



**THE START IN EDINBURGH:** A photograph taken at the start from the Gladstone Memorial, Edinburgh. A letter was despatched from the Lord Provost of Edinburgh to the Lord Provost of Glasgow and this was carried in a baton throughout the race by the leading runner. It was finally delivered in Glasgow by A. Hay, of the Dundee Thistle Harriers, who was first past the post at the finish.

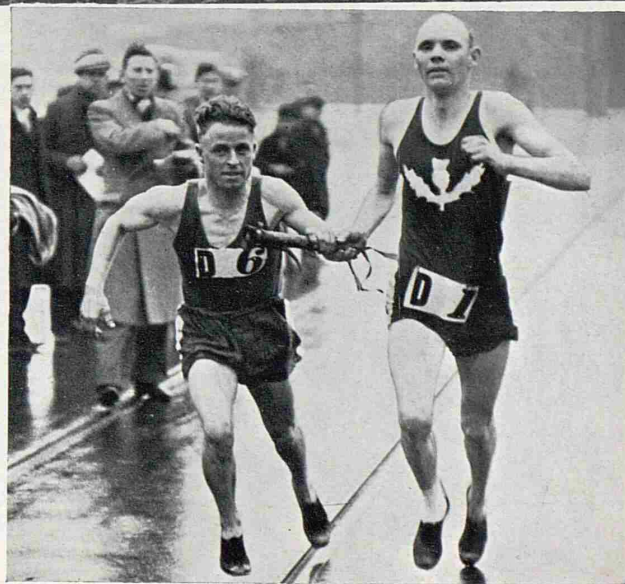
## EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW

The Fifth Annual Relay Race won by the Dundee Thistle Harriers

(Right) **THE WINNERS WITH THE TROPHY:** The Dundee Thistle Harriers won the "News of the World" challenge trophy for the annual relay race between Edinburgh and Glasgow, which was held last week-end. The Dundee Thistle Harriers were runners-up for the first contest in 1933 and winners in 1934, but were unplaced during the two succeeding years. Twenty teams, of eight runners each, competed.



**RUNNERS-UP IN THE RELAY RACE:** Maryhill Harriers came home in second place in the Edinburgh-Glasgow relay race, receiving silver medals for their performance. This was the first occasion on which they had come so near to success, occupying third place in the contest of 1934.



**A TAKE-OVER DURING THE RACE:** The scene at the 6th take-over, with F. Murray (Dundee Thistle Harriers) receiving the baton from his team mate J. M. Petrie. It commenced its journey in the care of the Bellahouston Harriers.

# EDINBURGH-GLASGOW RELAY RACE



J. Wilson, Greenock Glenpark Harriers, taking over from J. Rowan at Maybury cross-roads, the first relay station in the Edinburgh to Glasgow relay race on Saturday, which was won in record time by Dundee Thistle Harriers.

# CROSS-COUNTRY

## SCOTTISH CHAMPIONS' SUCCESS

### NEW RECORD IN EAST-WEST ROAD RELAY

#### FLOCKHART'S GREAT LAP

To the National Cross-Country Championship, won at Redford last month, Dundee Thistle Harriers on Saturday added the Edinburgh to Glasgow road relay race, run in eight laps over 44¼ miles of the old road west.

It was a victory that owed as much to the consistently high standard of running maintained by the whole eight men as to the brilliance of any individual, although, of course, the record-breaking runs by A. T. Whitecross and J. M. Petrie contributed considerably to the success, and certainly were responsible for the team setting up a record time for the whole course of 3 hours 50 minutes 14 seconds.

In the first of these runs, Whitecross set up a new time of 30 minutes 23 seconds for the fourth relay, 5¼ miles, from Wester Dechmont to Armadale, a time that was 18 seconds better than the record of J. Gibson, Bellahouston, set up last year.

#### SUCCESS IN THE MAKING

It was in this sector that Thistle's victory began to take shape. Over the first three laps, Bellahouston, holders, and Plebeian had with Thistle given promise in turn of being in front at the finish.

T. W. Lamb ran a very well-judged first lap of five and a half miles from St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, the starting point, to Maybury Cross, to lead the field of 16 teams for the holders. The advantage was lost over the second lap, six miles to Broxburn, by which stage Thistle, third at Maybury, had gone up to the front, but they in turn yielded the leadership over the shortest stretch of the race, the four miles to Wester Dechmont, where Plebeian, led by 12 seconds from Bellahouston, with Thistle 27 seconds further behind.

Whitecross's brilliant run to Armadale was followed by a consolidating effort by D. Coburn, who added against a slow field 31 seconds to the 11 second lead established by Whitecross over Bellahouston, and by a really superb sixth lap by Petrie.

#### MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE

This lap, the seven miles from Forrestfield to Airdrie, brought into competition a number of the "key" men, including J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston, fresh from his international victory at Brussels. Petrie, very full of running, set up a new record of 33 minutes 54 seconds, but although he raced every yard of the distance he was not fast enough, for three and a quarter minutes later Flockhart crossed the lap finishing line in 33 minutes 28 seconds, 39 seconds better than John Suttie Smith's record, set up in 1930.

It was a magnificent performance, that was, however, but its own reward, for Flockhart was unsuccessful in his endeavour to lift his club from sixth position, where they had lain almost throughout.

Bellahouston still lay in second place, but, thanks to a determined run by the veteran, Donald M'Lean, Maryhill ousted Plebeian from third place.

Still another record was twice broken, when R. M'Pherson, Maryhill, returned 29 minutes 7 seconds in the run down to Barrachnie to take his club into second place. Fast on his heels came Donald Urquhart, who brought Garscube from fifth place right into the fighting line, only four seconds behind Maryhill, and in doing so was timed at 29 minutes 3 seconds, 26 seconds faster than J. R. Lardy's record of last year.

Bellahouston's hopes were dealt a severe blow by these two record-breaking runs which left them in fourth place.

#### WINNING THE RACE

While this struggle for places was going on in the rear, Dundee Thistle were out in front winning the race. Entering on the last lap they had a lead of a minute and a half, which would have allowed A. Hay, going last, to finish at an easy pace. But Hay did not let up one yard until he crossed the finishing line at Royal Exchange, and his determined effort played its part in the setting up of a new course record, which beat by 22 seconds the time of 3 hours 50 minutes 36 seconds returned by Plebeian in 1930.

In the run through the streets of Glasgow from Barrachnie, W. Nelson, Maryhill, J. Gifford, Bellahouston, and T. A. Gourlay, Garscube, raced for second place. Nelson not only stayed on better, but had more pace at the finish than Gifford, the Scottish three miles track champion, and got home before the other two, Gifford taking third place and Gourlay fourth.

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#### FINAL PLACINGS

	H.	M.	S.
1. Dundee Thistle .....	3	50	14*
2. Maryhill .....	3	52	11
3. Bellahouston .....	3	52	57
4. Garscube .....	3	53	26
5. Shettleston .....	3	54	57
6. Plebeian .....	3	58	19
7. Springburn .....	4	0	37
8. West of Scotland .....	4	2	16
9. Victoria Park .....	4	6	27
10. Motherwell .....	4	12	22
11. Glasgow Y.M.C.A. ....	4	13	33
12. Greenock Glenpark .....	4	15	3
13. Larkhall .....	4	17	34
14. Olympic .....	4	19	7

#### FASTEST LAPS

	M.	S.	Record.	M.	S.
1. T. W. Lamb, Bellahouston .....	26	23	26	5	
2. J. Parker, West of Scotland .....	30	52	30	26	
3. G. M'Alister, Plebeian .....	22	35	21	56	
4. T. Y. Whitecross, Dundee Thistle .....	30	24*	30	42	
5. P. J. Connelly, Plebeian .....	28	54	27	53	
6. J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston .....	33	32*	34	7	
7. D. Urquhart, Garscube .....	29	3*	29	29	
8. A. Hay, Dundee Thistle .....	24	47	24	22	

\* Record.