

A Tale Of Three Cities

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Barrs Edinburgh to Glasgow Road Race

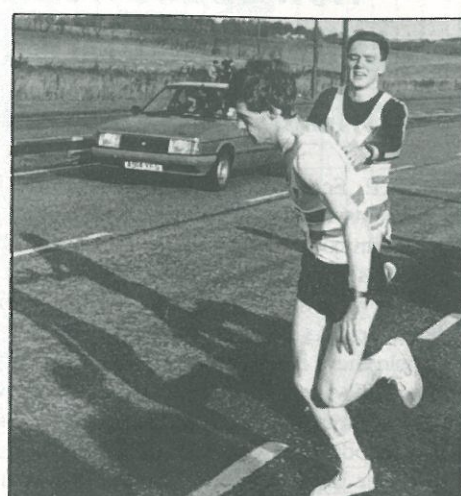
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Tom Hanlon, well out of 3,000m steeplechase country, gives Gary Grindlay and ESH the lead with 26-56 for the 5.5 mile first leg.



But it's guests Central Massachusetts Striders who get to Broxburn first. Alan Puckrin picks up Greenock Glenpark with 29-32 for the 6 miles.



Disaster for CMS - their man is injured! Ray Cresswell runs a record-breaking third leg for Aberdeen (24-52, 4.7 miles) to give David Duguid the lead.



Duguid (28-35 for 5.3 miles) hands on safely to Graham Milne. Well behind, Andrew Walker of Teviotdale has run the fastest leg (27-48).



It's pie and pint time at the Forestfield Hotel as Milne gets Fraser Clyne away. Milne has run 28-04 (5.5 miles) while EAC's Ian Archibald records 27-37.



Clyne hands over to Simon Axon, having maintained Aberdeen's lead with 34-09 for the 7 miles. John Robson brings ESH into second with 33-15.



Just for a change, here's Cambuslang's Martin Gorman handing over to Andy Beattie. Fastest seventh leg was from EAC's Graham Harker, with 25-50 (5.5m).



Colin Youngson took the baton from Simon Axon, and held off the challenge of ESH's Alan Robson on the final leg. Beattie ran the 5 miles fastest in 27-43.

Roll of Honour

1. Aberdeen AAC 3-49-08
2. Edinburgh SH 3-49-29
3. Cambuslang H 3-50-47
4. Edinburgh AC 3-51-12
5. Massachusetts 3-53-49
6. Falkirk VH 3-54-57
7. Dundee HH 3-55-32
8. Teviotdale H 3-55-45
9. Fife AC 3-57-27
10. N District 3-59-08

Most Improved Team: Ayr Seaforth

Conclusion? A great race with Aberdeen's depth giving them their second win in three years. Well done, too, to Ayr Seaforth.