

HARRIERS

EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW ROAD RACE

EDINBURGH NORTHERN WIN

CLUB'S FIRST SUCCESS

AFTER one of the most interesting races in the history of the event, Edinburgh Northern Harriers scored their first success on Saturday in the Edinburgh-to-Glasgow road relay race. They covered the distance, 44½ miles, in 4 hrs. 3 mins. 23 secs.

They thus justified expectations, for they have been advancing steadily during the past three years. In 1933 they finished third to Plebeian, last year they were second to Dundee Thistle, and on Saturday, after occupying third and fifth places for the first 34 miles, they won by almost 300 yards.

Over the first sector T. Armstrong gave Garscube Harriers the lead. In the second fine running by J. C. Flockhart enabled Shettleston to take first place before Broxburn East U.P. Church was reached. Good running by R. S. Hill and R. Jerrat enabled Shettleston to strengthen their position, and when Armadale Clock Tower was reached the Glasgow club held what seemed a winning lead of almost 2 mins. A. Craig held the advantage over the stretch to Forrestfield Inn. Then came a dramatic change. Starting exactly 2½ minutes behind J. C. Ross, S. K. Tombe ran well and, gradually, pulling in the three men in front of him, gave Plebeian Harriers the lead for the first time. The race became exciting, as 30 secs. covered the first five teams. The fine running of J. Suttie Smith, over the fifth sector, and W. Hinde, over the sixth, brought Edinburgh Northern into the picture, and when J. P. Laidlaw took over from Hinde his task seemed fairly easy. So much so, that, before the runners had covered little more than a mile, the Edinburgh Northern man was in front.

URQUHART'S CHALLENGE

That promising young runner, Donald Urquhart, of Garscube, who has been showing good form this season, offered a stout challenge, and the baton changed hands several times ere Laidlaw wore him down to hand over to Harry McIntosh a good 100 yards lead. The Edinburgh Northern's last man ran his usual stout race over the last sector, to give his club a good victory by over 250 yards.

J. P. Laidlaw's time of 29 mins. 38 secs. constitutes a record for the seventh sector, being 5 secs. faster than the time set up by A. Armstrong, of Plebeian Harriers, in 1933.

Result:—

		H. M. S.
1.	Edinburgh Northern Harriers (M. Stewart, 37 mins. 46 secs.; D. J. Ferguson, 34 mins. 15 secs.; G. Lothian, 24 mins. 59 secs.; W. Johnstone, 34 mins. 1 sec.; J. S. Smith, 30 mins. 41 secs.; W. Hinde, 36 mins. 38 secs.; J. P. Laidlaw, 29 mins. 38 secs.; H. McIntosh, 25 mins. 27 secs.)	4 3 23
2.	Garscube Harriers—(T. Armstrong, 27 mins. 30 secs.; J. Bennett, 33 mins. 34 secs.; W. Cowan, 24 mins. 34 secs.; R. S. Hill, 34 mins. 4 sec.; R. Jerrat, 31 mins. 10 sec.; D. Urquhart, 30 mins. 9 secs.; G. T. Thomson, 26 mins. 12 secs.)	4 4 18
3.	Plebeian Harriers (D. Flockhart, 28 mins. 31 secs.; P. J. Connelly, 24 mins. 10 secs.; H. K. Bain, 23 mins. 57 secs.; R. McIntosh, 24 mins. 10 sec.; W. Hinde, 31 mins. 4 sec.; R. Jerrat, 30 mins. 9 secs.; D. Urquhart, 26 mins. 12 secs.)	4 4 18
4.	Dundee Thistle Harriers (W. C. Stedman, 28 mins. 32 secs.; D. Cowan, 24 mins. 10 secs.; A. Bennett, 24 mins. 1 sec.; R. McIntosh, 24 mins. 10 sec.; D. Urquhart, 26 mins. 12 secs.; A. B. Evans, 21 mins. 12 mins. 7 secs.; A. B. Evans, 21 mins. 12 mins. 7 secs.)	4 4 18
5.	Shettleston Harriers (A. J. Hay, 25 mins. 39 secs.)	4 5 25
6.	Victoria Park A.C.	4 5 25
7.	Maryhill Harriers	4 5 25
8.	Edinburgh V.C.A. Harriers	4 5 25
9.	Shawfield Harriers	4 5 25
10.	Springburn Harriers	4 5 25
11.	Glasgow Harriers	4 5 25
12.	Glasgow V.C.A. A.C.	4 5 25
13.	Hamilton Harriers	4 5 25
14.	Wanklyn Harriers	4 5 25
15.	West of Scotland Harriers	4 5 25
16.	Olympic Harriers	4 5 25
17.	Barwell F.M.C.A. Harriers	4 5 25

FASTEST LAPS

First—T. Armstrong, Garscube Harriers, 27 mins. 30 secs.; second—J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston Harriers, 28 mins. 36 secs.; third—H. K. Bain, Plebeian Harriers, 28 mins. 37 secs.; fourth—R. Jerrat, Shettleston Harriers, 28 mins. 38 secs.; fifth—J. Suttie Smith, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, 30 mins. 41 secs.; sixth—S. K. Tombe, Plebeian Harriers, 30 mins. 48 secs.; seventh—R. McIntosh, Edinburgh Northern Harriers, 30 mins. 58 secs.

ROAD RELAY RACE

LAIDLAW'S PART IN NORTHERN'S SUCCESS

Due to the brilliant running of J. P. Laidlaw in the second last relay Edinburgh Northern Harriers were able to win the Edinburgh to Glasgow 44½ miles road relay race on Saturday. They won the event by about 300 yards from Garscube Harriers, with Plebeian a good third. Dundee Thistle, who won the race last year, finished fourth.

The winners made an indifferent start. They were third at the end of the first two relays fell back to fifth place in the third relay and kept that position for the next three sectors. At Airdrie W. Hinde handed over to J. P. Laidlaw 180 yards behind the leader, S. K. Tombe, Plebeian, but the Northern man ran a tremendously fast race considering the treacherous surface of the road, to put his club on the lead. He sent H. M'Intosh off on the last lap with a lead of about 45 yards, and the latter had increased this to about 300 yards at the finish. In conditions which were against fast performances, Laidlaw set up a ~~record~~ record for the five and a half miles between Airdrie and Barrachnie, reducing T. Armstrong's 1933 record by five seconds.

Results:

1. Edinburgh Northern Harriers (M. Stewart, 7 min. 46 sec.; D. H. Ferguson, 34 min. 13 sec.; G. Lothian, 24 min. 59 sec.; W. Johnstone, 24 min. 1 sec.; J. Suttie Smith, 30 min. 41 sec.; W. Hinde, 36 min. 38 sec.; J. P. Laidlaw, 29 min. 8 sec.; H. M'Intosh, 25 min. 27 sec.)—4 hr. 3 min. 23 sec.
2. Garscube Harriers (T. Armstrong, 27 min. 0 sec.; 2, J. Bennett, 33 min. 34 sec.; W. Gowan, 24 min. 34 sec.; R. M'Kie, 34 min. 4 sec.; A. D. McDonald, 31 min. 10 sec.; D. B. Brooke, 37 min. sec.; D. Urquhart, 30 min. 9 sec.; C. T. Thomson, 26 min. 13 sec.)—4 hr. 4 min. 18 sec.
3. Plebeian Harriers (G. Illingworth, 28 min. 11 sec.; P. J. Connelly, 24 min. 10 sec.; H. K. Duff, 23 min. 57 sec.; O. M'Ghee, 33 min. 6 sec.; W. Hall, 21 min. 40 sec.; S. K. Tombe, 25 min. 8 sec.; G. Andrews, 30 min. 55 sec.; W. J. Gunn, 25 min. 55 sec.)—4 hr. 4 min. 32 sec.
4. Dundee Thistle Harriers, 4 hr. 4 min. 58 sec.; 5, Shettleston Harriers, 4 hr. 6 min. 3 sec.; 6, Victoria Park A.A.C., 4 hr. 9 min. 32 sec.

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The prize for the team showing the greatest improvement was won by Victoria Park A.C., who finished sixth as compared with eleventh last year.