

EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW ROAD RACE

DUNDEE THISTLE'S SUCCESS

The 5th Edinburgh to Glasgow 43½ miles race was run on Saturday under the worst weather conditions experienced since the first race was decided in 1930. Strong head-on winds, which were accompanied by intermittent heavy showers of rain, slowed the competitors at some stages of the race to little faster than walking pace.

Sixteen teams competed, and Bailie Kinloch Anderson, before starting the race, handed to A. McGregor, Plebeian Harriers, a baton, enclosing a letter from the Lord Provost of Edinburgh to the Lord Provost of Glasgow.

Victoria Park led at the end of the first relay from Shettleston, with Shawfield, Maryhill, Plebeian, Dundee Thistle, and Edinburgh Northern following in that order. The concentration of Shettleston's best men in the first part of the race caused this club to lead at the end of the third relay by the useful margin of 1 min. 22 secs. from Maryhill, with Dundee Thistle, Plebeian, and Edinburgh Northern following. J. M. Adams ran the fourth stage for Dundee Thistle in the fastest time of any of the other 16 runners in this relay, to put his club on the lead for the first time. They were 23 seconds ahead of Shettleston, with Maryhill third, Plebeian fourth, and Edinburgh Northern in seventh place. The leaders increased their lead to 1 min. 28 secs. at 26½ miles, while Maryhill had displaced Shettleston from second place, and Edinburgh Northern had gained two places through D. H. Ferguson. In the sixth relay, 33½ miles, W. Hinde brought Northern into third place, with Dundee Thistle still leading Maryhill. S. K. Tombs brought Plebeian up from sixth to fourth place.

LIDLAW'S FINE EFFORT

The most outstanding individual performance of the race was accomplished by J. P. Laidlaw, Edinburgh Northern, in the seventh stage, which he ran in 30 mins. 24 secs., to put his club into the strong challenging position of only three seconds behind the leaders, Dundee Thistle, with only 5 miles to go to the finish.

A. Hay, Eastern champion, ran the last relay for Dundee Thistle, and W. Morris, brought in as first reserve for H. McIntosh, who was ill with influenza, ran for Northern. Morris ran well, but the youth of the Dundonian was not to be denied, and he reached Glasgow Royal Exchange 31y-six seconds ahead of Edinburgh Northern. W. Nelson, Maryhill, was third; O. McGhee, Plebeian, fourth, and a fast run by J. Girvan brought Garcube into fifth place.

The winners, Dundee Thistle Harriers, have been prominent in district and national championships for many years, but their win on Saturday was their first success of a national character. They have been in the first three four times and their success is only just reward for their perseverance and training. Edinburgh Northern were unlucky not to have the services of McIntosh, whose usual running would undoubtedly have won the race for them. Maryhill's team included the marathon champions, D. M'N. Robertson and D. M'L. Wright.

Details:—

1. Dundee Thistle Harriers (W. D. Siddons, 29 mins. 25 secs.; D. Gowans, 35 mins. 36 secs.; P. Murray, 26 mins. 36 secs.; J. M. Adams, 35 mins. 39 secs.; J. McKechzie, 35 mins.; D. Coburn, 40 mins. 11 secs.; G. Simpson, 32 mins. 13 secs.; A. Hay, 26 mins. 17 secs.)—4 hrs. 20 mins. 47 secs.

2. Edinburgh Northern Harriers (M. Stewart, 30 mins. 3 secs.; W. Johnstone, 36 mins. 29 secs.; G. K. Horburgh, 27 mins. 12 secs.; P. Addison, 36 mins. 34 secs.; D. Ferguson, 35 mins. 16 secs.; W. Hinde, 38 mins. 45 secs.; J. P. Laidlaw, 30 mins. 24 secs.; W. Morris, 27 mins.)—4 hrs. 21 mins. 43 secs.

3. Maryhill Harriers (J. Ross, 29 mins. 22 secs.; D. M'N. Robertson, 35 mins. 18 secs.; R. M'Alpine, 26 mins. 59 secs.; R. Nicolson, 37 mins. 24 secs.; J. Moir, 34 mins. 45 secs.; D. M'L. Wright, 29 mins. 57 secs.; A. H. Blair, 32 mins. 37 secs.; W. Nelson, 26 mins. 17 secs.)—4 hrs. 23 mins. 30 secs.

4. Plebeian Harriers (A. McGregor, 29 mins. 23 secs.; A. Armstrong, 35 mins. 56 secs.; G. Andrews, 28 mins. 21 secs.; W. J. Gunn, 36 mins. 17 secs.; W. Currie, 36 mins. 53 secs.; S. K. Tombs, 38 mins. 9 secs.; W. Hall, 35 mins. 26 secs.; O. McGhee, 26 mins. 58 secs.)—4 hrs. 25 mins. 23 secs.

5. Garcube Harriers, 4 hours 25 mins. 48 secs.; 6. Shettleston Harriers, 4 hours 26 mins. 1 sec.; 7. Springburn Harriers, 4 hours 29 mins. 34 secs.; 8. Monkland Harriers, 4 hours 30 mins. 10 secs.; 9. Motherwell Y.M.C.A., 4 hours 30 mins. 45 secs.; 10. Shawfield Harriers, 4 hours 34 mins. 2 secs.; 11. Victoria Park A.C., 4 hours 34 mins. 17 secs.; 12. Clydesdale Harriers, 4 hours 35 mins. 26 secs.; 13. Hamilton Harriers, 4 hours 38 mins. 32 secs.; 14. St Peter's A.C., 4 hours 38 mins. 50 secs.; 15. Heriot's C.C.C., 4 hours 53 mins. 34 secs.

FASTEST RELAYS

	Min.	Secs.
1. J. Gifford, Victoria Park	29	10
2. J. C. Plockhart, Shettleston Harriers...	33	56
3. W. Dally, Garcube Harriers	26	22
4. J. M. Adams, Dundee Thistle	35	39
5. J. Moir, Maryhill Harriers	34	45
6. S. K. Tombs, Plebeian Harriers	38	9
7. J. P. Laidlaw, Edinburgh Northern Harriers	30	24
8. J. Girvan, Garcube Harriers	25	57