; Hamilton Harriers; Irving Y.M.C.A.; Maryhill Harriers; Motherwell Y.M.C.A.; Olympic Harriers; Plebian Harriers; Shettleston Harriers; and Springburn Harriers.

The race will start at St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, at 2.30 p.m., and the first change-over takes place at Maybury Cross (5½ miles). The second relay will finish at Broxburn East U.F. Church (5 miles), and the third at West Dochnmont Farm (4½ miles). The Goth Tower, Arma-dale (5½ miles), will see the change-over between the fourth and fifth stages. Forrest-field Inn (6½ miles) to Coatdyke War Memorial (7 miles) constitutes the sixth leg, while the seventh will terminate at Springhill Road Cross, Barrachnie. From there the last man will take the road into the centre of Glasgow, to finish at Queen Street, beyond the Royal Exchange.

Thistle Team.

The Thistle Harriers are relying on W. M'Gregor, J. Brannen, J. M'Kechnie, J. M. Petrie, W. S. Russell, J. Suttie Smith, A. M'Queen, and W. D. Slidders to carry their colours, and they will run in the order given.

In the first relay W. M'Gregor will be travelling in very fast company, as most of the clubs have chosen fast men for this part of the journey in the hope of establishing a lead.

J. M. Petrie has been put in the fourth leg, where it was thought his speed would come in handy over this distance (5½ miles).

In the longest section (7 miles) Suttie Smith will be forward, and if there is anything to make up then his speed and staying power will be found useful.

The finish has been left in the capable hands of W. D. Slidders. Willie will find the representatives in this section very "hot," the outstanding among them being "Dunky" Wright (Maryhill) and W. H. Gardiner (Motherwell), both of them internationalists, but I think the Thistle man will hold his own with them on the road.

I am looking forward to seeing a great race between the Maryhill and Thistle teams, as previous performances place the two clubs far ahead of the next best, but the club who wins the honour of having their name inscribed in the premier place on the trophy will have to fight for it over every mile of the 44½-mile course.

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PLEBEIAN HARRIERS' SUCCESS.

Yet another chapter in the history of athletics in Scotland commenced last Saturday with the inauguration of a road relay race from Edinburgh to Glasgow. The contest was staged on lines similar to the London to Brighton race, and arrangements were full and complete, and every precaution was taken to ensure that no hitch occurred. Omnibuses conveyed the competitors and officials to the starting points and picked them up at the finish.

Although it is rather late in the season for a race of this kind, there was an excellent response, more particularly perhaps from the west where there is an unbounded enthusiasm for racing in any form.

There was an entry of 19 teams, and Edinburgh's representation was three—Edinburgh, Northern, Southern and Canon. The race was over 44½ miles, composed of eight relays varying in distance from 4½ to 7 miles. The starting point was St. Andrews Square, Edinburgh, and the change-over occurred at Maybury Cross (5 miles), Broxburn (10½ miles), Wester Dechnmont Farm (15 miles), Armadale (20½ miles), Forrestfield Inn (26½ miles), Airdrie (33½ miles), Barrachnie (39½ miles), finishing at Royal Exchange, Glasgow (44½ miles).

A large crowd gathered to witness Treasurer Harvey send the runners off on the first lap. Eighteen competitors went to the mark, Eglinton Harriers being the absentees.

The order of change-over at the end of 15 miles stages at Broxburn was—Plebeian (59 mins. 20½ secs.); 2, Dundee (59 mins. 30 secs.); 3, Maryhill (59 mins. 36 secs.), with the other clubs as follows—Irvine, Edinburgh Southern, Motherwell, Garscube, Hamilton, Springburn, Edinburgh Northern, Shettleston, Bellahouston, Dumbarton, Paisley, Monkland, Clydesdale, Canon and Olympic.

Large crowds lined the route when the runners arrived at Bathgate, and in the vicinity of the Steelyard between 500 and 600 people had congregated, each of the runners being accorded an encouraging cheer as he passed. The first man to arrive was J. M. Petrie, Dundee Thistle, who passed the Steelyard at 4.30 p.m. He was closely followed by A. Mitchell, Maryhill, and O. McGee, Plebeian. Somewhat like 1½ minutes elapsed when A. Aikie, Irvine Y.M.C.A., put in an appearance, and about 150 yards behind him came K. M. Roxburgh, Garscube. The runners followed at varying intervals, and about 11½ minutes elapsed from the time the leader passed the Steelyard and the arrival of the last of the 18 runners.

Every stage of the race was brimful of interest as although the Plebeian Harriers' team in which every man played his part well, were clear winners at the finish, the persistent challenges of Dundee Thistle representatives were always menacing until the 44-miles' journey was completed, while Maryhill Harriers for fully two-thirds of the journey had held an equally strong position.

The race was happily concluded without serious hitch, although there were grave risks run in many places owing to traffic congestion, and at Bathgate the railway level crossing gates were shut at the actual time when the runners were due. Owing to the start having been delayed for 18 minutes through late arrival of the Western contingent, the way was cleared at Bathgate when the leaders arrived. The following are the prize-winners and the times for their respective stages:—

1, Plebeian Harriers—A. Ingram (24.49 1-5), A. M. Murray (32.37), E. James (23.19 4-5), O. McGee (32.7), W. J. Gunn (28.17), M. Rayne (34.45), P. J. Connelly (30.37), J. Lamond (25.35)—3 hrs. 54 mins. 7 secs.

2, Dundee Thistle Harriers—W. McGregor (27.7 3-5), J. Brannen (32.23), J. McKechnie (21.37), J. M. Petrie (31.7 2-5), W. S. Russell (29.34), J. S. Smith (34.7), A. McQueen (31.38), W. D. Slidders (25.6)—3 hrs. 55 mins.

3, Maryhill Harriers—A. H. Blair (27.9), D. N. Robertson (32.27), J. McNair (22.39), A. Mitchell (32.28), D. T. Muir (29.22), I. Blakely (37.3), D. McLean (31.11), D. M'L. Wright (25.54)—3 hrs. 58 mins. 13 secs.