

Scottish News

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THE News of the World "Edinburgh to Glasgow" relay was won by Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers for the third year in succession. A keen fight was waged for second, third and fourth places between Edinburgh University, Edinburgh Southern and Aberdeen A.C. before they finished in that order. Taking part for the first time, Aberdeen University finished 11th and were awarded the special place medals.

Stage 1. A. P. Brown gave Motherwell a lead of about 200 yards in 27.25 with A. Hewie (Aber) 28.07, W. Mather (Tev) 28.08, A. Blamire (Edin Un) 28.10 and C. Fraser (ESH) 28.12 fighting out the next four places. L. Meneely (Sheff) 28.18 was 6th and B. Scobie (GUAC) 28.27 7th.

Stage 2. This vital stage saw quite a number of the top runners in action. Olympic athlete Fergus Murray ran a grand leg of 29.18 to put Edinburgh Univ. in the lead. M. Edwards kept Aberdeen second, 22 secs. behind, with R. McKay (M'well) 30.32 third and A. Heron (ESH) 30.05 fourth. Aberdeen Univ. were fifth thanks to a fine run of 30.16 by W. Ewing and Shettleston sixth (H. Summerhill 31.05).

Stage 3. G. Evans (22.59) kept Edinburgh Univ. in front but J. McKenzie (22.46) ran the fastest time of the stage to put Aberdeen only 11 secs. behind. Motherwell were third (W. Marshall 23.05), E.S.H. fourth (R. McFall 23.10), Victoria Park fifth and Aberdeen Univ. sixth.

Stage 4. A fine effort by A. H. Brown (29.12) brought Motherwell back into first place again with S. Taylor (30.27) retaining second for Aberdeen. K. Ballantyne (30.22) took E.S.H. into third while Edinburgh Un. (J. Wight 31.43) fell back to fourth, Victoria Park maintained fifth place and Shettleston moved up into sixth.

Stage 5. Motherwell went further ahead through D. Simpson (28.54) while A. Whiting (29.40) kept Aberdeen in second place with Edinburgh Un. (C. Elson 29.23) now up to third, E.S.H. (J. White 29.50) fourth, Victoria Park fifth and Shettleston sixth.

Stage 6. As the longest stage began Motherwell looked to be the winners but it was still anybody's race for the next three positions. I. McCafferty (33.15) increased Motherwell's lead to nearly 2½ minutes with Aberdeen (A. Wood 34.04) second, 27 secs. ahead of E.S.H. (D. McGregor 33.35) with Edinburgh Univ. (R. Young 33.50) a further 9 secs behind, fourth. Victoria Park remained fifth and Shettleston sixth.

Stage 7. R. Wedlock (28.18) ran the fastest

stage to put Motherwell in an unassailable position while G. Brownlee (28.39) brought E.S.H. back to second place, 18 secs. ahead of Edinburgh Un. (F. Gamwell 28.52). R. Duffy (29.31) brought Aberdeen in only 3 secs. further behind, with fifth and sixth positions unchanged.

Stage 8. J. Poulton ran the final leg for Motherwell in 25.20 to give them a comfortable victory in a time 30 secs. slower than last year. I. Young (24.15) had the best time of the stage to pull Edinburgh Un. into second place with G. Brown (25.24) finishing third for E.S.H. 47 secs. behind and R. Donald (29.31) bringing Aberdeen in fourth another 41 secs. further back.

1, Motherwell Y.M.C.A. 3:46.01; 2, Edinburgh Univ 3:48.30; 3, Edinburgh South H. 3:49.17; 4, Aberdeen A.C. 3:49.58; 5, Victoria Park 3:52.40; 6, Shettleston H. 3:56.09; 7, Teviotdale H. 3:57.48; 8, Edinburgh A.C. 3:58.25; 9, Springburn H. 3:59.22; 10, Hawkhill H. 4:01.13; 11, Aberdeen Univ. 4:03.05; 12, Glenpark H. 4:04.03; 13, Monkland H. 4:04.58; 14, Bellahouston H. 4:06.16; 15, Glasgow Univ. 4:06.42; 16, St. Andrews Univ. 4:10.14; 17, Strathclyde Univ. 4:10.57; 18, Clydesdale H. 4:12.01; 19, Wellpark H. 4:15.05; 20, Paisley H. 4:18.46.

Edinburgh Univ. II 29pts., Strathclyde Un. I 62, Edin. Un. III 103, Strath. II 174, at Edinburgh, November 14th. 1, W. Eadie (S) 28.12; 2, F. Gamwell (E) 28.15; 3, M. Sinclair (E) 29.04; 4, A. Matson (E) 29.09; 5, C. Lord (E) 29.24; 6, W. Allan (E) 29.30; 7, J. Docherty (S) 29.33; 8, W. Mercer (E-guest) 29.39; 9, J. Meldrum (E) 29.59; 10, B. Covell (E) 30.01.

Edinburgh Un. II 21, Aberdeen Un. II 69, at Aberdeen, November 21st. 1, Sinclair 36.46; 2, Hathorn 36.57; 3, Lord 37.18; 4, Allan 37.28; 5, Meldrum 37.56; 6, Covell 38.29; 7, Yates 38.51; 8, Little 39.00 (all Edinburgh).

Edin. Un. III 23, Aber. Un. III 58, at Aberdeen, November 21st. 1, Thorpe 40.01; 2, R. Gray 40.31; 3, Sugden 40.50; 4, Douglas 40.57 (all Edin.); 5, Young (A) 41.38; 6, Canavan (E) 42.04; 7, Biddle (E) 42.57; 8, Anderson (A) 44.57.

Edinburgh Highland Games, 1965

Despite a heavy financial loss this year, due to the atrocious weather, the Edinburgh Highland Games will be held again next year on August 21st. Mr. W. Carmichael, the organiser, is negotiating for an International match with Iceland to be held in conjunction with the Games.

LOUGHBOROUGH PAST & PRESENT

Loughborough Colleges have arranged for a Past v. Present cross-country match at Loughborough on March 20th. All past students interested should write to P. G. Knott, 5 Further Ends Road, Freckleton, Nr. Preston, Lancs.