

# BELLAHOUSTON WIN EDINBURGH-GLASGOW RELAY

**B**ELLAHOUSTON H. won the "News of the World" Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay for the first time since 1939, thus breaking the post-war monopoly set up by Victoria Pk. and Shettleston H. It was a grand fight between these Clubs, with Bellahouston taking the lead at the end of the fifth stage and retaining it to win by about 250 yds. from Shettleston in 3h. 49m.29s. the holders, Victoria Pk., finishing 3rd.

**Stage 1, 5½M.** The first stage was a close affair with several clubs fighting it out for the lead. C. Fraser (Edin. East) handed over first in 26:31, with R. Calderwood (Vic. Pk.) next in 25:33, followed by W. Goodwin (Bellahouston) in 26:34. Some 20 yds. behind came D. Bowman (Clydesdale) 26:37, then J. Bruce (Edin. South) 27.03 and G. Govan (Shett.) 27:44.

**Stage 2, 6M.** Joe McGhee, with the fastest time 30:58 for this stage, took Shettleston into the lead 15 yds. ahead of W. Kerr (Vic. Pk.) 31:34, with R. Irving (B'houston) 31:39 lying 3rd. Clydesdale kept in 4th place through C. O'Boyle 31:41 with Vale of Leven coming up to 5th thanks to a fine run by A. Mackay 31:01. Newcomers Beith H. were doing well in 6th position, T. Cochrane, 31:27, bringing them up from 9th place.

**Stage 3, 4M.** T. Kelly, with 22:54, increased Shettleston's lead over J. Irvine (B'houston) to 30s. The gross times of these Clubs were still 3rd. The gross times of these Clubs were respectively, 1:20:59, 1:21:29, and 1:21:57. Clydesdale were still lying 4th, Beith 5th and Wellpark 6th.

**Stage 4, 5¾M.** A brilliant run by John McLaren, 30:35, brought Victoria Pk. to the front about 40yds. ahead of H. Fox (Shett.) in 1:52:32, with H. Fenion (B'houston) 3rd in 1:53:3. Beith H. through A. Napier 31:44, were now in 4th place, slightly ahead of Clydesdale, and Edin. South now 6th thanks to a fine effort of 31:58 by W. Robertson.

**Stage 5, 5½M.** Victoria Pk. lost the lead in this stage to R. Penman (B'houston) 28:38 who finished 4s. ahead of R. C. Wallace (Shett.) with C. Forbes (Vic. Pk.) 3rd. Edin. South (N. Ross, 29:30) were now 4th, with Clydesdale 5th, Beith 6th, Wellpark 7th and Motherwell Y.M., who had been steadily progressing, 8th.

**Stage 6, 7M.** This stage, the longest of the race, brought into opposition the big guns—I. Binnie (Vic. Pk.), A. Wood (Shett.) and J. Connolly (B'hm) going ahead near the change over to give B'houston a 20 yd. lead over Wood (Shett.), with Binnie (Vic. Pk.) 200yds. behind, 3rd. The overall times respectively were: 2:55:20, 2:55:24 and 2:56:51. Edin. South were still 4th, Clydesdale 5th, and Motherwell now 6th.

**Stage 7, 5½M.** D. Dickson with 29:9 increased B'houston's lead over G. Everett (Shett.) 29:23 to about 100yds. Veteran A. Forbes, with a fine effort of 29:14 kept Vic. Pk. in 3rd place. A keen fight was going on for the next four places, Edin. South still holding on 4th, Motherwell 5th, Clydesdale 6th and Springburn 7th.

**Stage 8, 5M.** The final stage saw R. Black (B'houston) increase his lead to some 300 yds. to give his Club a well-merited victory in 3:49:29. Shettleston, who fought hard all the way, kept 2nd place, with T. Malone clocking 22:56 for an overall time of 3:50:43. Vic Pk. (A. Small, 25:49) finished 3rd in 3:51:54. Edin. South kept 4th place with an improving Springburn 5th and Motherwell Y.M. 6th.

At the tea which followed, the medals were presented by Baillie Bias, Glasgow Corporation. T. D. McKie, President of the N.C.C.U. of Scotland, thanked the Baillie for coming along and the "News of the World" for once again sponsoring the Edinburgh to Glasgow relay. The medals for the most improved performance were awarded to Cambuslang H.

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| 1. Bellahouston H. ....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3:49:29 |
| 2. Shettleston H. ....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3:50:43 |
| 3. Victoria Pk. A.C. ....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3:51:54 |
| 4. Edinburgh S.H. 3:57:25; 5. Springburn 3:59:29; 6. Motherwell Y.M.C.A. 4:0:21; 7. Clydesdale 4:0:48; 8. Vale of Leven 4:1:4; 9. Edinburgh Univ. 4:3:13; 10. Wellpark 4:3:28; 11. Cambuslang 4:4:7; 12. Beith 4:5:12; 13. Glasgow Univ. 4:6:8; 14. Edinburgh E.H. 4:7:26; 15. Garscube 4:7:38; 16. Irvine Y.M.C.A. 4:10:4; 17. Teviotdale 4:10:32; 18. Maryhill 4:10:47; 19. Braidburn 4:17:40; 20. Falkirk Vic. 4:25:35. <b>W.D.</b> |         |

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