

Scottish News

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EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY WIN EDINBURGH—GLASGOW RELAY

November 18th

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY won the "News of the World Trophy" for the third year running after a hard tussle with Aberdeen AC and Shettleston H. Taking part for the first time were the 9th Old Boys from Belfast, and they did quite well to finish 8th. The medals for the most improved team were awarded to Strathclyde University. Ewan Murray, the SCCU Secretary, and his Committee are to be complimented on the organisation of the race.

Stage 1, 5½M. As usual the first leg produced a close contest and finished with Jim Alder giving Edin. A.C. a lead of about 120yds. in 26:54, a stage record. Bill Ewing (Aberdeen AC) was 2nd in 27:26 with N. Morrison (Shett. H.) 3rd in 27:39 and A. Beaney (Spring) 4th in 28:14. The holders, Edin. Univ., were 8th in 28:33.

Stage 2, 6M. This leg saw Aberdeen AC take the lead, thanks to a fine effort by Mel Edwards of 29:14, the fastest time of the leg. Edin. AC kept 2nd place through Andy Leitch (30:37) with D. Faircloth (Shett.) 3rd, and Eddie Knox (Spring) 4th. Edin. Univ. (A. Blamire 29:24) had now come into 5th place.

Stage 3, 4M. J. Clare (22:09) kept Aberdeen AC in front at 1:18:49 with J. Convery (22:10) of Edin. AC 1:19:41 next, followed by M. McMahon of Shettleston (22:09), 1:19:47. Then came Edin. Univ.—A. McKean (22:09)—in 1:20:19, with Springburn 5th in 1:20:38 and Vic. Pk. 6th in 1:20:50. A. Smith (V.P.) had the fastest lap time of 21:51. It was still a very keen tussle.

Stage 4, 5½M. Dave Logue (30:00) brought Edin. Univ. into first place in 1:50:06 with W. Scally (30:27) of Shettleston, 1:50:19, now 2nd and Aberdeen AC 3rd, 1:50:33. Marathon star Don McGregor pulled Edin. S.H. into 4th place with a fine run of 29:32. Derek Graham (9th OB) had a stage record run of 29:08 to keep his club in 8th place.

Stage 5, 5½M. As the second half of the race started the issue was still wide open. Edin. Univ. Inter-Varsity Champion Ian Young kept them still in front (28:04) in 2:18:16, some 120yds. ahead of Steve Taylor, Aberdeen AC 3:53:01; 7, Springburn 3:54:30; 8, 9th Old 3rd, in 2:18:44 (L. Meneely 28:30) and Vic. Pk. 4th in 2:20:17 (J. Reilly 28:37).

Stage 6, 7M. This stage, the longest, brought out Gareth Bryan-Jones (E.U.), Fergus Murray (E.S.H.) and Alastair Wood (Aberd. A.C.). The Edin. Un. captain, Bryan-Jones, ran a grand leg of 33:06 to keep his club out in front in 2:51:22. Shett. H. were back in 2nd place

with R. Wedlock (33:32), while Aberdeen AC dropped back a little in 2:52:24. Murray, with the fastest time of 32:36 brought E.S.H. from 5th to 4th place with Vic. Pk. next in 2:53:31.

Stage 7, 5½M. With two good men to run it now looked like an Edinburgh Un. victory, but it was still very much in doubt who would be second: Aberdeen or Shettleston. Edin. Un. (3:20:07) increased their lead thanks to a very fine run by Jim Wight (28:45), the fastest lap time. Shett. H. (3:21:51) were some 50yds. ahead of Aberdeen (3:22:03) with Edin. S.H. 4th in 3:22:56 and Vic. Pk. 5th in 3:24:43.

Stage 8, 4½M. The final stage saw Chris Elson (24:29) again lead Edin. Un. to victory in 3:44:30—a truly grand performance for the students. Meanwhile a great battle for 2nd place was going on between H. Summerhill (Shett.) and T. Baker (Aberdeen). These two were running shoulder to shoulder for the last mile and coming along the packed Ingram Street, they had to fight not each other so much as the crowds and traffic. When only a matter of 10 to 15yds. from the finish a car cut in front of them with the result that the judges could not split them and dead-heat was declared. Despite Shettleston's protest I would say that this decision was the only and correct one to make. They were both timed at 3:45:20.

1, Edinburgh Univ. 3:44:30; 2, eq. Aberdeen AC & Shettleston 3:45:20; 4, Edinburgh SH 3:47:24; 5, Victoria Pk. 3:50:04; 6, Edinburgh AC 3:53:01; 7, Springburn 3:54:30; 8, 9th Old Boys 3:57:39; 9, Hawkhill 3:58:39; 10, Bellahouston 3:59:40; 11, Aberdeen Univ. 4:02:42; 12, Strathclyde Univ. 4:03:26; 13, Dumbarton 4:06:27; 14, Glenpark 4:07:01; 15, Teviotdale 4:07:03; 16, Motherwell YMCA 4:08:44; 17, Clydesdale 4:09:50; 18, Wellpark 4:10:18; 19, Glasgow Univ. 4:13:20; 20, Paisley 4:14:39.

STIRLING 47, RAF Leuchars 76, St Andrews Un. 89, Dundee Un. 93, at St. Andrews, November 4th. 1, A. Rutherford (S) 42:34; 2, D. Ainslie (DU) 42:45; 3, P. Gale (RAF) 42:54; 4, G. Edgington (RAF) 42:57; 5, J. Murray (S) 43:00; 6, P. Tyler (SA) 45:21.

St. Andrews Un. 23, Bell Baxter HS 53, at Cupar, November 8th. 1, eq. S. Stanley & P. Tyler (SA) 23:30; 3, L. Marrow (SA) 23:45; 4, P. Whitfield (SA) 24:15; 5, J. Roscoe (SA) 24:16; 6, M. Craig (BB) 24:30.

Aberdeen Un. 52, Strathclyde Un. 55, Glasgow Un. 70, St. Andrews Un. 209, at King's College, Aberdeen, November 11th. 1, J. Myatt (SU) 34:47; 2, J. Hickey (GU) 35:09; 3, J. Maycock (AU) 35:32; 4, C. McIver (SU) 35:51; 5, I. Mitchell (SU) 36:10; 6, A. Patrick (AU) 36:24.

Forthcoming fixtures: The SCCU will meet the Army in a 6 mile cross country at Duns on November 25th. The event starts at 3.00 and half an hour later another team meets a