

Edinburgh Southern eventually storm home in Allan Scally 4x5M Road Relay

FROM THE opening lap, when David Logue led home the record entry of 131 teams, Edinburgh Southern knew they were in trouble. Logue, running for the 'B' team, finished in 22:53, 16 places and 47 seconds ahead of George Mathieson ('A'), and the 'reserves' held their lead right until the final 300m of the third leg, when Evan Cameron inched his way into a six seconds lead over the 'B' to hand over in fourth place, 33 seconds behind Durham University.

Allister Hutton set off in determined fashion after Ian Archibald, the East Kilbride runner now on post graduate studies at Durham, and caught him after two miles. Hutton went on to record 1:38, a personal best for the course, and just six seconds outside the course record, held by Nat Muir.

Southern's eventual winning time was over two minutes faster than last year's winning effort, a time beaten by five squads in this year's high quality race.

Robert Quinn of Kilbarchan, last year's Youths cross country champion, had an excellent run on the opening leg, finishing in 22:54, just one

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Fastest: Hutton 21:38; F. Clyne (A'deen) 22:09;
Braidwood 22:16; C. Henderson (Edin. U) 22:17;
Marshall 22:32; Fox 22:34; Solly 22:38; R.
Macdonald (CV) 22:40; L. Spence (SV) & A.
Gilmour (Cam) 22:41.