

## EASY FOR SHETTLESTON IN EDINBURGH-GLASGOW RELAY

**A** FOG hung over Edinburgh when Baillie J. Ross sent the twenty runners off in the *News of the World* Edinburgh to Glasgow Relay on Nov. 19. Shettleston H. finished good winners in 3h. 44m. 32s., only 20s. outside the record set up by Victoria Pk. in 1957. Edinburgh South H. were lying second on the 7th stage and seemed likely to stay there, when their runner, K. D. Ballantyne, slipped on the greasy road and was struck by a passing car. He was taken to hospital but fortunately was not seriously injured. Bellahouston H. finished second with the surprise team of the race, Glasgow University, third. Aberdeen taking part for the first time, finished 6th and were awarded the medals for the best performance outside the first four teams.

**Stage 1.** Alister Wood (Shett.) shot right ahead from the gun and by half-distance was fully 100 yds. in front. Running in grand style, he handed over to R. Wotherspoon in 25.22 to beat the stage record of 26.05 set up in 1936. Following Wood, 200 yds. behind, came C. Fraser (E.S.H.) and, at about 20 yd. intervals, R. Hartley (Teviot.) and I. Harris (Beith).

**Stage 2.** Wotherspoon kept Shettleston in front but only by 40 yds. from E. Sinclair (Spring.) in a total time of 56.30. N. Ross (E.S.H.) was 3rd in 56.48 while Glasgow Univ. came up from 12th to 4th thanks to a grand effort of 29.51 by C. Laing. J. Connolly brought Bellahouston from 15th to 5th with a fine run of 29.46, fastest for the stage.

**Stage 3.** I. Donald (Shett.) handed over to H. Summerhill 60 yds. ahead of R. Kinghorn (E.S.H.) in 1:19.2. A keen tussle for 3rd saw N. Rogers (G.U.) with 22:20 (1:19.30) finish 10 yds. ahead of H. Fenion (B'houston) 22:10 (1:19.33). Springburn had now fallen back to 5th, with M'well Y.M. now 6th.

**Stage 4.** H. Summerhill, with another fastest stage time of 30:04, increased Shettleston's lead to 150 yds. from W. Lyall (E.S.H.). B'houston were now 3rd, D. Dickson finishing a few yards ahead of W. S. Hunter (G.U.). Springburn were still 5th but Wellpark had passed M'well Y.M. to take 6th place.

**Stage 5.** A record breaking run of 26.38 by G. Everett saw Shettleston go further ahead from R. McFall (E.S.H.) who were still holding on to 2nd place. R. Gordon (B'houston) 30:48, and J. Gray (G.U.) 30.52, had a keen race, with B'houston keeping ahead by some 15 yds. M'well Y.M. had now passed Springburn to take 5th place, with Wellpark 6th.

**Stage 6.** This stage, the longest of the race, saw R. C. Wallace keep Shett. well ahead from A. Ross (E.S.H.) with an overall time of 2:51.7 to E.S.H.'s 2:52.58. R. Black (B'houston) led D. Gifford (G.U.) by some 60 yds. for 3rd place. A. H. Brown (M'well) ran very well on this stage, but failed to catch Gifford. S. Taylor recorded the fastest time of 32.54 and brought Aberdeen from 12th to 6th. Victory for Shett. H. was now more or less assured.

**Stage 7.** Former C. C. Champion, E. Bannon further consolidated Shettleston's lead with yet another fastest stage time of 28:47. It was here that tragedy struck Edin. S.H. when K. Ballantyne met with his accident. F. Cowan (B'houston) now found himself running 2nd about 80 yds. ahead of R. Hartley (G.U.). G. Henderson (M'well) was in 4th position about 200 yds. behind Hartley, with F. Whitley (Wellpark) 5th.

**Stage 8.** The final stage saw T. Malone give Shettleston a very comfortable victory in 3:44.32. Malone's time of 24.38 was 15 secs. outside the stage record. B'houston were next in 3:49.23 with Glasgow Univ. 3rd in 3:50.24, a best ever performance by a Scottish University, and Wellpark H. 3:52.21, in 4th place.

1. Shettleston H. .... 3:44.32
2. Bellahouston H. .... 3:49.23
3. Glasgow University .... 3:50.24
4. Wellpark 3:52.21; 5. Motherwell Y.M. 3:53.8; 6. Aberdeen 3:54.50; 7. Vale of Leven 3:55.26; 8. Teviotdale 3:55.32; 9. Springburn 3:55.46; 10. Edinburgh Univ. 3:55.48; 11. St. Andrew's Univ. 3:56.42; 12. Victoria Pk. 3:57.20; 13. Glenpark 3:59.34; 14. Edinburgh East 3:59.47; 15. Clydesdale 3:59.56; 16. Cambuslang 4:4.37; 17. Beith 4:4.53; 18. Maryhill 4:7.13; 19. Garscubie 4:10.4.

### R.A.F. BEAT OXFORD—contd.

(R) 40.10; 6, B. B. Craig (R) 40.18; 7, S. H. James (O) 40.20; 8, J. P. Boulter (O) 40.28; 9, J. C. Pickett (R) 40.30; 10, R. Thorn (O) 40.46; 11, G. M. Brown (R) 40.47; 12, W. Cummings (O) 41.15; 13, J. Esson (O) 41.38; 14, P. Haines (R) 41.48; 15, J. S. Evans (R) 42.05; 16, R. Bell (O) 42.18; 17, D. Shaw (R) 42.27; 18, D. Budden (R) 42.39; 19, J. Munnery (R) 42.42; 20, J. Lunn (O) 43.03; 21, Glyde (O) 43.23. **F.C.M.**

### ROCHESTER "5"—contd.

Maidstone 239; 12, Welwyn 240; 13, Windsor & E. 304; 14, Cambridge H. 329; 15, Rochester "B" 332; 16, Ilford "B" 340; 17, Shaftesbury 360; 18, Aylesford "B" 422; 19, Finchley 428; 20, Woodford "B" 464. 23 teams closed in.

# Shettleston Lead All The Way In Edinburgh To Glasgow Relay

SCOTTISH national senior cross-country champions Shettleston Harriers led all the way to retain the Edinburgh to Glasgow road relay trophy last Saturday.

In dismal weather conditions which did not favour record breaking performances the local club achieved a great victory in a near record time. Their team of eight covered the  $44\frac{1}{4}$  miles course in 3 hrs. 44 mins. 32 secs. which was just 20 secs. outside the record established by Victoria Park A.A.C. in 1957.

There were no defaulters in the team on the day of the race, all reported fit and eager for competition. National senior champions Alistair Wood (6 miles) and Graham Everett (one mile) were in record breaking form and made drastic alterations to two intermediate lap records. In addition Henry Summerhill, Eddie Bannon and Tom Malone all clocked the fastest times for their respective laps which meant that Shettleston dominated five of the eight stages of the race. Consequently it is not surprising that they collected practically all the honours in the twentieth race of the series.

Only one incident marred the day and that was the unfortunate withdrawal of Edinburgh Southern Harriers on the second last lap whilst lying in second place. Their representative K. Ballantyne, former junior mile champion, was struck by a private car and

30 mins. 48 secs. by D. Dickson (Bellahouston) in third place.

Then came another record breaking lap on stage five Armadale to Forrestfield Inn ( $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles). Graham Everett clocking 26 mins. 38 secs. reduced by 50 secs. the record established by A. Breckenridge (Victoria Park) in 1957. Shettleston were now 3 mins. 13 secs. ahead of the field with only three laps to go to the finish. The second best time on stage five was clocked by W. Marshall (Motherwell) 28 mins. 40 secs. and third best by R. McFall (Edinburgh Southern) 28 mins. 46 secs.

Over the 7 miles lap to Airdrie War Memorial Clark Wallace clocking 35 mins. 23 secs. held the Shettleston position although losing some ground to Edinburgh Southern (A. Ross 34 mins. 11 secs.). The fastest time for this lap was 32 mins. 54 secs. clocked by S. Taylor (Aberdeen A.A.C.), second was A. Brown (Motherwell) with 33 mins. 5 secs. and third W. Kerr (Victoria Park) 33 mins.

## OLDEST RECORD BROKEN

Over the first lap St. Andrews Square, Edinburgh, to Maybury Cross (5½ miles) one of the oldest records of the race lap time of 26 mins. 5 secs. set up by R. McIntosh of Greenock Glenpark Harriers in 1936 was shattered by Alistair Wood.

Clocking a time of 25 mins. 22 secs. he took 43 secs. off the record which had stood for 24 years. This record run by Wood killed off the other nineteen competitors and at the finish he had a 54 secs. lead. Second best time was clocked by C. Fraser (Edinburgh Southern Harriers) 26 mins. 16 secs. and third R. Harley (Teviotdale Harriers) 26 mins. 25 secs.

On the next lap to Broxburn (6 miles) Bob Wotherspoon hung on grimly to Shettleston's leading position with an aggregate time of 56 mins. 30 secs. Close on his heels was E. Sinclair (Springburn Harriers) in 56 mins. 35 secs. and third N. Ross (Edinburgh Southern Harriers) 56 mins. 48 secs. The three best lap times were clocked by J. Connolly (Bellahouston) 29 mins. 46 secs., C. Laing (Glasgow University) 29 mins. 51 secs. and E. Sinclair (Springburn) 29 mins. 58 secs. Bob Wotherspoon clocked 31 mins. 8 secs. Over the third lap Broxburn to Wester Dechmont Farm (4 miles) Ian Donald clocking the third fastest lap time of 22 mins. 32 secs. increased the Shettleston lead to 27 secs.

Edinburgh Southern (R. Kinghorn 22 mins. 41 secs.) were now lying second and Glasgow University (N. Rogers 22 mins. 20 secs.) third. Fastest lap time was recorded by H. Fenion (Bellahouston) 22 mins. 10 secs.

Lap four to Armadale (5½ miles) was the breakaway for Shettleston. The only junior (16-21) in the team Henry Summerhill running full of confidence clocked the fastest lap time of 30 mins. 4 secs. and increased the club lead to 65 secs. Second best time was 30 mins. 42 secs. by W. Lyall (Edinburgh Southern) in second place and third

On the second last stage Airdrie War Memorial to Barrachnie Inn (5½ miles) Eddie Bannon who holds the lap record with a time of 28 mins. 34 secs. (1956) increased the Shettleston lead with the best time of the day 28 mins. 47 secs. Second best time was 29 mins. 24 secs. by P. Judge (St. Andrews University) and third 29 mins. 47 secs. by R. Hartley (Glasgow University). It was on this lap that the Edinburgh Southern team was forced to retire from the race thus allowing Bellahouston into second place with Glasgow University third.

Over the last lap to Exchange Square, Glasgow (5 miles) Tom Malone had a comfortable run home to breast the finishing tape with the fastest lap time of 24 mins. 38 secs. Second best time was 24 mins. 54 secs. by R. Renton (Teviotdale) and third 25 mins. 33 secs. by W. Goodwin (Bellahouston).

The finishing positions were: 1. Shettleston, 3 hrs. 44 mins. 32 secs.; 2. Bellahouston Harriers, 3 hrs. 49 mins. 23 secs.; 3. Glasgow University, 3 hrs. 50 mins. 24 secs.; 4. Greenock Wellpark Harriers, 3 hrs. 52 mins. 21 secs.; 5. Motherwell Y.M.C.A., 3 hrs. 53 mins. 8 secs.; 6, Aberdeen A.A.C. 3 hrs. 54 mins. 50 secs. The first four teams all received awards and Aberdeen A.A.C. were awarded the medals for the most meritorious performance.

## BRAMPTON TO CARLISLE

THE main fixture for Shettleston members tomorrow (Saturday) is the annual Brampton to Carlisle 8 miles road race. Teams of six run with three runners counting. Last year the record number of 118 runners and 18 teams competed the course. The course record 43 mins. 4 secs. by G. North (Blackpool A.C.) was also set up last year. The home fixture is for youths only and is the annual ballot team road race over 2½ miles promoted by Clydesdale Harriers at Clydebank.