



Runners lined up in St Andrew Square this forenoon for the start of the Edinburgh to Glasgow Road Relay Race.



The first take-over. At Maybury Cross, Corstorphine, Edinburgh, A. COOGAN hands over his baton to R. M'PHERSON (Maryhill Harriers) during the annual Edinburgh to Glasgow relay race held yesterday.

ATHLETICS

EDINBURGH-GLASGOW RELAY RACE

MARYHILL HARRIERS DEFEAT BELLAHOUSTON

SHETTLESTON FINISH THIRD

MARYHILL Harriers defeated last year's winners, Bellahouston Harriers, by 180 yards in the 44½ miles Edinburgh to Glasgow road relay race on Saturday. The winners' time of 4 hours 6 mins 3 secs was slow in comparison with previous years, but the runners had to face a strong wind on every lap, and this also accounts for the fact that all the sectional records remained intact, although there was no lack of brilliant running.

The outstanding achievement, and one which practically settled the issue before the race had proceeded further than Broxburn, was that of Robert M'Pherson, the greatly improved Maryhill internationalist, who started off from Maybury Cross with a slender lead over his Bellahouston and Dundee Thistle rivals, and handed over a lead of more than 500 yards at the end of the lap.

In the next lap, the shortest one of all, to Wester Dechmont, W. Nelson, Maryhill, increased the lead slightly, and G. Bell, Bellahouston, held second place, while Shettleston, who were only twelfth in the first lap, and had moved to seventh place through A. Craig in the second sector, improved still further to third place, through a grand race by the younger George Craig.

Shettleston came more into evidence in the next lap, to Armadale, when W. Sutherland, the Scottish international captain, recorded the fastest lap time, and took his club to second place. At the beginning of the next stage, to Forrestfield, it seemed that Donald Robertson, the marathon runner, would lose the Maryhill advantage, but towards the end he found his running; and at the Forrestfield Inn change-over he handed over to J. E. Farrell 300 yards ahead of Bellahouston and Shettleston.

This lap was the longest of all, seven miles, and the strength of Farrell was a tremendous asset. He was not so badly affected by the wind as J. C. Flockhart or T. W. Lamb, and added almost 200 yards to the leaders' advantage.

Over the last two laps, the feature was the strong running of the Bellahouston men, who valiantly fought against impossible odds. In the end they had whittled down the Maryhill lead to 180 yards, but the Maryhill team won comfortably. It was their first win in this event.

Edinburgh University had difficulty in completing a team, but although they were only tenth, they had the consolation of being the only club outside of the first three to provide one of the fastest lap times. This was in the last lap, taken by G. M. Carstairs, who recorded 25 mins 10 secs. He might have been even faster, too, if his task had not been so hopeless, for he had no rival in sight ahead of him to pull him out.

Heaton Harriers, an English club competing for the first time, were second last in the first lap, but improved to eighth place at the finish.

RESULT

1. Maryhill Harriers (A. Coogan 28.5, R. M'Pherson 33.15, W. Nelson 23.40, A. H. Blair 35.31, D. M. Robertson 32.8, J. E. Farrell 37.5, A. T. Peters 32.19, G. Porteous 26.16)—4 hours 6 mins 3 secs.
2. Bellahouston Harriers (holders) (W. G. Black 28.7, J. M. Lindsay 34.51, G. Bell 24.10, T. Gibson 32.52, R. Lumden 31.45, T. W. Lamb 37.52, G. Hunter 32.12, S. A. Kennedy 25.27)—4 hours 6 mins 36 secs.
3. Shettleston Harriers (A. Hill 29.10, A. Craig 34.31, G. Craig 25.51, J. Whiteside 32.6, W. Sutherland 31.51, J. C. Flockhart 37.32, R. Thomson 33.43, J. C. Ross 25.33)—4 hours 8 mins 17 secs.
4. Pickhale Harriers, 4 hours 12 mins 45 secs.
5. Garscobe Harriers, 4 hours 13 mins 8 secs.
6. Dundee Thistle Harriers, 4 hours 15 mins 5 secs.
7. Greenock Glenpark Harriers, 4 hours 15 mins 29 secs.
8. Heaton Harriers (England), 4 hours 15 mins 32 secs.
9. Springburn Harriers, 4 hours 17 mins 40 secs.
10. Edinburgh University Harms and Hounds (C. C. Gardner 29.9, I. R. Stokes 35.48, G. T. Sinclair 24.14, J. W. Gibson 34.46, A. C. Nisoll 34.57, D. F. Wood 41.54, L. S. Bruce 33.44, G. M. Carstairs 25.10)—4 hours 19 mins 42 secs.
11. Hamilton Harriers, 4 hours 21 mins 8 secs.
12. Clydebank Harriers, 4 hours 25 mins 40 secs.
13. Hillingdon Harriers, 4 hours 31 mins 21 secs.
14. Motherwell Y.M.C.A., 4 hours 31 mins 42 secs.
15. Glasgow Y.M.C.A., 4 hours 33 mins.

FASTEST LAP TIMES

- Edinburgh to Maybury (5½ miles), A. Coogan, Maryhill Harriers, 28 mins 5 secs.
Maybury to Broxburn (6 miles), R. M'Pherson, Maryhill Harriers, 35 mins 15 secs.
Broxburn to Wester Dechmont (4 miles), W. Nelson, Maryhill Harriers, 23 mins 40 secs.
Wester Dechmont to Armadale (5¼ miles), W. Sutherland, Shettleston Harriers, 32 mins 6 secs.
Armadale to Forrestfield (5½ miles), R. Lumden, Bellahouston Harriers, 31 mins 45 secs.
Forrestfield to Airdrie (7 miles), J. E. Farrell, Maryhill Harriers, 37 mins 5 secs.
Airdrie to Barrachale (5½ miles), G. Hunter, Bellahouston Harriers, 32 mins 12 secs.
Barrachale to Glasgow (5 miles), G. M. Carstairs, Edinburgh University H. and H., 25 mins 10 secs.

STRONG MARYHILL TEAM DEFY WIND, TAKE RELAY PRIZE

By GGROE

MARYHILL HARRIERS have at last come into their own. Making light of a strong wind, they scored a brilliant win in the Edinburgh-Glasgow 44 miles relay road race, led from start to finish, and completed the course 160 yards ahead of Bellahouston Harriers in 4hrs. 6mins. 3secs.

Shettleston were 500 yards behind Bellahouston.

There was not a weak link in the Maryhill team.

A. Coogan gave the winners a victory start by showing form above what was expected of him to concede a short advantage to Internationalist R. M'Pherson.

M'Pherson strode out over the Maybury to Broxburn route in the best style of any to open up a lead which practically settled the issue in favour of Maryhill.

M'Pherson gave Secretary W. Nelson about 500 yards advantage. Although in the subsequent relays this lead was whittled down, especially by rivals G. M. Hunter and S. A. Kennedy, Bellahouston, the Maryhill boys succeeded in staving off their determined challenge.

FARRELL'S EXPERIENCE

No course or sectional records were broken, and this is easily understood when one recalls the conditions. Indeed, J. E. Farrell, the 6 and 10 miles track champion, when asked about his fine run from Forrestfield to Airdrie War Memorial, stated that he felt as if the wind brought him to a standstill at times.

As one sportsman to another, Jim Flockhart, the well-known Shettleston Harriers distance runner, before leaving Edinburgh by bus on Saturday to take up his position at Forrestfield in the Edinburgh-Glasgow road race, sent a good-luck telegram to Jean Chapelle, the Belgian who won the British ten-miles race in London.

Flockhart and Chapelle met on the Continent, and, as the Scot said to the "Daily Record," he was anxious to make Chapelle feel he "wasn't so much of a stranger in a strange country."

For the first time, Edinburgh University Hares and Hounds fielded a team with G. M. Carstairs a competitor, over the final lap to Glasgow Royal Exchange.

Carstairs said that just before the race started they found that only seven men turned up. Undaunted, he charged down on their training ground at Craiglockhart, pulled up a sprinter who was doing a spot of sprint training, and asked how he would like to run another 5½ miles. This recruit helped to pave the way to enabling the Edinburgh University team to finish tenth in the race.

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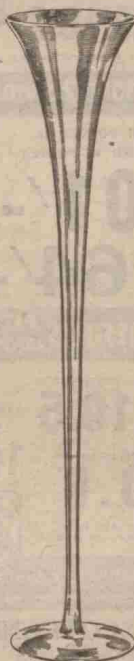
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4. PLEBEIAN HARRIERS — (A. C. Robertson, 28.35; D. Warren, 24.38; P. J. Connelly, 33.37; H. V. M'Grath, 32.29; T. Moffat, 39.2; T. G. Stallard, 35.56; G. B. M'Allister, 25.48). 4 hours 12 mins. 45 secs.

5. Garscube Harriers, 4 hours 13 mins. 8 secs.; 6. Dundee Thistle H., 4 hours 15 mins.

5 secs.; 7. Glenpark Harriers, 4 hours 15 mins. 29 secs.; 8. Henton Harriers (England), 4 hours 15 mins. 32 secs.; 9. Springburn Harriers, 4 hours 17 mins. 40 secs.; 10. Edinburgh University A.C., 4 hours 19 mins. 42 secs. (G. M. Carstairs, 25.10*, recorded fastest lap); 11. Hamilton Harriers, 4 hours 21 mins. 8 secs.; 12. Clydesdale Harriers, 4 hours 25 mins. 40 secs.; 13. Hillington Harriers, 4 hours 31 mins. 21 secs.; 14. Motherwell Y.M.C.A., 4 hours 31 mins. 42 secs.; 15. Glasgow Y.M.C.A., 4 hours 33 mins.

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