

EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW ROAD RACE

PLEBEIAN HARRIERS WIN AGAIN

As the result of a splendid all-round exhibition of road work, Plebeian Harriers repeated their last year's success in the relay race from Edinburgh to Glasgow on Saturday. It was a notable effort.

The 44½ miles course was divided into eight sections, the distances varying from four to seven miles, and at each change-over the leader was a Piebald Harrier. In the inaugural race last year their time was 3hr. 54min. 7sec., whereas Saturday's race was accomplished in 3min. 28sec. less. The National Cross-Country Champions, Maryhill Harriers (third last year), were 6min. 6sec. better than last year, and this brought them into second place, last year's runners-up, Dundee Thistle Harriers, being absent.

The various stages into which the journey was divided were:—First section, Edinburgh (St. Andrew's Square) to Maybury Cross (5½ miles); second section, Maybury Cross to Broxburn (6 miles); third section, Broxburn to Wester Dechmont (4 miles); fourth section, Wester Dechmont to Arinadale (5½ miles); fifth section, Arinadale to Forrestfield (5½ miles); sixth section, Forrestfield to Airdrie (7 miles); seventh section, Airdrie to Barrachnie (5½ miles); eighth section, Barrachnie to Royal Exchange, Glasgow (5 miles).

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Before half-distance had been reached Kibbarchan A.A.C. also dropped out, but the remaining 19 teams completed the course. Throughout the race the weather was favourable.

A FAST PACE

Right from the start a fast pace was set. Plebeian (Clark) and Maryhill (Calderwood) fought keenly for the lead, the former winning, so that at the first transfer the holders had an advantage of almost 100 yards. Clark's time over this sector (26min. 43sec.) bettered last year's figures by 61-5sec.

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A fine effort by J. M'Nair over the third stretch took Maryhill back into second place. M'Nair's figures (22min. 34sec.) being five seconds better than the previous best. Half distance was at Armadale, and the order of the leaders was Piebrian (M'Ghee), Maryhill (Adams), and Garscube (Urquhart). Again last year's figures were improved upon Urquhart, Midland District cross-country champion (31min. 6sec.) clipping 1 sec. off Piebrian's time at this stage was 1hr. 52min. 6sec., while Maryhill had taken 1hr. 53min. 22sec., and Garscube 1hr. 54min. 10sec.

700 FEET UP.

The next stretch—to Forrestfield—took the runners over the highest part of the road, which at one point reaches a height of 700 feet. Piebrian (Tombe) had considerably increased their advantage over Maryhill (Muir), with Garscube still third—this, in fact, was the order until the tape was reached.

The longest stretch came next, and most of the clubs were represented by their strongest runners for the downhill run into Airdrie. Fleebian (Gunn) took over with an advantage of 2min. 20sec. over Maryhill (Wright), but this had been reduced to 1min 53sec. by the time Airdrie was reached. At Barrachnie Fleebian (Ingram) were 1min. 40sec. ahead of Maryhill (Slakey), the 29min. 48sec. by the Maryhill man being an improvement of 30sec. on the previous figure.

Thus over the final section Fleebian (Lamond) had a comfortable lead over Maryhill (M'Lean). The former one-mile champion gained slightly but in the end the Fleebian representative ran out a worthy winner by some 400 yards. The margin on the match was 1min. 28sec., with Garscube third, 6min. 23sec. behind Maryhill.

On the latter half of the journey the order of the first nine clubs remained unchanged, although the intervals were wider. Between the first and the last of the teams there was a difference of 30min. 29sec. Result:—

		H M S
FLEEBIAN HARRIERS		3 50 39
R. Clark 26.43, M. Rayne 31.24, P. Connolly 22.50, O. M'Ghee 31.8, R. K. Tombs 27.53, W. J. Gunn 36.16, A. Ingram 30.1, J. Lamond 25.24.		
MARYHILL HARRIERS		3 52 7
W. H. Ouderwood 25.56, D. Robertson 31.55, I. C. M'Nair 22.34, A. W. Adams 31.57, D. T. Muir 29.2, D. M'L Wright 34.43, T. Slakey 39.48, D. M'Lean 26.12.		

BANDSUSE HARRIERS	3 54 30
A. B. Brooks 27.54, J. Gilvan 32.6 3-53	
E. Louder 23.5 2-5, D. Ungahart 31.6,	
R. M. Roxburgh 30.2, C. H. Bine 37.6,	
J. Thomson 31.46, D. B. Brooks 25.20,	
EDINBURGH NORTHERN HARRIERS	3 50 11
J. P. Laidlaw 27.4, M. Stewart 31.46, J.	
Thomson 24.0, P. Addison 32.46, W.	
Morris 29.36, W. Johnstone 34.46, G.	
Lochlan 31.46, H. McIntosh 25.30,	

Sheffield Harriers	4 0 25
Monkland Harriers	4 2 50
Edinburgh Southern Harriers	4 4 0
Leeds Harriers	4 6 40
H. M. L. Harriers	4 8 5
Bellinouston Harriers	4 9 14
North Harriers	4 11 16
Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers	4 11 26
Olympic Harriers	4 11 51
Victoria Park A.A.C.	4 13 15
Crosdale Harriers	4 13 33
Dunbarton A.A.C.	4 13 54
Glasgow Y.M.C.A. Harriers	4 14 23
Cinder A.A.C.	4 19 50
Falvey Harriers	4 21 8

FASTEST TIMES

Year	Month	Day	Time	Location	Remarks	Page	Page
1904	Jan	1	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived	28	43
1904	Jan	2	10:00	St. Paul	Left	31	24
1904	Jan	3	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived	22	34
1904	Jan	4	10:00	St. Paul	Left	31	6
1904	Jan	5	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived	34	43
1904	Jan	6	10:00	St. Paul	Left	29	48
1904	Jan	7	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived	25	12