

# SHETTLESTON WIN EDINBURGH-GLASGOW RELAY

**A** DULL overcast sky and a steady drizzle of rain greeted the runners in the "News of the World" Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay, won by Shettleston H. in 3:49.17 on Nov. 21st. This was their first victory since 1955 and all the more meritorious as they were without G. E. Everett and A. J. Wood.

**Stage 1—5½M.** A keen fight for the lead on this stage with several Clubs in a group. With half-a-mile to go, N. Ross (E.S.H.) went ahead to finish 1st in 26.38 followed by R. K. Harley (Teviot.) 26.48, W. Black (Maryhill) 26.53, R. C. Wallace (Shettleston) 26.59, T. Cochrane (Beith) and E. Sinclair (Spring.), equal 5th, 27.00.

**Stage 2—6M.** A record-breaking run of 29.39 by J. McGhee took Shettleston into 1st place, 150 yds. ahead of A. Ross (E.S.H.) J. A. Gibson kept Maryhill in 3rd place about 25yds. behind, with Bellahouston 4th thanks to a fine run by R. Irving (31.8).

**Stage 3—4M.** Little change in the leading positions apart from Maryhill falling back to 6th. Shettleston kept a lead of 100 yds. in 1:19.53 (H. Mitchell 23.15) with Edin. South 2nd in 1:20.3, R. McFall having fastest time of 23.1. Teviotdale were 3rd in 1:21.3 and Bellahouston 4th in 1:21.53.

**Stage 4—5½M.** G. Govan kept Shettleston in front with 31.45 (1:51.38) with Edin. South (G. M. Brown, 31.34) still holding 2nd place. Fastest time of 30.16 brought Victoria Pk. to 3rd place in 1:52.10, Teviotdale now 4th (1:52.50) and Bellahouston 5th (1:53.33).

**Stage 5—5½M.** With the half-way stage now passed, Shettleston looked likely winners with H. Summerhill (28.51) 80 yds. ahead of Edin. South in 2:20.29. Bellahouston were now back to 3rd (R. Penman fastest time of 27.47), with Victoria Pk. 4th, Teviotdale were 5th and newcomers, St. Andrew's Univ. 16th on the first stage, were now 8th.

**Stage 6—7M.** H. Fox kept Shettleston ahead (2:54.46) although strongly challenged by J. Connolly (B'houston 2:54.57) and R. Calderwood (Vic. Pk. 2:55.47). A. H. Brown with a magnificent run of 32.42, only 10 secs. outside Ian Binnie's record, brought Motherwell Y.M. from 7th to 4th. Edin. South were 5th, Teviotdale 6th and St. Andrew's 7th.

**Stage 7—5½M.** A grand effort of 28.36, only 2 secs. outside E. Bannon's record, brought veteran A. Forbes (Vic. Pk.) to within 30 yds. of R. Gordon (B'houston 29.32) who was 2nd about 25 yds. behind the leader, R. Wotherspoon (Shett. 30.18). Owing to road reconstruction, Forbes was considered to have run about 80 yds. further than the normal distance.

**Stage 8—5M.** The last stage, which brings the runners into the busy Glasgow traffic, is a very awkward one. W. Gorman (25.13) ran a strong determined race to give Shettleston a grand victory in 3:49.17. B'houston, thanks to a fine finish by F. Cowan (25.16) finished 2nd in 3:49.35, with Vic. Pk. (A. Small, 26.26) 3rd in 3:50.49. Edin. South H. held off the challenge by M'well Y.M. to finish 4th. Teviotdale, 17th last year, were awarded the medals for the most improved team and St. Andrew's Univ. did well to finish 7th.

1.	Shettleston H.	.....	3:49.17	
2.	Bellahouston H.	.....	3:49.35	
3.	Victoria Pk. A.A.C.	.....	3:50.49	
4.	Motherwell Y.M.	3:53.47; 5, Y.M. 3:53.47; 6, Teviotdale 3:55.11; 7, St. Andrew's Univ. 3:56.47; 8, Vale of Leven 3:58.08; 9, Wellpark 3:58.20; 10, Glenpark 3:59.38; 11, Clydesdale 4:00.05; 12, Cambus- lang 4:00.17; 13, Glasgow Univ. 4:02.24; 14, Springburn 4:04.23; 15, Beith 4:04.31; 16, Maryhill 4:04.42; 17, Edinburgh Univ. 4:07.42; 18, Garscube 4:11.00; 19, Edin. East 4:12.27; 20, Irvine Y.M. 4:14.08.	W.D.	

## BRAMPTON-CARLISLE RACE (contd.)

### Teams:

		Pts.
1.	Blackpool & F.	(1. 9.16) 26
2.	Bolton Utd. H.	(4. 6.18) 26
3.	Durham Univ.	(8.14.15) 37
4.	Motherwell YMCA	48; 5, Sale 57; 6, Morpeth 64; 7, Heaton 88; 8, Gosforth 91; 9, Gateshead 93; 10, Vict. Park AAC 114; 11, Greenock Glen. 121; 12, Preston 137; 13, Bedlington 147; 14, Chester Coll. 218; 15, Gateshead 230.

(Youths & Boys' next week)

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Norman Read, competing at Trentham, nr. Wellington, New Zealand, walked 50km. in 4hr. 22m.52.8 sec., 5min. 15 sec. faster than the Olympic record for the distance.

# Victory For Shettleston Eight In Edinburgh To Glasgow Relay

AFTER JOE McGHEE took over at Maybury Cross on the outskirts of Edinburgh for the start of the second stage in the nineteenth annual Edinburgh to Glasgow relay race last Saturday Shettleston Harriers were never headed and were first past the winning post in Ingram Street, Glasgow, with a time of 3 hrs. 49 mins. 17 secs.

The previous winners Bellahouston Harriers finished second in 3 hrs. 49 mins. 35 secs. and Victoria Park A.A.C. third in 3 hrs. 50 mins. 49 secs.

Although former Empire Games Marathon champion McGhee deserves most of the credit for the Shettleston victory his other seven team mates performed with a certain degree of distinction. Certainly none returned the fastest

time for their respective laps but what they did do was run with determination and a will to win.

They overcame the disappointment of starting without their two top men Graham Everett down with a mysterious knee complaint and Alistair Wood unable to be excused from his Oxford cross-country commitments. They were

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unaffected by the natural despondency which the loss of two such runners aroused and rose to the occasion in admirable fashion.

### A LAP BY LAP ACCOUNT

The following is a lap by lap account of the race. At precisely 11.30 a.m. the representatives from the twenty Scottish clubs competing set off on the first stage St. Andrew's Square, Edinburgh, to Maybury Cross (5½ miles). First to reach the change-over station was N. Ross (Edinburgh Southern Harriers) in 26 mins. 38 secs. Clark Wallace finished in fourth place for Shettleston with a time of 26 mins. 59 secs.

On the second stage to Broxburn (6 miles) Joe McGhee took Shettleston into the front position which they held to the finish. In the process he set up a new lap record time of 29 mins. 39 secs. which bettered the previous record 29 mins. 48 secs. of A. S. Jackson (Edinburgh University) by nine seconds.

Over the third stage of 4 miles to Wester Dechmont Farm Hugh Mitchell recorded the third fastest time for the lap 23 mins. 15 secs.

The fastest lap time 23 mins. 1 sec. was clocked by R. McFall (Edinburgh Southern Harriers) who finished second. At this stage Bellahouston were in fourth place two minutes behind and Victoria Park were fifth 2 mins. 1 sec. behind.

George Govan ran a steady race for Shettleston on the fourth lap Wester Dechmont Farm to Armadeal (5½ miles). He clocked 30 mins. 45 secs., the second fastest time for the lap. The best time of 30 mins. 16 secs. was returned by J. McLaren (Victoria Park) who brought his club into third place.

On the fifth lap to Forrestfield Inn (5½ miles) Henry Summerhill the only junior (18-21) in the Shettleston team clocked 28 mins. 51 secs. the second fastest time for the lap. Best time of 27 mins. 47 secs. was clocked by R. Penman (Bellahouston Harriers) who finished fourth.

Over the longest stage of the race Forrestfield Inn to Airdrie War Memorial (7 miles) Hugo Fox, Shettleston's national marathon champion, clocked 34 mins. 17 secs., the fourth fastest time. The best time was 32 mins. 42

secs. clocked by A. H. Brown of Motherwell Y.M.C.A. who finished fourth. J. Connolly (Bellahouston Harriers) finishing second clocked 33 mins. 27 secs. and R. Calderwood (Victoria Park) finishing third clocked 34 mins. 3 secs.

On the second last lap to Barrachnie Inn (5½ miles) Bob Wotherspoon clocked 30 mins. 18 secs. the third fastest time for the lap. The fastest time was returned by veteran internationalist A. Forbes (Victoria Park) who clocked 2

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mins. 36 secs. only two seconds outside the record of former Shettleston champion Eddie Bannon who clocked 28 mins. 34 secs. in 1956.

At this point the stage was set for a thrilling race to the finish. Bill Gorman running the last lap to Stirling's Library, Ingram Street (5 miles) set off only 15 seconds ahead of the Bellahouston runner F. Cowan and 19 seconds ahead of Victoria Park runner A. Small.

But Gorman was a match for both his rivals and held the leading position clocking the third best time 25 mins. 13 secs. for the lap. The best time on the last lap was 25 mins. 7 secs. clocked by T. Scott (Motherwell Y.M.C.A.), second best time of 25 mins. 12 secs was returned by G. White of Clydesdale Harriers.

Shettleston's win was their first since 1955 and their fourth win out of a possible total of nineteen.

# NEWS OF THE WORLD RELAY RACE



Bill Gorman, 23-year-old Shettleston Harrier, breaks the tape at the finish of the News of the World relay race from Edinburgh to Glasgow yesterday.

## PLUCKY BILL HOLDS ON FOR RELAY WIN

By DOUG WILSON

BILL GORMAN, 23-year-old insurance agent, led Shettleston Harriers to victory yesterday in one of the most thrilling finishes ever seen in the "News of the World" Edinburgh-Glasgow road relay. For the 44½-mile course, covered in eight stages, Shettleston clocked 3hr 49min 17sec, beating Bellahouston by 18 seconds, with Victoria Park A.A.C., Glasgow, third.

When Gorman took over he had a lead of only 15 seconds from Gordon, of Bellahouston, with Victoria Park's Small a further four seconds behind in third place. The odds were that the Bellahouston and Victoria Park men, running almost together, would overhaul Gorman.

But showing great courage and determination, the Shettleston man

fought every yard of the five miles of rain-soaked cobbles to hold on and gain his club their first success in this event since 1955.

No wonder Shettleston's honorary president, Andy Stevenson, was celebrating last night. His club won despite the absence of their two international stars, Graham Everett and Alastair Wood.

### New Record

Man who set the seal on Shettleston's success was former Empire Games marathon champion Joe McGhee. On the second stage, of six miles, 28-year-old Joe ran himself almost to a state of exhaustion to pull Shettleston up from fourth to first place. And he established a new intermediate course record of 29min. 39sec.—nine seconds inside the old figure.

Another sterling performance came from veteran Andy Forbes (Victoria Park). On the seventh leg, of 5½ miles, he was only 2sec outside the course record. But for road repairs causing another 60 yards to be added to this stage, he would obviously have beaten the previous best.

This was truly sensational running for a man who competed in his first Edinburgh-Glasgow relay 23 years ago.

It is likely that the first three teams to finish yesterday will be invited to take part in the News of the World National Road Relay event over the London-Brighton course next April.

The medals for the most meritorious performance in yesterday's race went to Teviotdale Harriers, who, with a small membership managed to gain sixth place.

Results: 1. Shettleston (3-49-17); 2. Bellahouston (3-49-35); 3. Victoria Park (3-50-49); 4. Edinburgh Southern (3-53-10); 5. Motherwell (5-53-47); 6. Teviotdale (3-55-11); 7. St. Andrews (3-56-47); 8. Vale of Leven (3-58-8); 9. Wellpark (3-58-20); 10. Glenpark (3-59-38); 11. Clydesdale; 12. Cambuslang; 13. Glasgow Univ.; 14. Springburn; 15. Beith; 16. Maryhill; 17. Edinburgh Univ.; 18. Garscadden; 19. Edinburgh East; 20. Irvine Y.M.C.A.

## FOOTBALL

**East of Scotland League.**—Berwick Rangers. "A" 7, Civil Service Strollers 3; Duns 5, Ferranti Th. 0; Christside Utd. 1, Hawick Royal Albert 4; Coldstream 2, Gala Fairydean 3; Peebles Rvrs. 1, Vale of Leithen 3; Spartans 3. Edinburgh City Police 7.

**East of Scotland** (First round replays).—Faulhouse Utd. 4, Preston Ath. 3.

**Brown Cup** (First round).—Haddington Ath. 7, Dalkeith Th. 2; Ormiston Primrose 6, Easthouses 3.

**Edinburgh and District League.**—Bonnyrigg Rose Ath. 5, Penicuik Ath. 3; Loanhead Mayflower 2, Musselburgh 4; Tranent 4, Dunbar Utd. 3; Camelon 1, Armadale Th. 1; Linlithgow Rose 1, West Calder Utd. 0; Whitburn 5, Alva Albion Rngrs. 0.

**Highland League.**—Buckie Thistle 5, Caledonian 1; Forres Mechanics 2, Ross County 0; Inverness Thistle 3, Elgin City 2; Keith 1, Fraserburgh 1; Lossiemouth 1, Deveronvale 0; Nairn County 1, Clachnacuddin 4; Rothes 2, Peterhead 3.

**Perthshire Cup.**—Second round replay: Coupar Angus 1, Blairgowrie 1.

**Semi-final:** Alyth Juniors 1, Jeanfield Swifts 2.

**Aberdeen Junior League.**—Lad's Club Cattofield 4; Mugiemoss 5, Balgownie 2; Rosemount 1, Sunnybank 5; Lewis Utd. 3, Woodside 2; Banks o' Dee 1, tonehaven 1.

**Mitchell Cup** (1st round).—St. Andrew's Utd. 5, Newburgh 2; Steelend 0, Frances Colliery 3; Thornton Hibs 2; Dundonald Bluebell 1.

**Fife Junior League.**—Lochgelly Albert Lochee Welfare 1.

**Forfarshire Junior Cup** (2nd round).—Iwood 2, Lochee Utd. 6; Downfield 2, Bawswell 3; Broughty Ath. 1, Kirriemuir 1; North End 1, Forfar Celtic 0; St. Craigie 3, Violet 5; Osborne 3, Roath Vic. 0.

**Dundee Junior League.**—Harp 8, St. 1.