

INTER-CITY RELAY: LOCALS FAIL FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1949

IN the Edinburgh to Glasgow road relay race last Saturday, Shettleston Harriers failed for the first time since the event was revived in 1949 to finish in the first two positions. As expected the race was a runaway victory for Victoria Park A.A.C.

They led from start to finish and for the 44½ miles eight stages relay clocked a new record time of 3 hrs. 44 mins. 12 secs. which knocked 2 mins. 1 sec. off the previous record established by Shettleston in 1955.

Bellahouston Harriers finished second in 3 hrs. 48 mins. 23 secs. and Shettleston third in 3 hrs. 48 mins. 46 secs. Although they dropped a place from last year the Shettleston's team put up a good show and three of their runners Walter M'Farlane, Bob Wotherspoon and Bill Gorman excelled themselves in their respective laps.

The race started as usual from St. Andrews Square, Edinburgh, and the runners representing twenty Scottish clubs were set off at 11.30 a.m.

for the first 5½ miles stage to Maybury Cross.

First to arrive at the change-over station was R. Calderwood (Victoria Park) in 26 mins. 26 secs., second was A. H. BROWN (Motherwell Y.M.C.A.) in 26 mins. 52 secs. and third Clark Wallace of Shettleston in 26 mins. 54 secs.

Over the second stage to Broxburn a distance of 6 miles

Shettleston and went on to finish 28 secs. in front. Finishing third Govan clocked 30 mins. 43 secs.—the third fastest time.

On the fifth stage to Forrestfield Inn, 5½ miles, A. Breckenridge, Victoria Park, broke the lap record by 29 secs. with a time of 27 mins. 28 secs. The second best time was clocked by R. Irving (Bellahouston), 28 mins. 42 secs. and the third by Tom Kelly of Shettleston 28 mins. 53 secs.

Then came the long lap of 7 miles from Forrestfield Inn to Airdrie War Memorial.

The leading positions were still the same. Victoria Park drawing further away, their runner I. Binnie clocking the best time of 33 mins. 46 secs. Scottish marathon and cross-

A Runaway Victory For Victoria Park

Alister Wood, the Scottish three miles track champion brought Shettleston into second place. But the Victoria Park runner J. Russell had increased his club's lead to 45 secs. by clocking the fastest lap time of 30 mins. 16 secs.

The second best time of 30 mins. 17 secs. was clocked by J. Connolly (Bellahouston Harriers) who brought his club from seventh to third place. Alister Wood had the third best lap time with 30 mins. 33 secs.

On the third stage (4 miles) to Wester Dechmont Farm Bob Wotherspoon running one of his best races ever cut down Victoria Park's lead to 24 secs. In doing so he clocked the fastest time for the lap — 22 mins. 22 secs. The second best lap time 22 mins. 43 secs. was clocked by the leader J. Taylor (Victoria Park) and also by J. Poulton (Motherwell Y.M.C.A.) who finished fourth. Still in third place D. Wright (Bellahouston) was 52 secs. behind Shettleston.

The fourth stage to Armadale a distance of 5¾ miles was the turning point for Shettleston and the decider for Victoria Park. J. M'Laren (Victoria Park) increased his club's lead to 1 min. 25 secs. by clocking 29 mins. 14 secs. which beat his record time of last year by 50 secs. The Bellahouston runner G. Nel-

overtook George Govan of country champion H. Fenion held Bellahouston's second position, clocking a time of 35 mins. .08 secs.

Showing tremendous form Walter M'Farlane cut down the Bellahouston lead to 33 secs. and his lap time of 34 mins. 52 secs. was better than that of Scottish champion Fenion.

Over the seventh stage to Barrachnie Inn 5½ miles G. Dunn increased Victoria Park's lead still further by clocking the best time of 29 mins. 1 sec.

THE SECOND BEST TIME

The Bellahouston runner J. Irvine finishing second had the second best time of 29 mins. 6 secs. and the third best best time 29 mins. 8 secs. was clocked by E. Sinclair of Springburn who finished fifth.

Hugo Fox, finishing fourth for Shettleston, had the fourth fastest time 29 mins. 25 secs.

On the final lap to the Stirling Library, Glasgow, Bill Gorman of Shettleston returned the best lap time with 25 mins. 4 secs. G. Elliot of Edinburgh Southern Harriers finishing fourth clocked the second best lap time 25 mins. 13 secs. and C. Forbes, Victoria Park, who was first, had the third fastest time 25 mins.

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