

Shettleston Well-Beaten In Inter Cities Race

BANNON, RUNNING STRONGLY, WINS SECOND PLACE FOR LOCAL CLUB

ALTHOUGH they had the more imposing team on paper Shettleston Harriers, holders of the Edinburgh to Glasgow road relay trophy, were well beaten by Victoria Park A.A.C. last Saturday when the race over the 44½ miles course took place.

In fact up until the second last change over at Airdrie, it was doubtful if Shettleston would finish in second place.

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a position which warrants an invitation for the National London to Brighton relay next April.

BANNON STARS

It was the record breaking performance of Eddie Bannon over the second last lap which saved the day for the local club. Taking over the baton in third place 3 mins. 3 secs. behind the leaders Victoria Park A.A.C. he soon overtook the second team Bellahouston Harriers and when he finished at Barrachnie he had sliced 1 min. 33 secs. off the club deficit.

His individual time for the lap was 28 mins. 34 secs. which bettered the existing record by 24 secs.

Up until Bannon took over Shettleston had a very anxious

TOMORROW'S FIXTURE

ONLY Shettleston's youths will be competitively engaged tomorrow, Saturday.

The fixture is the Clydesdale Harriers youths' ballot team race over 2½ miles on the road. The venue is Clydebank Public Baths.

THE RELAY— LAP BY LAP

THE race started as usual at St. Andrew's Square, Edinburgh, and over the 5½ miles lap to Maybury Cross, George Govan ran well for Shettleston.

First were Bellahouston Harriers (F. Cowan) in 26 mins 32 secs., second Victoria Park (R. Calderwood) 26 mins. 34 secs. and third Springburn Harriers (J. Rooney) 26 mins. 54 secs.

On the next lap to Broxburn a distance of 6 miles Clark Wallace retained Shettleston's fourth place finishing, but lost a good deal of ground. Victoria Park (J. Russell) were now leading. Bellahouston (J. Connolly) was second and Edinburgh University (A. Jackson) third.

NEW RECORD

Over the third lap of 4 miles to Wester Dechmont Farm Tom Kelly clocked the fastest time and brought Shettleston closer to the

On the fourth 5½ miles lap to Armadale two runners broke the existing lap record of 30 mins 18 secs. They were J. McLaren of Victoria Park who finishing first in 1 hr. 50 mins. 8 secs. had an individual lap time of 30 mins. 4 secs. and Joe M'Ghee who brought Shettleston into third place in 1 hr. 51 mins 15 secs. and clocked an individual time of 30 mins. 12 secs.

The next stage was from Armadale to Forrestfield Inn 5½ miles and the placings remained the same Victoria Park (R. Russell) first, Bellahouston (R. Penman) second, and Tom Walters third. Shettleston were now 1 min. 58 secs behind the leaders.

BINNIE'S LAP

Binnie (Victoria Park) his club further away Bellahouston and Shettle

Binnie clocked an individual lap-time of 33 mins. 33 secs. which, although the best, was 48 seconds slower than the record he established in 1954. Graham Everett of Shettleston had the second fastest time with 34 mins. 33 secs.

Victoria Park were leading Bellahouston by 2 mins. 2 secs. and Shettleston by 3 mins. 3 secs.

Then Eddie Bannon came on the scene for Shettleston on the seventh lap, Air War Memorial to Barranie (5½ miles).

On the final lap to Stirling Library at the foot of Ingle Street Ian Cloudsley could make no impression on Victoria Park runner S. E. who increased his club's lead to 2 mins. 30 secs. The finishing times of the first three clubs were Victoria Park 3 hrs. 47 mins. 40 secs., Shettleston 3 hrs. 50 mins. 10 secs. and Bellahouston 3 hrs. 51 mins. 10 sec. A total of 19 teams finished the course.