

Shettleston Again Win Our Relay

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Shettleston Harriers yesterday won the Edinburgh-Glasgow road relay promoted by "News of the World" for the second successive year after a tremendous race with Victoria Park A.C., in 3hr. 36min. 57sec.

Shettleston's time was over 12½ minutes faster than their previous win. Victoria Park were second in a real fighting race, and Bellahouston third. Greenock Glenpark were fourth, while Edinburgh University ran a really great race to take fifth position.

R. F. Wilby, for Edinburgh University, ran the last leg in 24min. 31sec., which is only eight seconds outside the record, and he was the only man to get so near a record.

The start was from Edinburgh's Gladstone memorial and the letter of greetings from the Lord Provost of Edinburgh to the Lord Provost of Glasgow was placed inside the baton gaily decorated with Royal Stuart ribbons and handed to W. Wallace, of Shettleston Harriers, winners of the last race run in April.

It was not until nearing the first take-over at Maybury Cross (five and a half miles) that Wallace was able to draw clear of the Bellahouston runner, H. O'Neil, Ronnie Rowles (Edinburgh University) and J. Wright (Maryhill). Time was 27min 43sec, which was 73 seconds faster than in the last race.

On to Broxburn, with George Craig holding on to his few seconds lead over Bellahouston, Greenock Glenpark and Dundee Thistle. The latter club had moved up seven places with a brilliant run by the Scottish marathon champion, Charlie Robertson, whose time, 21min 27sec, was seven seconds faster than the leader Craig.

At this take-over (11½ miles) Shettleston were running over six minutes faster than in the last race.

LEADER CAUGHT

Over the sixth leg excitement was high when the Scottish champion, Andrew Forbes (Victoria Park), raced over the long seven-mile stretch to Airdrie in his best form. He caught the leader, grabbed the baton, and went away in the lead, finishing 56sec in front.

On to Barrachnie we had more excitement for B. Bickerton, Shettleston's powerful runner, settled down to reducing the lead in tremendous style. He not only did this, but caught the leader and set a real winning lead of 26sec which Shettleston held to the end, with the youthful Bannon, as last year, making no mistake in his run-in.

Shettleston H. 3-36-57, 1; Victoria Park 3-38-7, 2; Bellahouston H. 4-2-22, 3; Greenock Glenpark 4-3-51, 4; Edinburgh Univ 4-4-11, 5; Vale of Leven 4-5-37, 6; Edinburgh Southern 4-6-6, 7; Maryhill H. 4-8-9, 8; Garscube H. 4-8-22, 9; Plebeian H. 4-11-30, 10; Dundee Thistle H. 4-13-22, 11; Monkland H. 4-15-13, 12; Kirkcaldy Y.M.C.A. 4-15-50, 13; Clydesdale H., 4-17-15, 14; H.M.S. Caledonia 4-21-15, 15; Springburn H. 4-21-49, 16; Irvine Y.M.C.A., 4-22-29, 17; Glasgow Police A.A. 4-24-6, 18; Glasgow Y.M.C.A. 4-30-30, 19; Motherwell Y.M.C.A. 4-30-34, 20; Olympic H. 4-30-56, 21.

Medals for the most improved performance was awarded to Edinburgh University.

After the race all officials and runners were entertained to tea, where Bailie C. Brown, senior magistrate representing the Lord Provost of Glasgow, presented the medals.

Edinburgh-Glasgow Road Race

Although no course or individual records were broken in the 44½ mile Edinburgh-Glasgow road race, some good performances were put up. The winners were Shettleston Harriers, whose slightly better-balanced team of eight runners gave them a 400 yards advantage at the finish in Royal Exchange Square, Glasgow. A message from the Lord Provost of Edinburgh (absent in Canada) was delivered by Shettleston Harrier's last runner, E. Kinnon, to Raffle Harold Brown, representing the Lord Provost of Glasgow.

Shettleston Harriers' winning eight (C. Wallace, G. B. Craig, J. Burton, H. Bevan, A. Maxwell, J. C. Fleckhart, R. Dickerson and E. Kinnon) aggregated the good time of 5 hours 36 mins 37 sec. to beat their nearest rivals, Victoria Park, with Bellahouston Harriers third another 400 yards behind. Glenpark Harriers were fourth, and Edinburgh University, who were fifth, were awarded the special for the most meritorious performance outside the placed teams. R. F. Wilby, the last runner for the students, put up the fine time of 24 mins 31 sec for the five miles from Barrachule to Royal Exchange.

This was only eight seconds outside the existing record set up by A. Austin (Bellahouston Harriers) in the 1935 race.