

SCOTLAND

Southern Take Edinburgh-Glasgow Relay

SPRINGBURN HARRIERS led for the first three laps of the 29th Edinburgh to Glasgow Road Relay on November 6th, but were overtaken on the fourth stage by Edinburgh Southern Harriers, who then went ahead after a tussle with Shettleston on the fifth and sixth stages, but proved easy winners in the end.

Mike Bradley (Springburn) led the field on the first stage, equalling the record with 26:50, and he was closely followed by Bill Ewing (Aberdeen AC) in 27:04. Springburn retained the lead on the second lap through John McGrow (30:10) but Jim Alder (Edinburgh AC) had the fastest time with 29:38. Alastair Wood (Aberdeen) ran 29:58.

A. McLellan kept Springburn in the lead but Edinburgh SH were now only 20 seconds behind, T. Coyle (ESH) being fastest in 21:55. Edinburgh Southern went into the lead on the next stage with Gareth Bryan-Jones running 28:46, but Dick Wedlock (Shettleston) had the fastest time of 28:37. At this stage Shettleston were only 46 sec. behind.

W. Scally (Shettleston) reduced this to 33 sec on the fifth lap with 28:13. J. Bryant (ESH) clocked 28:26. Shettleston's Lachie Stewart further reduced the gap to 17 sec with 32:39, as against Fergus Murray's (ESH) 32:55. The seventh stage saw Southern's Craig Douglas increasing the lead to 46 sec with 25:54. H. Summerhill (Shettleston) recording 26:23. J. White, with a wonderful last lap of 29:00, brought Southern home easy winners. The next fastest time was T. O'Reilly (Springburn) with 30:51.

Result: 1, Edinburgh Southern H. 3:44:57; 2, Shettleston H. 3:48:06; 3, Edinburgh Univ. 3:52:52; 4, Victoria Park AAC 3:53:09; 5, Edinburgh AC 3:54:01; 6, Aberdeen AAC 3:56:18.

MARYHILL BANNERMAN 7M. ROAD RACE November 29th

1. D. Gemmell (Clydesdale) 35.16
2. I. Leggett (Clydesdale) 35.17
3. I. Donald (Clydesdale) 35.47
4. R. Stevenson (M'hill) 36.23; 5, R. Shields (Clydes) 36.51; 6, J. Farrell (M'hill) 37.26; 7, R. McCormack (Gars) 37.41; 8, G. McNeil (Clydes) 37.44; 9, S. Irvine (Glas. Pol) 38.00; 10, A. McDonald (Gars) 38.59; 11, K. Savva (M'hill) 39.28; 12, R. Ball (M'hill) 40.05; 13, W. Ritchie (Gars) 40.25; 14, S. Watson (M'hill) 40.38; 15, J. Farrell (M'hill) 41.08. 29 finished. **Teams:** 1, Clydesdale 43; 2, Maryhill 62; 3, Glasgow Police 108.

NORTH EAST LEAGUE At Aberdeen, November 29th

1. S. Taylor (Aberdeen) 34.56
2. C. Youngson (Aberdeen Un.) 35.14
3. W. Ewing (Aberdeen) 35.25
- 4, J. Clare (A'deen) 35.30; 5, R. Heron (St. And. Un) 35.34; 6, D. Ritchie (A'deen Un) 35.42; 7, I. Graves (Dundee Hawk) 35.55; 8, D. McLean (DH) 36.04; 9, M. Edwards (A'deen) 36.11; 10, I. McKenzie (A'deen) 36.37; 11, R. Orr (A'deen)

36.39; 12, D. Macintosh (A'deen) 36.56; 13, B. Jeffrey (Loss) 37.27; 14, M. Cameron (A'deen Un) 37.29; 15, J. Maycock (A'deen) 37.45. 39 finished. **Teams:** 1, Aberdeen AC 565; 2, Aberdeen Univ. 543; 3, Dundee Hawkhill 421; 4, St. Andrews 327.

SCOTTISH CROSS COUNTRY UNION 78, ARMY AA 96 At Edinburgh, November 29th

1. E. Knox (Scotland) 33.29
2. W. Stoddart (Scotland) 33.32
3. K. Darlow (Army) 33.50
- 4, W. Ward (A) 33.52; 5, C. Falconer (S) 33.58; 6, P. Wood (A) 34.13; 7, A. Johnston (S) 34.33; 8, A. Blamire (S) 34.43; 9, D. McLean (A) 34.52; 10, B. Pearson (A) 35.06; 11, R. McDonald (S) 35.16; 12, T. Davies (A) 35.23; 13, I. Burns (S) 35.28; 14, A. McKean (S) 35.30; 15, T. Grubb (S) 35.40; 16, A. Riddell (A) 35.47; 17, D. Lang (S) 35.59; 18, A. Wale (A) 36.20; 19, C. Martin (S) 36.24; 20, J. Brown (S) 36.40; 21, W. Scally (S) 36.51; 22, W. Lowe (S) 36.55; 23, D. Harrison (A) 37.04; 24, G. Turner (A) 37.12; 25, R. Hyett (A) 37.16.

WILLIE DIVERTY

WE deeply regret to announce the death, at Killearn Hospital on December 1st, of *Athletics Weekly's* Scottish correspondent Willie Diverty. He was aged 60 and had been in hospital since October.

Mr. Diverty was particularly closely associated with Glasgow University athletics on the track, road and country, and he worked hard to make the Glasgow University Open Road Race one of Scotland's premier events. There was a record field of 183 in last month's race, a tribute to his efforts.

He was the immediate past president of the Scottish Cross-Country Union and it was a great day for him when the International Championship was staged at Clydebank earlier this year. To the athletics public at large, though, he was best known as the Scottish correspondent of this magazine for the past sixteen years.

He leaves a widow and a son, to whom we offer our sincerest condolences.

CONDIE CHALMERS

Scottish athletics suffered another loss last week with the death of Condie Chalmers, a founder member of Garscube Harriers in 1898 and its president from 1910 to 1940. Mr. Chalmers, who was 89, was president of the International Cross-Country Union in 1933.

Relay triumph for Edinburgh Southern

As Jack White sped home, baton held aloft for the last 30 yards, he found it impossible to hide the joy he and his club supporters from Edinburgh Southern Harriers were feeling. After all, winning the Edinburgh-Glasgow road race for the first time is like reaching Mecca after an interminable pilgrimage.

Edinburgh Southern have always been well cast in this mammoth production which is staged by the Scottish Cross-Country Union and financed by the "News of the World." So far, however, playing the lead-role has eluded them. But on Saturday they commandeered the stage, only occasionally letting Shettleston peep impetuously from the wings and, at rare moments, threaten to displace them.

It was in the last two scenes, played adroitly by Craig Douglas and Jack White, that the team from the east really came forth, full of sound and fury and (parting company with Shakespeare) signifying the finest relay victory the club has known.

What an intriguing contest it was, particularly over the first six of the eight laps. With three legs completed, Southern had built up a lead of 55 seconds over Shettleston, thanks mainly to a great run by Tom Coyle on stage three, where he brought his team from fifth to second with a time of 21min. 55sec., five seconds faster than anyone else.

From this point and for the following 90 minutes Shettleston drilled holes into that lead. First Dick Wedlock clipped 19 seconds off no less a personage than Gareth Bryan-Jones, who meanwhile had taken Southern into the lead for the first time. On the next (fifth) leg Bill Scally brought the Edinburgh club clearer into his vision by cutting 13 seconds from John Bryant.

Then we came to the prestige stage, the sixth, from the Forestfield Hotel, seven miles into the hubbub at Airdrie War Memorial. It's always the kingpins who strike out from the hotel—Fergus Murray for Southern, Lachie Stewart for Shettleston, and Alistair Blamire for Edinburgh University. Away went Murray with a lead of 23 seconds over Stewart, who by now had a gap of 2½ minutes behind him.

Relentlessly the Shettleston man tightened the thread between himself and his quarry, although it should always be remembered that psychologically the pursuer is invariably in the menacing position.

**By RON
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Murray was trying to give little away but at the end of the stint the clubs had become as close as they would be for the rest of the journey. Stewart had come within seven seconds of catching Murray.

From here onwards the Glasgow challenge faded. Craig Douglas, his dumpy-looking legs devouring the route through Coatbridge, reached the new checkpoint in Garrowhill in record time (this stage is clearly shorter than the former) and White made the triumphal entry into Glasgow with that great finish in Ingram Street three-quarters of a mile ahead.

The award for the most meritorious performance went to Greenock Wellpark who finished thirteenth, compared with eighteenth last year. Results:—

1. Edinburgh Southern (W. Murray, K. Ballantyne, T. Coyle, G. Bryan-Jones, J. Bryant, A. F. Murray, C. Douglas, J. White), 3hr 44min, 57sec.; 2. Shettleston (L. Menely, N. Morrison, T. Patterson, R. Wedlock, W. Scally, J. L. Stewart, H. Summerhill, H. Mitchell), 3-48-4; 3. Edinburgh University (J. Dingwall, A. McKean, D. Taylor, D. Logue, D. Glover, A. Blamire, J. MacFie, R. Hendry), 3-52-52; 4. Victoria Park, 3-53-9; 5. Edinburgh A.C., 3-54-1; 6. Aberdeen A.A.C., 3-56-18; 7. Springburn, 3-56-56; 8. Strathclyde University, 3-58-3; 9. Law and District, 3-59-4; 10. Dumbarton A.A.C., 4-3-29.

GAMES TRIAL AT GRANGEMOUTH

Established athletes dominated the Commonwealth Games trials meeting yesterday at Grangemouth. Winners:—

75 metres—L. Turnbull (Bellahouston), 8.3sec. 150 yards—D. Halliday (R.A.F.), 15.2. 300 metres—R. T. Laurie (Victoria Park), 35.3. 600 metres—R. McEwan (Perth Strathspye), 1min. 25.2sec. 1000 metres—J. Broily (Shettleston), 4-00-00 metres—J. Broily (Shettleston), 11-59.4.

60 metres hurdles—A. Hozarth (Octavians), 9.1. 300 metres hurdles—R. Taylor (Ayr Seaforth), 38.4.

Long jump—H. C. Robertson (Bellahouston), 21ft. 1in. Triple jump—H. C. Robertson (Bellahouston), 43-10½.

Hammers—L. Bryce (Strathclyde University), 187-11. Javelin—D. Birkmyre (Victoria Park), 192-4. Shot putt—A. Sutherland (Edinburgh Southern), 45-11. Discus—A. Black (Edinburgh Southern), 135-6.