

MOTHERWELL'S GREAT RUN IN EDINBURGH-GLASGOW RELAY

OWING to new traffic arrangements a complete new first stage had to be found—from Inverleith Park to Maybury Cross. Polar conditions nearly kept several clubs out of the race due to transport difficulties. Motherwell Y.M. had only B. Hodgson, a reserve, at the start and he ran, to finish 10th, and give his colleagues time to carry on from stage 2 and record a great win.

Stage 1. Graham Everett, making one of his rare appearances, soon took Shettleston to the front, but only after a terrific finish, did he hand over first in 27.28, followed by G. Eadie (Cambus) 27.29, N. Ross (ESH) 27.33 and Hartley (GU) 27.38.

Stage 2. Laing (GU) soon went to the front and got away on the last mile to hand over 25 yards ahead of Heron (ESH), who was 1 min. 17 sec. ahead of Summerhill (Shett), with Vic. Park and Aberdeen 4th and 5th.

Stage 3. R. McFall took Edin. South up to 1st with a fine run of 21.36, 40 sec. in front of Bogan (GU) 22.21, with Shettleston (Mitchell 22.21) still 3rd, Vic. Park 4th, Teviotdale 5th and Motherwell Y.M. 6th.

Stage 4. Andy Brown, running magnificently, brought Motherwell into 3rd place with a record-breaking run of 28.51 (1:50.12) behind Fraser (ESH) 1:48.55 and Gifford (GU) 1:49.20.

Stage 5. G. M. Brown (28.06) kept E.S.H. in

front but Motherwell (A. P. Brown 27.41) were now 2nd and closing the gap, with Glasgow Un. 3rd and Vic. Pk. 4th.

Stage 6. G. H. Linaker with a grand effort of 32.45 gave Motherwell the lead (2:50.38) 150 yards ahead of E.S.H. 2:51.18 (Ross 34.17), with Glasgow Un. 2:52.43 (Faulds 34.33) third.

Stage 7. R. W. McKay equalled the stage record with 28.33 to increase Motherwell's lead to more than 2 mins. over E.S.H. (Clegg 29.54) with Glasgow Un. (Shepherd 29.21) still third.

Stage 8. The final stage saw J. Poulton give Motherwell a truly brilliant victory in 3:44.50, with R. McAllister showing fastest time of 25.03 to bring Edin. South in second and Glasgow Un. (Scobie 26.31) third. Final positions:—1, Motherwell Y.M. 3:44.50; 2, Edin. South H. 3:46.15; 3, Glasgow Univ. 3:48.35; 4, Victoria Pk. 3:50.15; 5, Shettleston 3:52.03; 6, Teviotdale 3:54.20; 7, Edinburgh A.C. 3:54.52; 8, Edinburgh Univ. 3:55.13; 9, Aberdeen 3:57.14; 10, Hawkhill 3:58.41; 11, St. Andrews Univ. 3:59.42; 12, Bellahouston 4:00.18; 13, Glenpark 4:01.40; 14, Monkland 4:01.57; 15, Vale of Leven 4:02.14; 16, Springburn 4:03.18; 17, Wellpark 4:03.32; 18, Clydesdale 4:04.45; 19, Maryhill 4:06.56; 20, Cambuslang 4:11.37.

St. Andrew's Univ. were awarded the meritorious performance medals, finishing 11th against last year's 19th.

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(More Scottish results next week)