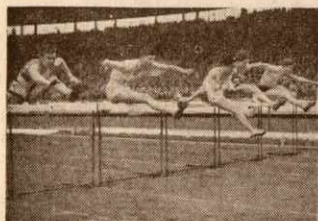


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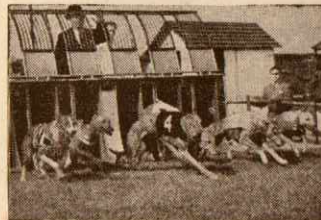
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EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW RELAY RACE

Saturday, November 20th, 1954

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.
($5\frac{3}{4}$ miles)
(1.20 p.m.)
- FIFTH RELAY.** Main Road, Blackridge, over railway bridge, Forrestfield Station to Forrestfield Inn. Distance : $26\frac{3}{4}$ 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 : $39\frac{1}{4}$ 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 the Stirling Library (formerly 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*).

Vice-Presidents : The Rt. Hon. JOHN G. BANKS (Lord Provost of Edinburgh) ;
The Rt. Hon. T. A. KERR (Lord Provost of Glasgow).

Starter : BAILIE T. ROBERTSON MOSSMAN of Edinburgh.

Referee : W. CARMICHAEL (S.A.A.A.).

Relays 1-8 :

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 2-5 :

Timekeeper : J. W. MILLER (S.A.A.A.).
Recorders : A. STEVENSON (S.A.A.A.) ; D. FERGUSON (*Shettleston H.*).

Relays 3-6 :

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

Relays 4-7 :

Timekeepers : A. NANGLE (S.N.C.C.U.) ; D. CORBET (S.A.A.A.).
Recorders : J. A. HENDERSON (E.S.H.) ; A. GORDON. (S.A.A.A.).

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

Assistant Organiser : RON BACCHUS (*News of the World*).

EDINBURGH—GLASGOW RELAY 1953



(Left) Bailie J. R. Rhind handing the baton to the first runner of Victoria Park A.A.C.
(Top Right) J. V. Paterson (Edinburgh S.H.) handing over to W. A. Robertson at Maybury Cross.
(Bottom Right) R. Kane starting the 3rd leg for Victoria Park A.A.C.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS

A letter from the Rt. Hon. John G. Banks, 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 T. Robertson Mossman, of Edinburgh, and will be handed to the Lord Provost of Glasgow's deputy, Bailie John Mains at the winning post.

All teams will carry a baton throughout the race.

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 John Mains will present the Trophy and Medals to the winners.

TEAMS AND RUNNERS

BEITH HARRIERS

(Colours: Black and White)

A1 J. W. Armstrong	A6 A. McGookin	A11 H. Maxwell
A2 K. Phillips	A7 H. Walker	A12 I. Gordon
A3 J. C. Harris	A8 D. Thomson	A13 C. McCafferty
A4 G. Lightbody	A9 A. Hayes	A14 W. Prasher
A5 S. Maxwell	A10 B. Wiggins	A15 J. Spier

BELLAHOUSTON HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 3 hrs. 49 mins. 47 secs. 1938.
Winners 1936, 1938, Fifth 1953.

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

B1 H. Fenion	B7 G. Bell	B13 G. Nelson
B2 R. Penman	B8 A. Jack	B14 C. Kennedy
B3 R. Stoddart	B9 I. Leckie	B15 J. Irvine
B4 R. Wilson	B10 R. Climie	B16 S. McLean
B5 C. Milligan	B11 T. Mercer	B17 F. Cowan
B6 J. McLean	B12 J. Connolly	B18 B. Olsen

BRAIDBURN ATHLETIC CLUB

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 4 hrs. 11 mins. 12 secs. 1953.

(Colours: Red, Yellow and Green Hoops)

C1 R. A. Henderson	C8 J. K. Hislop	C14 T. Thomson
C2 N. Donachie	C9 D. B. Nisbet	C15 F. J. L. Kelly
C3 I. Drever	C10 D. W. Dunn	C16 J. Colquhoun
C4 A. Davidson	C11 J. Shields	C17 R. G. B. Wilkie
C5 J. M. Hamilton	C12 J. R. D. Moore	C18 I. M. Campbell
C6 J. Corbett	C13 W. Henderson	C19 M. Swanson
C7 A. E. Dickson		C20 B. D. Underhill

CLYDESDALE HARRIERS

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

(Colours: Black and White)

D1 P. Younger	D8 W. Howie	D14 F. Clark
D2 J. Higginson	D9 W. Linton	D15 J. Murphy
D3 J. Young	D10 A. Younger	D16 C. O'Boyle
D4 J. Hume	D11 D. Stewart	D17 J. Redman
D5 G. White	D12 M. Harvey	D18 D. Bowman
D6 J. Clive	D13 J. Boyd	D19 R. Boyd
D7 J. Duffy		D20 W. Andrew

DUNDEE THISTLE HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 3 hrs. 50 mins. 14 secs. 1937.
Winners 1934, 1937.

(Colours: Crimson)

E1 D. Miller	E6 S. Cunningham	E11 J. Fitzpatrick
E2 I. Watson	E7 C. D. Robertson	E12 J. Chalmers
E3 J. Miller	E8 P. Taylor	E13 H. Butchart
E4 J. Lowis	E9 R. Spalding	E14 E. Nicoll
E5 H. Irvine	E10 E. King	E15 J. Montague

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 3 hrs. 59 mins. 27 secs. 1950.
Third 1953

(Colours : Blue and White)

H1	A. Black	H7	W. A. Robertson	H13	N. Ross
H2	J. Smart	H8	H. Robertson	H14	J. Dinning
H3	H. S. Millar	H9	N. Duff	H15	D. Morrison
H4	G. Reid	H10	G. G. Elliot	H16	N. Halverson
H5	H. Robb	H11	W. Grant	H17	G. B. Peat
H6	T. Henderson	H12	A. Ross	H18	J. Heggie

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY H. & H.

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 4 hrs. 4 mins. 2 secs. 1950.

(Colours : Dark Green Vest, White Shorts)

J1	A. S. Jackson	J7	J. V. Patterson	J13	N. J. King
J2	H. A. Cumming	J8	A. Ross	J14	J. S. Barr
J3	A. H. C. Horne	J9	J. Miller	J15	M. Smart
J4	J. Crawford	J10	T. N. Allsup	J16	T. M. Holmes
J5	W. H. Watson	J11	A. K. Ravenscroft	J17	O. D. George
J6	J. W. Brydie	J12	M. Fraser	J18	C. H. Clark

FALKIRK VICTORIA HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 4 hrs. 8 mins. 58 secs. 1953.

(Colours : Black and Gold)

K1	G. W. Jackson	K8	R. Gordon	K14	D. Skinner
K2	A. J. Crawford	K9	G. Rankine	K15	C. Morrison
K3	T. D. Todd	K10	J. Currie	K16	J. Smith
K4	R. A. Sinclair	K11	J. Perkins	K17	J. Robertson
K5	J. Paterson	K12	S. Cox	K18	W. Paxton
K6	A. Cook	K13	D. Shields	K19	E. O'Connor
K7	D. Cleland			K20	D. Moffat

GARSCUBE HARRIERS

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

(Colours : White with Blue Band)

L1	G. A. Dunn	L7	J. Linn	L12	D. G. Causon
L2	A. Kidd	L8	E. S. Murray	L13	I. MacKenzie
L3	F. J. Robertson	L9	A. Warton	L14	R. Caie
L4	D. Coupland	L10	W. J. Ross	L15	J. Backhouse
L5	G. Dickson	L11	S. Horn	L16	J. J. Duffy
L6	B. Linn			L17	P. Endicott

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY H. & H.

(Colours : Black Vest, Gold "G" on Back)

M1	P. Ballance	M7	J. Finlayson	M13	R. Meikle
M2	J. Boyd	M8	C. S. Fraser	M14	B. McNamara
M3	A. Campbell	M9	A. Galbraith	M15	A. Preston
M4	G. Campbell	M10	J. Harkin	M16	T. Robertson
M5	R. D. Clark	M11	C. M. Laird	M17	S. Rose
M6	A. Downie	M12	A. M. McFarquar	M18	I. Stuart

GREENOCK GLENPARK HARRIERS

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

(Colours : Sky Blue Singlet with Badge)

P1	J. Grant	P8	D. Kennedy	P14	D. O'Brien
P2	R. Cox	P9	R. Clarke	P15	W. Elder
P3	I. Osborne	P10	S. Williamson	P16	C. Kennedy
P4	D. McFarlane	P11	A. Deas	P17	C. Gallacher
P5	A. Maclean	P12	D. Farren	P18	H. Beaton
P6	D. Gallacher	P13	C. Mullen	P19	J. Sinclair
P7	J. Fraser			P20	T. Mearns

HAMILTON HARRIERS

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

(Colours : White with Red Facings)

Q1	A. C. Gibson	Q6	A. Wilson	Q11	E. Gallacher
Q2	J. Hepburn	Q7	W. Campbell	Q12	B. Hendry
Q3	J. Craig	Q8	J. Stewart	Q13	G. McGill
Q4	G. Craig	Q9	H. Gibson	Q14	J. Finlayson
Q5	R. Kerr	Q10	D. Webster	Q15	W. Brownlie

IRVINE Y.M.C.A. HARRIERS

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

(Colours : White, Blue Band, Red Triangle)

R1	S. Kennedy	R6	D. Andrews	R11	F. Muir
R2	W. Banks	R7	J. Leask	R12	F. English
R3	J. Dunlop	R8	J. Lawson	R13	A. Blackley
R4	S. Cuthbert	R9	E. Allan	R14	A. McPhail
R5	K. Alexander	R10	R. Blair	R15	M. Butler

MARYHILL HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 3 hrs. 50 mins. 5 secs. 1938.
Winners 1939

(Colours : Royal Blue Singlet, White Shorts)

S1	R. A. Macdonald	S8	T. Ruth	S14	J. Campbell
S2	J. E. Farrell	S9	A. Bold	S15	G. Penrice
S3	W. Black	S10	J. D. Gibson	S16	G. McLintock
S4	I. Picken	S11	J. Gibson	S17	W. S. Linkison
S5	J. Wright	S12	W. Hannah	S18	R. Wright
S6	T. Harrison	S13	W. A. Gall	S19	G. Taylor
S7	R. Brymner			S20	J. Brymner

PAISLEY HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay : Fastest time 4 hrs. 1 min. 48 secs. 1952.
Sixth 1953.

(Colours : Royal Blue and Red)

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

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 D. Barclay	U13 E. Vallyly
U2 A. Smith	U8 C. Heaney	U14 T. Monaghan
U3 J. Simpson	U9 L. Howitt	U15 J. McCaffery
U4 J. McCann	U10 A. Robertson	U16 J. Kerri
U5 P. McDermid	U11 E. Latham	U17 J. McGregor
U6 T. McQuade	U12 T. Rewcastle	U18 A. C. Muir

SHETTLESTON HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 3 hrs. 52 mins. 51 secs. 1936.
Winners April and November, 1949. Second 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953.

(Colours: Royal Blue with Gold Band)

W1 E. Bannon	W8 I. Voudsley	W14 W. McFarlane
W2 J. McGhee	W9 F. Mackenzie	W15 L. A. Orr
W3 J. Eadie	W10 J. Moore	W16 D. Campbell
W4 R. C. Wallace	W11 R. Wotherspoon	W17 F. Scally
W5 W. Gallacher	W12 J. Turnbull	W18 J. Thomson
W6 H. Fox	W13 T. Walters	W19 W. Gorman
W7 G. Everett		W20 J. Kirk

SPRINGBURN HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 3 hrs. 58 mins. 22 secs. 1938.
Fourth 1953.

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

X1 T. Tracey	X8 P. McParland	X14 A. Fulton
X2 R. F. McLean	X9 J. Jackson	X15 T. Lambert
X3 T. O'Reilly	X10 W. Laughlan	X16 J. Gordon
X4 D. G. Mackay	X11 A. Stevenson	X17 T. Phelan
X5 D. Tracey	X12 J. Stevenson	X18 J. O'Hare
X6 J. Crawford	X13 D. Buchanan	X19 D. Wallace
X7 J. Ballantyne		X20 J. Hart

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 A. McDougall	Y6 F. Lacey	Y11 H. Garvey
Y2 P. Moy	Y7 D. McPherson	Y12 J. McNabb
Y3 J. Ferguson	Y8 W. Crowe	Y13 I. Young
Y4 R. Steel	Y9 W. Lennie	Y14 T. Wilson
Y5 J. Garvey	Y10 R. Campbell	Y15 G. Crichton

VICTORIA PARK A.A.C.

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 3 hrs. 48 mins. 44 secs. 1952.
First 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953.

(Colours: Blue and White Hoops)

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

1954 NATIONAL RELAY RACE (LONDON-BRIGHTON)



(Top Left) Mr. Ernest Riley handing the baton to K. M. Anzola (T. V. H.), last year's winning team.

(„ Right) D. A. G. Pirie (S. L. H.) handing over to P. B. Driver for the 8th leg.

(Centre Left) The Mayor of Brighton (left) receiving the baton containing the Lord Mayor of London's message, from D. W. F. Collins (S. L. H.).

(„ Right) J. McGhee (Shettleston H.) and P. J. Pirie (S. L. H.) running together on the 3rd stage.

(Bottom Left) J. H. Peters running the 8th leg for Essex Beagles.

(„ Right) The Mayor of Brighton presenting the trophy to P. J. Pirie, South London Harriers, the winners, and record holders, for the course.

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

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 Glenpark H.	3.59.0
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.
1953 Victoria Pk. A.A.C.	3.52.56	Shettleston H.	3.54.52	Edinburgh S.H.	4. 1.21

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 I. Binnie ...	...	Victoria Pk. A.A.C.	...	33 " 21 "	(1953)
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, J. Binks, J. Gilbert, G. Dallas, D. McSwein, and the Referee, W. Carmichael.

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.

1954 NATIONAL RACE

WESTMINSTER TO BRIGHTON RECORD RUN

Reprinted from *NEWS OF THE WORLD*, April 11, 1954

By JOE BINKS, ex-Holder Mile Record

South London Harriers stormed through the London-Brighton course of 54 miles 1,348 yards, over which no fewer than 17 runners broke course records in the "News of the World" national road relay in the record time of 4hr. 31min. 37sec. This beats the previous record made away back in 1932 by Salford Harriers by 8½min.

Belgrave Harriers finished second after a close battle with Essex Beagles. Belgrave's time was 4hr. 33min. 43sec., and Essex Beagles 4hr. 34min. 24sec. The first nine clubs broke the original record: Thames Valley, the holders, were fourth.

Conditions in the bright sunshine were, of course, ideal, and the runners took full advantage of it. Gordon Pirie did not, as expected, tackle the Handcross-Hickstead leg of 6 miles 206 yards in which he had such a hard tussle last year with Alec Olney, when both set up a new record of 29min. 5sec.

Instead, Pirie took the longer leg of 6 miles, 1,298 yards. He won by over two minutes and took his club into a winning lead in great style.

On the Hickstead leg, however, we saw a brilliant run by Pirie's club-mate, Peter Driver, who carried on in the lead to finish with a record run of 28min. 52sec., beating the Pirie-Olney record by 13sec.

Jim Peters, the famous Marathon runner, gained 10 seconds on him with another wonderful run in 28min. 42sec., but this was not enough excitement, for on working out Alec Olney's time in finishing fourth, I found that he had actually beaten the other two with 28min. 35sec., thus regaining the record for himself.

The performance by this trio was astonishing. Peters remarked that it was better than many track records.

Early on in the race Sheffield United held the lead for a couple of legs, then Jackie Brown forged ahead for Belgrave, and Surrey A.C. also passed the Yorkshire team's representative. In the next leg H. Bedford kept Belgrave ahead, but Peter West took the Essex Beagles up into second place with P. Morgan, third, for South London. It was still Belgrave during the fifth and sixth legs. Dennis Brickwood was one of their team at this stage. In 1937, when he belonged to Mitcham A.C., he was the man who beat Allan of Belgrave by inches, giving Mitcham the first of their succession of victories.

Now came the swoop from Pirie, and from then on South London were never again challenged, despite the severe attack by Peters and Olney.

Placings.—South London (4hr. 31min. 37sec.), 1; Belgrave (4.33.43), 2; Essex Beagles (4.34.24), 3; Thames Valley (4.37.40), 4; Polytechnic (4.37.45), 5; Godiva (4.38.2), 6; Bolton Utd. (4.38.28), 7; Birchfield (4.38.55), 8; Herne Hill (4.39.40), 9; Sheffield Utd. (4.40.13), 10; Surrey A.C. (4.40.37), 11; Blackheath (4.41.0), 12; Manchester (4.43.30), 13; Finchley (4.45.4), 14; Sutton (4.45.26), 15; Tipton (4.47.10), 16; Reading (4.47.25), 17; Mitcham (4.50.7), 18; Victoria Park (Glasgow) (4.50.14), 19.

1955 NATIONAL RELAY RACE

The following teams have qualified for the 1955 National Race, by their performances in the Regional Races, and this year's National Race. South London H., Belgrave H., Essex Beagles, Thames Valley H., Polytechnic H., Herne Hill H., Blackheath H., Coventry Godiva, Birchfield H., Sheffield United H. & A.C., and Manchester A. & C.C.

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.