

Scottish News

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EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY WIN EDINBURGH—GLASGOW RELAY AGAIN

November 19th

WEATHER conditions were excellent when the 20 runners set off on the first leg. Edinburgh Univ. repeated last year's triumph with a magnificent victory in 3:36.53, only 21 secs. outside their own course record of last year, leading at every stage except the second where they were pushed into second place by Edinburgh Southern. The 7th stage was increased and 8th stage reduced by about 300 yards.

Stage 1, 5½M. Ian Binnie (VP) set the pace, followed by Alister Blamire (Edin. Un) and J. Raeburn (Teviot). With 2 miles to go Blamire went into the lead and handed over 100 yards ahead in 27.01, with Raeburn 27.20 M. Bradley (Paisley) 27.25, followed by EAC, ESH and Motherwell YMCA.

Stage 2, 6M. A brilliant run of 28.53—fastest time—by Ken Ballantyne put E.S.H. (56.26) 9 sec. ahead of A. Wight (Edin. Un) with Motherwell (A. P. Brown 29.08) third in 56.53, Edinburgh A.C. (A. Leitch 29.25) 4th., and Vic. Pk. 5th thanks to a fine run of 28.57 by Hugh Barrow.

Stage 3, 4M. Edin. University regained the lead with a record run of 21.05 by Ian Hathorn, with Vic. Pk. (A. Smith 21.20) 2nd and E.S.H. (A. Cameron 22.16) 3rd. Motherwell were 4th, E.A.C. 5th and Shettleston 6th.

Stage 4, 5½M. A great fastest stage run of 27.50 by Andy Brown put Motherwell only 13 secs. behind the leaders (D. Logue 29.05) who went through in 1:46.45. Another veteran in John McLaren was 3rd for Vic. Pk. in 1:47.48 and E.S.H. next in 1:49.09.

Stage 5, 5½M. Ian Young (26.23) kept Edin. Un. a full minute ahead of Vic. Pk (lap record of 26.22 by A. Johnstone in 2:13.08). Motherwell 2:15.27 were 3rd, with Aberdeen 4th thanks to a fine run of 26.45 by Steve Taylor.

Stage 6, 7M. The longest stage of the race brought together most of Scotland's leading distance men. Despite heroic efforts by Ian McCafferty (32.23) and Mel Edwards for Aberdeen with fastest stage time of 31.29, Gareth Bryan-Jones (32.14) kept Edin. Univ. in the lead with 2:45.22, followed by Motherwell 2:47.50, Aberdeen 2:48.34 and Vic. Pk 2:48.35.

Sage 7, 5½M. The University were still forging ahead, J. Wight having the fastest stage time of 28.10. Ian Mackenzie (28.27) put Aberdeen back in second place and Des Austin (28.27) kept Vic. Pk 3rd, with Motherwell (R. W. McKay 29.22) 4th.

Stage 8, 4¾M. Despite being well ahead, Chris Elson made no mistake with a fine run of 23.21 to give Edinburgh Univ. a brilliant victory. Ian Macpherson (23.33) took Vic. Pk. into second place in 3:40.35, with Motherwell third in 3:41.42 and Aberdeen, whose Ian Mitchell was said to have lost ground through mis-direction by a policeman, fourth.

1, Edinburgh Univ. 3:36.53; 2, Victoria Pk. AAC 3:40.35; 3, Motherwell YMCA 3:41.42; 4, Aberdeen 3:41.46; 5, Edinburgh Southern 3:44.19; 6, Edinburgh AC 3:46.05; 7, Shettleston 3:46.09; 8, Teviotdale 3:50.29; 9, Hawkhill 3:50.43; 10, Bellahouston 3:51.18; 11, Springburn 3:51.51; 12, Aberdeen 3:54.58; 13, Wellpark 3:55.22; 14, Dumbarton 3:58.02; 15, Glenpark 3:58.22; 16, Glasgow Univ. 4:00.16; 17, Clydesdale 4:00.39; 18, Paisley 4:03.18; 19, Monkland 4:06.52; 20, Strathclyde Univ. 4:15.38.

University 6M. Race at Cambuslang, Nov. 7.
1, A. Johnstone (S) 32.17; J. Myatt (S) 32.39; 3, J. Began (G) 33.22; 4, I. MacFarlane (G) 33.30; 5, M. Diamond (Q) 33.50; 6, B. Kelly (Q) 33.57. Teams: 1, Queens (Belfast) 54; 2, Strathclyde 54; 3, Glasgow 66.

Lewisvale Spartans "Round the Bridges" Races, Nov. 12. Youths 3x2M. 1, Springburn (A. Beaney 11.20, R. Beaney 11.24, G. Jarvis 10.51) 33.35; 2, Shettleston (J. Broily 11.06, T. Graham 11.19, E. McLean 11.22) 33.47. Boys' 3x1½M. 1, Bathgate MWC; 2, Shettleston 3, Edin. A.C. Jnr. Boys' 1½M Team. 1, Shettles-

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