

# Shettleston's First Road Race Win

## Runners Handicapped by Gale

Shettleston Harriers (C. Wallace, J. C. Flockhart, J. Burton, B. Bickerton, H. Howard, G. B. Craig, J. C. Ross, E. Bannon) for the first time easily proved themselves the best combination among the fifteen teams which set off from St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, over the 44½ miles course, by Broxburn, to Glasgow Royal Exchange, in the revived relay road race, which was last held in 1939, and was won then by Maryhill Harriers.

The winning time of 4 hours 15 minutes 25 seconds was much slower than the record for the course, held by Bellahouston Harriers, but when it is realised that the runners had to contend with a gale the times returned were in the circumstances very good.

Victoria Park (D. M'Farlane, A. Johnstone, J. Reid, A. Forbes, J. Stirling, J. Ellis, C. Forbes, and D. Shuttleworth) returned 4 hours 29 minutes 58 seconds, and Bellahouston H. (A. Dunwoody, C. Kirk, G. Anderson, A. M'Gregor, A. M'Lean, G. Bell, and J. M. Lindsay) 4 hours 21 minutes 16 seconds, to finish second and third respectively.

Six of the winning team registered the fastest times over the eight relays. Fastest times were:—Maybury Cross (5½ miles)—C. Wallace, Shettleston, 29 mins 56 secs; Broxburn (6 miles)—A. Kidd, Gartcraze, 35 mins; Linwood Farm (4 miles)—J. Burton, Shettleston, 33 mins 25 secs; Armadale (5½ miles)—A. Forbes, Victoria Park, 32 mins 24 secs; Possilfield (5½ miles)—H. Howard, Shettleston, 38 mins 1 sec; Barrachan (5½ miles)—J. Ross, Shettleston, and C. Forbes, Victoria Park, equal, 33 mins 24 secs; Glasgow Royal Exchange (5 miles)—E. Bannon, Shettleston, 26 mins 7 secs.

Edinburgh Southern Harriers, the only Eastern club represented in the race, finished ninth, and clocked 4 hours 32 mins 25 secs, or the equivalent of three miles behind the winners. Vale of Leven A.A.C., a young club, finished eighth. It was their first entry for the race and they were considered by the adjudicators to have merited the special award.