

RECORD TIMES GIVE LOCAL CLUB THE RELAY TROPHY AFTER 8 YEARS LAPSE

IN the fifteenth annual 44½ miles Edinburgh to Glasgow road relay which took place last Saturday, Shettleston Harriers were first home in a record breaking time.

The locals covered the course in 3 hrs 46 mins 13 secs knocking 30 seconds off the record established by Victoria Park A.A.C. last year.

Thus Shettleston, after being runners-up for the past five years, regained custody of the handsome "News of the World" silver trophy. It was their third victory, the other two being achieved in the same year, April and November 1947.

TWO CLUB DUEL

Although twenty clubs competed, the race was a duel between Victoria Park and Shettleston. Over the first lap, distance of 5½ miles, Ian Cloudsley got Shettleston off to a good start by finishing a close third with a time of 26 mins 40 secs.

On the next stage (6 miles) Joe M'Ghee, the British Empire and Scottish Marathon Champion, took Shettleston into the lead, and bettered the previous best lap record of 30 mins 16 secs, set up by Eddie Bannon last year, with a time of 29 mins 54 secs. At the end of this stage Victoria Park were in fifth place.

Over the third lap (4 miles), George Govan kept Shettleston in front, and clocked 22 mins 24 secs, the second best time for the lap. The fastest time was returned by R. Kane (Victoria Park), who clocked 22 mins 11 secs. in bringing his team up into second place.

From now on the duel began. On the next stage (5½ miles), Clark Wallace held

Shettleston's lead with a new lap record time of 30 mins 24 secs. John Turnbull took over for the next lap (5½ miles), holding first place with the fastest time for the lap of 28 mins 32 secs. Shettleston were now 2 mins 2 secs ahead of Victoria Park.

On the longest lap (7 miles), Eddie Bannon increased the lead by seven seconds with the best time of 33 mins 50 secs. Ian Binnie was next best with 33 mins 57 secs. In their fifth lap Graham Everett kept the locals in front but lost some ground.

Bob Wotherspoon had the honour of running the last lap (a distance of 5 miles). He clocked 25 mins 4 secs; and although not the fastest time was good enough to give Shettleston this great victory.

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Results: Dalmarnock 5, Queen's 0, Wellshot 6; Eastbank 1, Carron 0, Thomson Street 0.

League

	P.	V.
Eastbank	5	
Wellshot	5	
Shettleston	7	
Quarrybrae	5	
Dalmarnock	5	
Mossbank	6	
Campbellfield	6	
Queen Mary Street ...	6	
Annfield	7	
Thomson Street	6	