

ALLAN SCALLY MEMORIAL ROAD RELAY

At Bailliston, November 4th

Edinburgh Southern retained their unbeaten record in relay events this season when they repeated last year's victory in the 11th Allan Scally Memorial 4 x 5M Road Relay. They

defeated a record entry of 82 teams and placed their 'B' team in 7th position.

Southern got a good start when Martin Craven finished 5th with the consistently under-rated Brian McSloy (22:32) giving Clyde Valley a lead of 12sec from Graham Laing (Aberdeen) with a resurgent Bob McKim (E. Kil) 22:47, and Alan Marshall (Shett) 22:48, close behind. Lawrie Spence, out of action with a leg injury for the early part of the season, showed he had fully recovered when he brought Shettleston into a 15 sec lead with a fast lap of 22:46. Southern were 2nd, 22sec ahead of Victoria Park, and Graham Clark continued his consistent form with a fine run of 22:31 to bring Spango Valley from 12th to 4th. Other fine recovery runs came from Jim Golder (23:04), who brought Ayrshire from 25th to 6th, Stewart Gibson (Edin Univ) with 23:12 (24th to 9th) while Donald Macgregor, who reaches veteran status next year, clocked 23:35 in propelling Fife AC from 47th to 19th.

John Robson (22:38) gave Southern a clear lead from Shettleston, 50 sec faster than Stewart Easton, with Doug Gunstone taking Edinburgh AC from 5th to 3rd. But it was Jim Brown who caught the attention as he stormed through from 7th to 4th. He was initially given a time of 22:42 but later recalculation gave him a true time of 22:22 — fastest of the day. Glasgow Univ moved up 13 places to 15th thanks to Frazer Clyne (23:20) with Jim Dingwall (22:57) lifting Falkirk Victoria 5 places to 6th.

Nat Muir started the final lap 35sec behind Allister Hutton and though he never gave up, pulling in 15sec on Hutton, the task was beyond him with Hutton having an unpressed run to give Southern a clear victory over the promoting club. Cameron Spence (22:57), who has returned so many fine performances for Spango Valley on the final lap this year, once again brought his club in to the prize list when he passed Edinburgh AC and Clyde Valley. Way down the field Bill Sheridan (23:08) pulled up 14 places for Westerlands as he moved to 21st. Once again Shettleston's efficient results team, led by decathlete Norman Foster, performed heroic feats in producing the complete results booklet within 40min of the finish of the race.

1, Edinburgh Southern (M. Craven 22:49, C. Youngson 23:00, J. Robson 22:38, A. Hutton 22:38) 91:05; 2, Shettleston (A. Marshall 22:48, L. Spence 22:46, S. Easton 23:28, N. Muir 22:23) 91:25; 3, Spango Valley (H. Cox 23:47, G. Clark 22:31, T. Dobbin 23:58, C. Spence 22:59) 93:15; 4, Edinburgh AC (N. Jones 23:39, D. Watson 23:47, D. Gunstone 22:40, D. Hunter 23:20) 93:26; 5, Falkirk Victoria (J. McGarva 23:23, M. Logue 24:37, J. Dingwall 22:40, W. Day 23:21) 94:18; 6, Victoria Park (A. Douglas 23:02, A. Johnston 23:09, G. Adams 25:01, J. McFee 24:19) 95:31; 7, Edinburgh S 'B' 95:58; 8, Clyde

Valley 96:16; 9, Edinburgh Univ 97:07; 10, Ayrshire 97:38; 11, Edinburgh AC 'B' 97:53; 12, Fife 98:21; 13, Shettleston 'B' 98:29; 14, Cambuslang 98:50; 15, E. Kilbride 98:57; 16, Glasgow Univ 99:23; 17, Aberdeen 100:11; 18, Edinburgh AC 'C' 110:35; 19, Edinburgh Univ 'B' 100:46; 20, Falkirk V 'B' 100:55; 21, Westerlands 101:18; 22, E. Kilbride 'B' 102:56; 23, Springburn 192:57; 24, Garscube 103:06; 25, Edinburgh S 'C' 103:11; 26, Victoria Park 'B' 103:25; 27, Teviotdale 103:53; 28, Lochber 103:59; 29, St Andrew's Univ 104:02; 30, Cambuslang 'B' 104:17. 72 teams finished.
Fastest: J. Brown (Clyde V) 22:22; N. Muir 22:23; G. Clark 22:31; B. McSloy (Clyde V) 22:32; J. Robson & A. Hutton 22:38; D. Gunstone 22:40; G. Laing (Aber) 22:44; L. Spence 22:46; R. McKim (E. Kil 22:47).

Scottish Universities Champs: 1, Edinburgh (C. White 23:35, S. Gibson 23:12, R. Thomas 23:32, G. Cunningham 25:48) 97:07; 2, Glasgow 99:23; 3, Edinburgh 'B' 100:46; 4, St Andrew's 104:02; 5, Strathclyde 104:39; 6, Glasgow 'B' 105:54; 7, Dundee 106:46; 8, Aberdeen 107:25; 9, Heriot Watt 108:17; 10, Glasgow 'C' 109:57.
Fastest: S. Gibson 23:12; C. Donnelly (Aber) 23:14; G. Clyne (Glas) 23:20.

Brown is fastest after rescrutiny

By RON MARSHALL

One runner had good reason to feel aggrieved on Saturday after the results of the Allan Scally relay had been worked out and the prizes awarded. Jim Brown had looked fast but the score sheet thought not.

After a third-stage run round a course of nearly five miles, at Baillieston, Brown pushed Clyde Valley from seventh to third place and was given a time of 22min. 42sec. The award to the fastest individual eventually went to Nat Muir (Shettleston), whose last leg of 22-23 looked invincible.

Brown was confident enough to query the decision, knowing that four or five others separated him from Muir according to the paper calculations, and such has been Brown's level of performance this season that he was shocked to learn how far back he was being listed.

All was put right yesterday, however, after a rescrutiny revealed a 20-second error in Brown's time, and so he actually pips Muir for the fastest award by just one second.

The race itself was a triumph for Edinburgh Southern, who remain unbeaten in relays since the season began six weeks ago.

Even Muir's heroics on the last stage were too late—he had set off 35 seconds behind Allister Hutton, of Southern, and no one around can expect to give the Scottish cross-country champion that much of a start over 4½ miles and beat him.

None the less, Muir made a race of it, knocking 15 seconds off that lead and bringing Shettleston home as runners-up in their own competition, 20 seconds behind Southern. The other contributors for the Edinburgh team were Martin Craven, Colin Youngson, and Commonwealth bronze medallist, John Robson, the last named now in part-time employment in Galashiels after being eight months out of work. Results:

1. Edinburgh Southern (M. Craven 22-49, C. Youngson 23, J. Robson 22-38, A. Hutton 22-38), 1hr. 31min. 5sec.; 2. Shettleston (A. Marshall 22-48, L. Spence 22-46, S. Easton 23-28, N. Muir 22-23), 1-31-25; 3. Spango Valley (H. Cox 23-47, G. Clark 22-51, T. Dobbin 23-58, C. Spence 22-59), 1-33-15; 4. Edinburgh AC, 1-33-26.

Four Russian athletes and a Bulgarian have been disqualified for using anabolic steroids detected at the European athletic championships in Prague. The athletes are Nadezhda Tkachenko (winner of the women's pentathlon), Yevgeni Mironov (silver medallist in the men's shot), Vasil Yershov (fifth in the men's javelin), and Yekaterina Gordienko (fifth behind Tkachenko in the women's pentathlon). Elena Stefanova (fifth in the women's shot) is the Bulgarian disqualified.

Jim Burns back for Shettleston

The ferocious intensity with which Shettleston Harriers approach the Allan Scally Memorial Relay, run annually since 1969, is simply a tribute to the man who so devotedly fostered middle-distance running within the East End club for many years.

The club have applied themselves well to winning the trophy. Seven victories in the last eight years—broken by a solitary win two years ago by Edinburgh Southern Harriers—are testimony to the importance they attach to tomorrow's race, run over a four-and-a-half mile circuit encompassing Baillieston, Garrowhill, Springboig, and Barlanark.

The Lanarkshire relay

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championships played havoc with Shettleston's notions of victory when Clyde Valley wrested the title from them. Restored, therefore, to tomorrow's line-up is Jim Burns, whose run in the second team last week was faster than both Lachie Stewart and Stewart Easton.

Burns takes the first leg followed in turn by Lawrie Spence, Alan Marshall, and Nat Muir, the European junior champion. Strangely enough, for all Shettleston's domination of the race, they hold neither of the available records.

The fastest lap, 21min. 55sec., was set by Clyde

Valley's Jim Brown last year, and Edinburgh Southern ran 1hr. 20min. 45sec. for the best total time in 1975. Apart from victory then, Shettleston have nought to sustain their motivation.

While the cross-country season gathers momentum, so, too, does the long-term preparation for the Commonwealth Games. Weekly training sessions for approximately the top six in each event have begun at Grangemouth, Meadowbank, Bellahouston, and Glenrothes, and gatherings of the national squad have been arranged for December 18 and February 5 at Meadowbank, with financial aid from the Homestead Egg Company.