

EDINBURGH-GLASGOW

ROAD RACE

DUNDEE THISTLE HARRIERS' STRONG TEAM

Chief Runners in the Relay

By "SLIP SAXON."

Thirteen of Scotland's leading cross-country clubs will be represented in the annual Edinburgh to Glasgow road relay race on Saturday. The distance is 44½ miles and Plebeian Harriers are holders of the trophy.

One hundred and four runners will take part in the race, which is decided in eight stages.

Dundee Thistle Harriers make a welcome reappearance and will be represented by G. Simpkins, D. Coburn, D. Gowans, A. Hay, J. M'Kechmie, W. D. Slidders, D. Adams, and J. M. S. Melville. The race starts from St Andrews Square, Edinburgh, not later than 2.30 p.m.

George Simpkins takes the first relay for Dundee Thistle, St Andrews Square to Maybury Cross, a distance of 5½ miles. This will be a gruelling test. Plebeian Harriers, holders, have the former internationalist, W. J. Gunn, to set a cracking pace; Maryhill rely on Tom Blakeley, Scottish three-mile record holder; while Shettleston turns out W. Sutherland, Scottish cross-country reserve, who may hand over for Shettleston with a lead at Maybury Cross.

D. Coburn runs for Dundee Thistle in the second relay from Maybury Cross to Broxburn East U.F. Church, a distance of six miles, but the Dundonians are likely to be still in the rear, Plebeian having Maxie Rayne, former internationalist, to keep the pace rolling. Rayne, incidentally, holds the record for this relay, 31 min. 24 sec., in 1931.

Where Thistle May Move Up.

A. Hay (Dundee Thistle), Eastern junior cross-country champion, should get a move on in the fourth relay, Wester Dechmont Farm to Goth Tower, Armadale, 5½ miles, the record for which is 31 min. 6 sec., by Donald Urquhart (Garscube) in 1931.

It will be interesting to see how Hay's pace compares with J. C. Ross (Shettleston), Scottish internationalist last month.

J. M'Kechmie (Dundee Thistle) should also help his club forward over the fifth relay, Armadale to Forrestfield Inn, where Springburn promises to move forward, with Plebeian, Shettleston, and Maryhill the likely leaders. The record for this stretch of 5½ miles is 27 min. 53 sec., by S. K. Tombe (Plebeian), in 1931.

Suttie Smith's Record.

J. Suttie Smith, Dundee, holds the record for the relay from Forrestfield Inn to Airdrie War Memorial, a distance of seven miles, at 34 min. 7 sec., made in 1930, but the Dundonian will not run on this occasion as he is now a member of the Canon A.S.C., Edinburgh, and only the first fifteen clubs to finish in the Scottish cross-country championship are eligible to compete in this race.

W. D. Slidders, who runs in the sixth relay for Dundee Thistle, has drawn a hot packet in J. C. Flockhart (Shettleston), the new Scottish champion; S. K. Tombe (Plebeian), J. Girvin (Garscube), R. Allison (Springburn), and T. Tod (Kilmarnock).

J. M. Adams carries the Dundee Thistle baton over the seventh relay from Airdrie to Springhill Cross, Barrachnie, where the hot-pots are D. T. Muir (Maryhill), A. Armstrong (Plebeian), H. Haughie (Springburn), and T. Littlejohn (Shettleston).

Probable Winners.

J. M. S. Melville should be able to bring Dundee Thistle well forward in the last lap, Barrachnie to Royal Exchange, Glasgow, a distance of five miles, where the issue may be open between Shettleston, Maryhill, and Plebeian.

Don M'Lean (Maryhill) is the outstanding runner in the last relay, but he may be too far behind the Shettleston and Plebeian representatives at the take-over to make any impression. The record is 24 min. 22 sec. by F. L. Stevenson (Monkland) in 1930, who runs in this section again.

The full course record is 3 hours 50 min. 39 sec. by Plebeian Harriers in 1931. The clubs who will compete on Saturday are Bellahouston, Dundee Thistle, Edinburgh, Garscube, Greenock Glenpark, Hamilton, Kilmarnock, Maryhill, Monkland, Motherwell, Plebeian, Shettleston, and Springburn.

"DAILY RECORD" RELAY.

OUR EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW RACE,

EVERYTHING is in apple-pie order for our *Daily Record* Edinburgh to Glasgow Road Relay race. We expect Councillor Tom Stevenson to get his men off round about two-fifteen.

TEA IN DAVIE ROMBACH'S.

When the names of Messrs. W. S. M'Carthy, C. Chalmers, W. Murdoch, D. M'Swein, R. F. M'Murray, J. Scott and J. Gilbert are mentioned as being in charge it is tantamount to saying that everything will be well done. Back in Glasgow the party will be entertained by the *Daily Record*.

THE PRESENTATION.

At this gathering Mr. John Howieson, Shettleston Harriers, will preside. After tea the trophy and medals will be handed over to the winners by "Waverley," the *Daily Record* Sports Editor.

EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW.

GREAT 'DAILY RECORD' RACE

Plans And Arrangements For Relay Contest—
Thirteen Teams To Compete—Their
Chances Weighed Up.

CAN PLEBEIAN **HARRIERS** RETAIN TROPHY?

By "GGROE."

THIRTEEN specially chosen teams of eight apiece will contest the annual *Daily Record* Edinburgh to Glasgow 44½ Miles Relay Road Race to-morrow.

The race starts at St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, not later than 2.30 p.m. Runners and officials (except the Edinburgh representatives) report at Cadogan and Wellington Street corner at 12 noon. Every 'bus will be numbered one to eight, and to facilitate the work of the transport officers the competitors join the 'bus

hart their star runner—can break all records to give them a winning lead despite the undoubted class of opponents in his section.

Springburn are represented by a well-balanced team, who, if they fail to win, will certainly render a fine account of themselves.

DUNDEE THISTLE'S NEW BLOOD.

Dundee Thistle hope to spring a surprise, and if their new blood produce the Tom Whitton, Suttie Smith, W. D. Slidder's all-round blend, the Glasgow clubs will not taste the fruits of victory.

Garscube, Bellahouston, Edinburgh, Greenock, Glenpark, Hamilton, Kilmarnock, Monkland, and Motherwell Y.M.C.A. will show real earnestness in their endeavour to hold the more fancied clubs over the long course.

A contest abounding in excitement is sure to be witnessed. Boiled down, I may be excused if I venture an opinion—that is that Plebeian, Maryhill, and **Shettleston**, not necessarily in that order, may fill the leading positions.

Records may be created over the various relays. The following are fancied to establish new figures:—

First Relay, Edinburgh to Maybury.—T. Blakely, Maryhill; W. J. Gunn, Plebeian; W. Sutherland, **Shettleston**.

Second Relay, Maybury to Broxburn.—M. Rayne, Plebeian; D. M'N. Robertson, Maryhill.

Third Relay, Broxburn to Wester Dechmont.—W. E. Calderwood, Maryhill.

Fourth Relay, Wester Dechmont to Armadale.—A. Hay, Dundee Thistle; J. C. Ross, **Shettleston**; W. Nelson, Maryhill.

Sixth Relay, Forrestfield to Airdrie War Memorial.—J. C. Flockhart, Shettleston; S. K. Tombe, Plebeian.

WHERE AND WHEN.

Where and when you will see your favourites:—

	Approx.
St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh.....	2.15 p.m.
Maybury Cross	2.40 "
Broxburn	3.10 "
Western Dechmont	3.35 "
Armadale	4.5 "
Forrestfield	4.30 "
Airdrie War Memorial	5.5 "
Barrachnie	5.35 "
Royal Exchange, Glasgow	6.0 "

The race will be started by Councillor Tom Stevenson, Edinburgh. Mr. John Howieson, president of the S.A.A.A., will preside at the presentation in Rombach's Tea-Rooms, Hope Street, and "Waverley" will hand over the awards to the successful teams.

"DAILY RECORD" ROAD RACE.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMMES, containing all the information regarding the great race, will be on sale at the various relay stations throughout.

PRICE ONE PENNY.

corresponding to the relay section in which they run. That is to say, competitors for the first relay join number one 'bus and so on.

Only competitors, 'bus stewards, timekeepers and judges are allowed to travel in the 'buses thus ensuring as much comfort as possible for the runners.

HOPEFUL PLEBEIAN.

Can Plebeian **Harriders**, holders of the *Daily Record* Trophy, succeed in retaining the honours for the third year?

They are extremely hopeful of resisting all challengers, including Maryhill, **Shettleston**, Springburn, and Dundee Thistle. The policy by Plebeian of placing their matured distance runners judiciously over the most trying relay sections may counter any admission of weakness in the general make-up of the team.

Maryhill **Harriders** have called on their very best middle-distance and distance runners. Will their team of mixed champions be able to blend stamina with speed to overcome the opposition?

Shettleston **Harriders**, our National Cross-Country Champions, confidently anticipate that even if they are behind at Forrestfield Inn—J. C. Flock-

GREAT RELAY EVENT.

Big Crowds Line Road From Edinburgh To Glasgow.

VICTORS' FOURTH WIN.

EVERYONE in Broxburn, Bathgate, Armadale, Airdrie and Coatbridge seemed to be gathered on the Glasgow-Edinburgh road on Saturday afternoon to see the great relay road race organised by the *Daily Record*.

Nearer Glasgow, through *Shettleston* and along Duke Street, the crowds were of the size that turn out to royal visits, and the gathering for the finish in Exchange Square was huge.

Little short of half a million men, women and children must have been gathered along the route to see the event and cheer the contestants with wild enthusiasm.

There was a big crowd at St. Andrew's Square, Edinburgh, when the runners were sent off by Councillor Stevenson, and out through Corstorphine the streets were lined.

HORDES OF CYCLISTS.

Hordes of cyclists followed the runners from the start, and it would not be surprising to find as a result of their presence quite a number of motorists prostrate with nervous shock. Once or twice cyclists had bad spills dashing through the narrow lanes of spectators.

From Broxburn the crowds in the

towns and villages became so dense that the police had difficulty in keeping clear a path for the runners, and as the teams drew closer to the finishing point the spectators grew more enthusiastic.

DUNDEE MAN'S BURST.

From the start, Plebeian *Harrier*, who have won the trophy on the three occasions on which the race has been run, had the event in their pocket, and their men merited the enthusiasm with which the crowds greeted them. But it was Dundee and Maryhill *Harrier*—who finished second and third respectively—that gave the crowd the big thrills.

Maryhill held second place right to within half-a-mile from the finish, when J. M. S. Melville put Dundee ahead in a thrilling finish.

CROWDS ENTERTAINED.

A novel way of entertaining the crowds at the relay stations was adopted this time. The leading 'bus had loud speaker equipment, and in addition to broadcasting music the announcer kept the spectators informed of the progress of the race.

After the race, the runners were the guests of the *Daily Record* to tea in Rombach's Restaurant, where Mr. Howieson, president of the S.A.A.A., presided. Mr. John Dunlop ("Waverley"), Sports Editor of the *Daily Record*, handed over the trophy and the medals.

"Ggroe" deals with the race in the

sports pages.