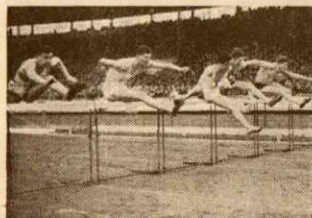


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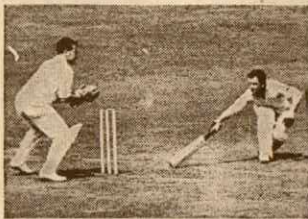
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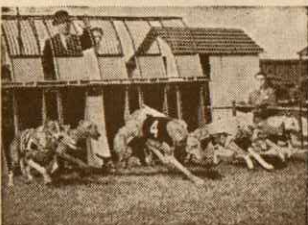
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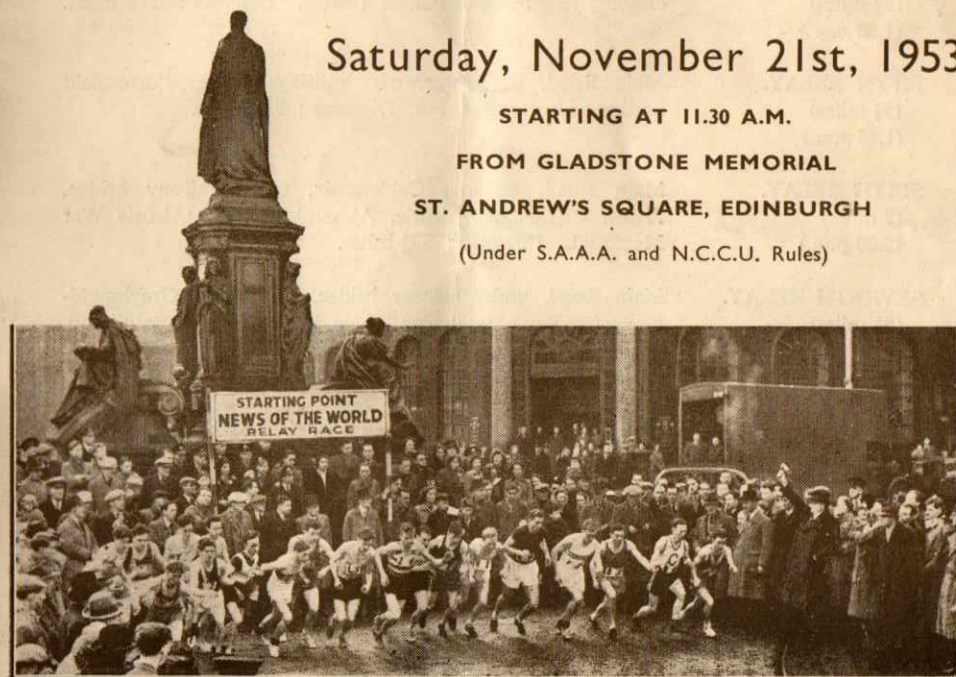
Saturday, November 21st, 1953

STARTING AT 11.30 A.M.

FROM GLADSTONE MEMORIAL

ST. ANDREW'S SQUARE, EDINBURGH

(Under S.A.A.A. and N.C.C.U. Rules)



RELAYS AND EXCHANGE STATIONS

The runners, totalling 160, will be divided into eight relays of 20.

Each competitor must wear, **BACK AND FRONT**, the number and the letter shown in this programme.

News of the World arrow signs will be shown throughout the Course at all turns, and banners show each take-over.

- FIRST RELAY.** Starting from Gladstone Memorial, St. Andrew's Square, North David Street, Queen Street, Albyn Place, St. Colne Street, Ainslie Place, Great Stuart Street, Randolph Crescent, Melville Street, Manor Place, Coates Place, West Maitland Street, Haymarket Station, Clifton Terrace, Haymarket Terrace, under Railway Arch, Roseburn Terrace, Corstorphine Road, to Maybury Cross. First take-over. Distance : $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
($5\frac{1}{2}$ miles)
(approx. time of arrival 11.55 a.m.)
- SECOND RELAY.** Main Glasgow Road, left fork to Newbridge, over stone bridge, under viaduct, right fork by Broxburn A.A. box to Broxburn East U.F. Church. Distance : $11\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
(6 miles)
(12.25 p.m.)
- THIRD RELAY.** Main Road to Uphall, right fork, sharp rise to Dechmont (switchback going) to Wester Dechmont Farm. Distance : $15\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
(4 miles)
(12.45 p.m.)
- FOURTH RELAY.** Main Road right fork, then fork left for Bathgate, over level crossing to Armadale (Clock Tower). Distance : $21\frac{1}{4}$ miles.
($5\frac{1}{4}$ miles)
(1.20 p.m.)
- FIFTH RELAY.** Main Road, Blackridge, over railway bridge, Forrestfield Station to Forrestfield Inn. Distance : $26\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
($5\frac{1}{2}$ miles)
(1.45 p.m.)
- SIXTH RELAY.** Main Road, Hillend, Caldercruix, under railway bridge, Plains, Clarkstone, Airdrie, Alexandra Street, Airdrie War Memorial. Distance : $33\frac{3}{4}$ miles.
(7 miles)
(2.20 p.m.)
- SEVENTH RELAY.** Main Road, under railway bridge, Coatbridge Greyhound-Enclosure, Bank Street, Coatbridge, Bargeddie P.O., Baillieston, Spring Hill Cross, Barrachnie, Telephone Box. Distance : $39\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
($5\frac{1}{2}$ miles)
(2.50 p.m.)
- EIGHTH RELAY.** Main Shettleston Road, Shettleston, right fork, under railway bridge, Duke Street, turn left into High Street, turn right into Ingram Street to Royal Exchange (Queen Street). Full distance : $44\frac{1}{4}$ miles.
(5 miles)
(3.15 p.m.)

SPECIAL NOTE FOR THE SAFETY OF RUNNERS

All competitors must keep to the left-hand side of the road whilst running. Cutting corners is not allowed. Any competitor indulging in this dangerous practice will render his team liable to disqualification.

HONORARY OFFICIALS

President : W. EMSLEY CARR, ESQ. (*News of the World*).

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Starter : BAILIE J. R. RHIND of Edinburgh.

Referee : J. T. MITCHELL (Chairman S.N.C.C.U.).

Relays 1-5-8 :

Timekeepers : D. MCSWEIN (Chief) (S.A.A.A.) ; T. MCKAY (S.A.A.A.).

Recorders : W. C. ARMOUR (S.A.A.A.) ; E. TAYLOR (S.N.C.C.U.).

Relays 2-6 :

Timekeepers : D. CORBET (S.A.A.A.) ; A. NANGLE (S.N.C.C.U.).

Recorders : J. A. HENDERSON (E.S.H.) ; G. MARTIN.

Relays 3-7 :

Timekeeper : J. W. MILLER (S.A.A.A.).

Recorders : G. K. AITHIE (S.A.A.A.) ; R. McDONALD.

Relays 4-8 :

Timekeeper : W. DEMPSEY (S.A.A.A.).

Recorders : A. STEVENSON (S.A.A.A.) ; D. FERGUSON (*Shettleston H.*).

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Assistant Clerk of the Course : W. McNEILLIE (S.A.A.A.).

Organisers : ERNEST RILEY, JOE BINKS (*News of the World*).

Assistant Organisers : RON BACCHUS, DOUG WILSON (*News of the World*).

EDINBURGH—GLASGOW RELAY 1952



(Left) C. D. Forbes (Victoria Park A.A.C.) starting the 4th leg.

(Top right) The finish at the Royal Exchange, Glasgow.

(Bottom right) G. White (Clydesdale H.) handing on the baton to C. D. Robertson at the 1st changeover.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS

A letter from the Rt. Hon. Sir James Miller, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, addressed to the Rt. Hon. T. A. Kerr, Lord Provost of Glasgow, will be handed to the first representative of Victoria Park A.A.C. (last year's winners) at the start by Bailie J. R. Rhind, of Edinburgh, and will be carried by the leading runner in each relay, and will be handed to the Lord Provost of Glasgow's deputy, Bailie W. W. Finlay, at the winning post.

Competitors' coaches, numbered as per relays 1-8, will take runners to their respective starting points, and pick them up again at the end of their relays. All competitors *must* travel in the official coaches.

All competitors, except those running the first relay, must be in their respective coaches, ready to start at 11.0 a.m. No competitor will be waited for. Only competitors and officials with Coach Tickets will be allowed to travel in the coaches.

To avoid congestion, no coaches must stop within 100 yards beyond each Take-Over. Coach drivers are asked by the organisers to observe this request strictly.

Dressing facilities at the start : Edinburgh Y.M.C.A., South St. Andrew Street.

The first ten teams to finish will qualify for next year's race. The remaining teams to be invited will be selected by the Scottish A.A.A. and S.N.C.C.U.

Immediately after the race, competitors and officials with Tea Tickets adjourn to the Ca'doro Restaurant, Union Street, Glasgow, for High Tea, where Bailie W. W. Finlay will present the Trophy and Medals to the winners.

TEAMS AND RUNNERS

BELLAHOUSTON HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 3 hrs. 49 mins. 47 secs. 1938.
Winners 1936, 1938. Third 1952.

(Colours : Dark Blue ; St. Andrew's Cross)

A1	H. Fenion	A7	G. Bell	A13	G. Nelson
A2	R. Stoddart	A8	D. Dinwoodie	A14	G. Hunter
A3	J. Kelly	A9	J. MacLean	A15	G. McArthur
A4	C. Kirk	A10	S. MacLean	A16	A. Jack
A5	C. Milligan	A11	J. Connolly	A17	D. O'Rourke
A6	R. Climie	A12	C. Kennedy	A18	A. B. Connelly

BRAIDBURN ATHLETIC CLUB

(Colours : Red, Yellow and Green Hoops)

B1	W. S. Linton	B7	R. A. Henderson	B13	A. Davidson
B2	I. B. Morrison	B8	J. Corbett	B14	I. Drever
B3	W. Henderson	B9	R. G. B. Wilkie	B15	J. Hepburn
B4	N. Donachie	B10	D. H. Mackenzie	B16	R. Taylor
B5	D. Nisbet	B11	D. W. Dunn	B17	D. Carter
B6	J. K. Hislop	B12	W. Blair	B18	I. F. Rae

CLYDESDALE HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 4 hrs. 4 mins. 22 secs. 1952.

(Colours : Black and White)

C1	P. Younger	C8	R. Clark	C14	T. Tait
C2	J. Young	C9	J. Boyd	C15	F. Kielty
C3	J. Duffy	C10	C. O'Boyle	C16	D. Scott
C4	J. Hume	C11	W. Howie	C17	D. Hammond
C5	R. Boyd	C12	A. Younger	C18	D. Bowman
C6	D. Stewart	C13	J. Clive	C19	G. Rodgers
C7	M. Harvey			C20	G. White

DUNDEE THISTLE HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 3 hrs. 50 mins. 14 secs. 1937

Winners 1934, 1937.

(Colours : Crimson)

D1	C. D. Robertson	D6	R. Spalding	D11	A. S. Franchi
D2	J. Miller	D7	E. Nicoll	D12	A. M. McIntosh
D3	D. Miller	D8	J. Lewis	D13	E. King
D4	H. Irvine	D9	S. Cunningham	D14	A. Ingram
D5	J. Watson	D10	P. Taylor	D15	R. R. Johnston

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 3 hrs. 59 mins. 27 secs. 1950.

Fourth 1952

(Colours : Blue and White)

E1	J. V. Paterson	E8	W. Grant	E14	J. Heggie
E2	H. S. Millar	E9	T. Henderson	E15	C. Black
E3	W. A. Robertson	E10	D. Webster	E16	D. Morrison
E4	J. Smart	E11	W. Gembles	E17	R. M. Paul
E5	H. Robb	E12	N. Ross	E18	A. Black
E6	G. Reid	E13	A. Ross	E19	W. F. Lindsay
E7	H. Robertson			E20	W. B. Thomson

FALKIRK VICTORIA HARRIERS

(Colours : Black and Gold)

G1	G. W. Jackson	G8	T. D. Todd	G14	G. Rankin
G2	A. J. Crawford	G9	J. Paterson	G15	S. Laurie
G3	R. A. Sinclair	G10	D. Cleland	G16	E. O'Connor
G4	T. Blackhall	G11	J. Kane	G17	D. Skinner
G5	A. Cook	G12	S. Robertson	G18	J. Robertson
G6	D. Nicoll	G13	R. Gordon	G19	G. Cox
G7	T. Dobbie			G20	R. Bell

GARSCUBE HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 3 hrs. 53 mins. 26 secs. 1937.

(Colours : White with Blue Band)

H1	G. A. Dunn	H8	G. Dickson	H14	J. Blackhouse
H2	A. Kidd	H9	J. J. Duffy	H15	S. Horn
H3	F. J. Robertson	H10	M. McGunnigle	H16	J. Gunn
H4	D. Coupland	H11	I. Dougan	H17	R. Black
H5	E. S. Murray	H12	F. B. Russell	H18	R. Smith
H6	J. Linn	H13	A. Warton	H19	D. G. Causon
H7	B. Linn			H20	W. J. Ross

GREENOCK GLENPARK HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Third 1950 in 3 hrs. 59 mins.

(Colours : Sky Blue Singlet with Badge)

J1	A. Maclean	J6	D. McFarlane	J12	D. Gallacher
J2	R. Cox	J7	J. Fraser	J13	D. Turner
J3	W. Jackson	J8	A. Deas	J14	W. Elder
J4	S. Williamson	J9	G. Muir	J15	C. Cathcart
J5	J. Grant	J10	D. Farren	J16	C. Kennedy
		J11	J. Taft		

HAMILTON HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 4 hrs. 4 mins. 51 secs. 1936.

(Colours : White with Red Facings)

K1	A. C. Gibson	K7	B. Hendry	K12	R. Donald
K2	H. Gibson	K8	W. Campbell	K13	J. Moore
K3	J. Hepburn	K9	A. Morton	K14	D. Wilson
K4	G. Craig	K10	R. Speirs	K15	J. Webster
K5	J. Craig	K11	J. Stewart	K16	G. McGill
K6	N. Baillie			K17	A. Stewart

IRVINE Y.M.C.A. HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 4 hrs. 2 mins. 5 secs. 1952.

Sixth 1952

(Colours : White, Blue Band, Red Triangle)

L1	S. Cuthbert	L5	E. Allan	L10	A. Muir
L2	J. Leask	L6	D. Andrews	L11	R. Blair
L3	K. Alexander	L7	J. Dempster	L12	T. McNeish
L4	J. Lawson	L8	J. Dunlop	L13	M. Butler
		L9	F. Muir		

KIRKCALDY Y.M.C.A. HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 4 hrs. 10 mins. 47 secs. 1950.

(Colours : White with Gold Band)

M1	G. R. Mortimer	M6	G. N. Clark	M10	J. Duncan
M2	P. Husband	M7	J. Hillock	M11	N. Harrison
M3	W. E. Duncan	M8	J. Renton	M12	J. Peacock
M4	S. Smart	M9	G. Miller	M13	J. Dewar
M5	J. Kay			M14	J. Bell

MARYHILL HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 3 hrs. 50 mins. 5 secs. 1938.

Winners 1939

(Colours : Royal Blue Singlet, White Shorts)

P1	J. E. Farrell	P7	J. Gibson	P13	J. Hoskins
P2	T. Harrison	P8	W. Hannah	P14	J. Wilkie
P3	R. A. Macdonald	P9	J. Brymner	P15	G. Taylor
P4	S. W. Russell	P10	R. Brymner	P16	J. Gibson
P5	S. Lawson	P11	G. Porteous	P17	J. Campbell
P6	J. Wright	P12	T. K. Wilson	P18	H. Morrison

MONKLAND HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 4 hrs. 8 mins. 4 secs. 1950.

(Colours : Black with White Sash)

R1	F. Bradley	R7	W. McBrinn	R13	J. Glen
R2	C. Ballantyne	R8	J. Geddes	R14	G. Kerr
R3	J. Gordon	R9	W. Drysdale	R15	R. Keers
R4	R. Muir	R10	W. Mason	R16	W. Reynolds
R5	J. Kerr	R11	W. McIntyre	R17	J. Murray
R6	J. Brown	R12	D. McKirdy	R18	A. MacPherson

MOTHERWELL Y.M.C.A. HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 4 hrs. 3 mins. 32 secs. 1936.

(Colours : Black with White Facings)

S1	A. H. Brown	S7	W. S. Sommerville	S13	M. Mitchell
S2	T. Scott	S8	R. Dawkins	S14	R. McKay
S3	J. McMillan	S9	W. P. Marshall	S15	J. Poulton
S4	B. Gordon	S10	J. Simpson (Junr.)	S16	W. Watson
S5	A. Kirkwood	S11	A. Morrow	S17	J. Scott
S6	A. Brown (Senr.)	S12	A. McNaughton	S18	B. McRoberts

PAISLEY HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 4 hrs. 1 min. 48 secs. 1952.

Fifth 1952.

(Colours : Royal Blue and Red)

T1	A. Napier	T6	J. Feeley	T10	C. McCart
T2	J. Campbell	T7	T. Fellowes	T11	E. McLaughlin
T3	W. McNeil	T8	W. Miller	T12	A. McGinn
T4	J. Deveney	T9	G. Crerar	T13	J. Pearson
T5	J. Sellar			T14	J. Gibson

PLEBEIAN HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 3 hrs. 53 mins. 57 secs. 1936.

Winners 1933.

(Colours : White Vest with Red Band)

U1 A. Small	U7 J. McGregor	U13 J. Kerr
U2 A. Smith	U8 A. Robertson	U14 D. Barclay
U3 J. Simpson	U9 P. McDermid	U15 C. Heaney
U4 T. McQuade	U10 J. McCann	U16 E. Latham
U5 F. Cassells	U11 L. Howitt	U17 J. McGregor
U6 T. Monaghan	U12 H. Love	U18 H. Glasgow

SHETTLESTON HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 3 hrs. 52 mins. 51 secs. 1936.

Winners April and November, 1949, Second 1950, 1951 and 1952.

(Colours : Royal Blue with Gold Band)

W1 E. Bannon	W8 J. Turnbull	W15 T. Ruth
W2 R. C. Wallace	W9 H. Fox	W16 H. Hanard
W3 J. Eadie	W10 S. Pollock	W17 J. Thomson
W4 T. Walters	W11 J. Hamilton	W18 T. Clark
W5 J. McElroy	W12 A. Hill	W19 T. Turley
W6 F. Scally	W13 W. McFarlane	W20 F. McKenzie
W7 J. Moore	W14 M. Forbes	W21 H. Simpson

SPRINGBURN HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 3 hrs. 58 mins. 22 secs. 1938.

Third 1951.

(Colours : Navy Blue Vest with White Diamond, White Shorts)

X1 T. Tracey	X8 J. Morton	X14 T. Phelam
X2 T. O'Reilly	X9 P. McParland	X15 D. Wallace
X3 A. Stevenson	X10 T. Lambert	X16 J. Haggerty
X4 J. Stevenson	X11 R. F. Maclean	X17 R. B. Kinloch
X5 S. McFadden	X12 W. Young	X18 J. Duffy
X6 M. McGowan	X13 D. G. McKay	X19 J. Smith
X7 J. Hart		X20 G. Feeny

VALE OF LEVEN A.A.C.

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 4 hrs. 3 mins. 27 secs. 1950.

(Colours : Red and White Hoops)

Y1 R. Steel	Y6 F. Lacey	Y10 T. Wilson
Y2 A. McDougall	Y7 R. Turner	Y11 H. Garvie
Y3 R. Campbell	Y8 D. McPherson	Y12 W. Wood
Y4 J. Ferguson	Y9 R. Allan	Y13 J. McNabb
Y5 W. Crowe		Y14 P. Patterson

VICTORIA PARK A.A.C.

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time First 1952 in 3 hrs. 48 mins. 44 secs.

First 1950 and 1951.

(Colours : Blue and White Hoops)

Z1 I. Binnie	Z8 C. D. Forbes	Z14 P. Callaghan
Z2 R. Kane	Z9 J. D. Stirling	Z15 A. Ross
Z3 R. C. Calderwood	Z10 F. McKay	Z16 G. Kerr
Z4 N. Ellis	Z11 D. Macfarlane	Z17 J. McCaffery
Z5 S. Ellis	Z12 D. Shuttleworth	Z18 J. Whitelaw
Z6 J. Ellis	Z13 C. Sharp	Z19 K. Warden
Z7 A. Forbes		Z20 N. Austin

1953 NATIONAL RELAY RACE (LONDON-BRIGHTON)



(Top Left) Mr. Riley (News of the World) with the Mayor and Mayoress of Mitcham.

(„ Right) G. W. Hopcroft (T. V. H.) handing over to D. Rowe at Hickstead.

(Centre Left) First man home. A. F. Thornton (T. V. H.)

(„ Right) A. F. Thornton with the Mayor of Brighton and Mr. Riley (News of the World).

(Bottom Left) Gordon Pirie and Alec Olney in their record-breaking duel on the 7th leg.

(„ Right) The finish at Brighton.

EDINBURGH—GLASGOW RELAY RACE

WINNERS AND TIMES

1933 Plebeian H.	4. 7.5	Dundee Thistle H.	4. 8.35	Edinburgh N. H.	4.11.59
1934 Dundee Thistle H.	4.20.47	Edinburgh N. H.	4.21.46	Maryhill H.	4.22.35
1935 Edinburgh N. H.	4. 3.23	Garscube H.	4. 4.18	Plebeian H.	4. 4.32
1936 Bellahouston H.	3.51.15	Shettleston H.	3.52.51	Plebeian H.	3.52.57
1937 Dundee Thistle H.	3.50.14	Maryhill H.	3.52.11	Bellahouston H.	3.52.57
1938 Bellahouston H.	3.49.47	Maryhill H.	3.50.5	Dundee Thistle H.	3.56.20
1939 Maryhill H.	4. 6.3	Bellahouston H.	4. 6.36	Shettleston H.	4. 8.17

April

1949 Shettleston H.	4.15.25	Victoria Pk. A.A.C.	4.20.56	Bellahouston H.	4.21.16
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Nov.

1949 Shettleston H.	3.56.57	Victoria Pk. A.A.C.	3.58.7	Bellahouston H.	4. 2.22
1950 Victoria Pk. A.A.C.	3.52.43	Shettleston H.	3.53.15	Greenock	3.59.0
				Glenpark H.	
1951 Victoria Pk. A.A.C.	3.56.4	Shettleston H.	3.59.30	Springburn H.	4. 1.9
1952 Victoria Pk. A.A.C.	3.48.44	Shettleston H.	3.55.10	Bellahouston H.	3.58.45

Relay

INTERMEDIATE COURSE RECORDS

1 R. B. McIntosh	...	Greenock Glenpark H.	...	26 mins. 5 secs.	(1936)
2 J. C. Flockhart	...	Shettleston H.	...	30 " 26 "	(1936)
3 P. McNab	...	Springburn H.	...	21 " 56 "	(1936)
4 A. T. Whitecross	...	Dundee Thistle H.	...	30 " 24 "	(1937)
5 J. Campbell	...	Bellahouston H.	...	27 " 57 "	(1938)
6 J. C. Flockhart	...	Shettleston H.	...	33 " 32 "	(1937)
7 A. Forbes	...	Victoria Pk. A.A.C.	...	29 " 1 "	(1952)
8 A. Austin	...	Bellahouston H.	...	24 " 23 "	(1938)

Note.—In a previous series of races over the same course, S. K. Tombe (Plebeian H.) ran the 5th Relay in 27 mins. 53 secs. in 1931, and F. L. Stevenson (Monkland H.) ran the 8th Relay in 24 mins. 22 secs. in 1930.

AWARDS

Winning Team to hold the "News of the World" Silver Trophy

The first four teams to finish will receive a set of specially designed medals (gold-fronted for the winners, silver for the runners-up, and bronze for the third and fourth).

An extra set of bronze medals will be awarded to the unplaced team who gave the most meritorious performance.

This question will be decided by the following well-known officials: E. Riley, D. Wilson, J. Gilbert, G. Dallas, D. M. Wright, W. Carmichael, D. McSwein, and the Referee, J. T. Mitchell.

THANKS

The organisers, on behalf of the "News of the World," thank the Scottish National Cross-country Union and the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association and all the officials for their valued assistance.

We are grateful also to the civic authorities of the cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, and of the other towns through which we have passed, and of the counties of Midlothian, West Lothian and Lanarkshire, for their help.

The police authorities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Midlothian, West Lothian and Lanarkshire have given their cordial co-operation, and we have much appreciated their aid.

Finally, we thank all who permitted us to erect direction signs along the route, all who lent their cars, or helped in other ways, including members of the St. Andrew's Ambulance Brigade, who gave invaluable service, and last, but by no means least, the runners themselves for their splendid support.

1953 NATIONAL RACE THAMES VALLEY WERE THE FASTEST

Reprinted from *NEWS OF THE WORLD*, April 12, 1953

By JOE BINKS, ex-Holder Mile Record

Thames Valley Harriers, combining superb running with clever team work, won the third National London to Brighton road relay promoted by the "News of the World." Their time of 3 hr. 52 min. 16 sec. for the 45½ miles, run over 10 stages, was outside the course record, but is the fastest time returned for the national event.

Birchfield and South London, who finished second and third respectively, were also inside the previous best for the national event, which consists of 20 teams from all over Britain who have qualified in regional races.

Undoubtedly the highlight was the terrific duel over the seventh stage of six miles from Handcross to Hickstead between Alec Olney (Thames Valley) and Gordon Pirie (South London).

They took over practically together and then fought out yard for yard all the way, cutting down their rivals one after the other.

Showing real Olympic form they were both credited with the same time of 29 min. 5 sec., which was 13 seconds better than the record set up by Jim Peters (Essex Beagles) last October. Peters taking the same stage yesterday showed 29 min. 28 sec.

Earlier over the fourth relay Birchfield's international Ted Dalton had set up a new record with 25 min. 43 sec. for the five miles, which took Birchfield into third place, and that grand junior champion Peter Driver (South London) was 7 sec. inside the old record and only 3 sec. short of Dalton's figures.

In a race that was one of the most exciting on record we saw much great running, particularly from such well-known performers as Frank Sandø (Aylesford) and Polytechnic's Australian Olympic runner Don MacMillan.

Placings.—Thames Valley (3 h. 52 min. 16 sec.), 1; Birchfield (3.52.42), 2; South London (3.53.19), 3; Belgrave (3.53.44), 4; Polytechnic (3.54.17), 5; Essex Beagles (3.57.34), 6; Victoria Park (Glasgow) (3.57.47), 7; Tipton (3.59.12), 8; Sheffield Utd. (3.59.33), 9; Coventry Godiva (4.1.8), 10; Reading (4.2.45), 11; Blackheath (4.2.53), 12; Walton (4.3.20), 13; Derby and County (4.4.9), 14; Sutton H. & A.C. (4.4.40), 15; Herne Hill (4.4.57), 16; Manchester (4.6.33), 17; Bolton Utd. (4.7.7), 18; Aylesford Paper Mills (4.7.38), 19; Shettleston Harriers (Glasgow) (4.11.38), 20.

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The following teams have qualified for the National Race, by their performances in the Regional Races. Thames Valley H., Birchfield H., South London H., Belgrave H., Polytechnic H., Essex Beagles, Manchester A. & C.C., Tipton H., Bolton United H. and A.C., Finchley H. and Herne Hill H.

The first two teams in this race will also qualify.

The remaining clubs will be chosen by the Selection Committee, taking into consideration their performance in the National and Regional races and their current form as shown in other events. The Selection Committee reserves the right to invite fewer than twenty teams, if, in the opinion of the committee, the clubs omitted are not up to the requisite standard.