

Edinburgh Univ. Win Edinburgh - Glasgow Relay

EDINBURGH University won the Edinburgh to Glasgow Road Relay, sponsored by the *News of the World*, on November 20th in the record time of 3h.36m.32s., beating the record of 3:44.32 set up by Shettleston H. in 1960. Also inside the previous best were the holders, Motherwell YMCA 3:37.52 and Victoria Pk. 3:38.07.

Records were broken in all stages bar the fifth. Edinburgh A.C. received the medals for the most improved performance. The weather was damp with slight drizzle at times and a slight following breeze.

Stage 1. This saw the return to the scene of former triumphs of Ian Binnie (Vic. Pk) and he soon showed that he is still a force to be reckoned with by taking the lead after about a mile with J. C. Douglas (Teviot) and J. R. Blamire (Edin. Un) close behind. Approaching the take-over Blamire; passed Douglas and caught Binnie in the last few yards to hand over in 27.01, with Binnie next 27.02. D. Simpson (M'well) 27.11, G. M. Brown (ESH) 27.20, while Douglas fell back to clock 27.27. The first three broke the stage record.

Stage 2. A fine run saw Alec Brown put Motherwell in front (56.07), some 25 yards ahead of A. A. Carse (Edin. AC) 56.12, whose time of 28.40 was a stage record. Next came J. J. Reilly (VP) with 29.14 (56.16), J. Wight (EU) 29.41 (56.42) and A. Heron (ESH) 29.52 (57.12). Junior Eddie Knox (S'burn) also beat the old record with 28.42 in moving up seven places to 6th.

Stage 3. Victoria Park took the lead (1:17.35) thanks to a record run of 21.19 by J. McLagan. Next came J. Rough (ESH) who ran even faster, 21.18, but was 55 sec. behind. Motherwell were third in 1:18.35 (Poulton 22.28), Edin. AC fourth 1:18.42 (Convery 22.30) and Edin. Un. fifth 1:18.49 (Allan 22.07).

Stage 4. A brilliant run by Andy Brown (27.37) put Motherwell back in the lead (1:46.12) and beat his previous record by 74 sec. Next were Edinburgh Un. 1:47.03 (Elson 28.14), Victoria Pk. 1:47.08 (Smith) and E.S.H. 1:47.30 (Ballantyne).

Stage 5. It was anybody's race at halfway. No records were broken on this stage but Frank Gamwell with fastest time of 27.03 took Edinburgh Univ. into the lead in 2:14.06, with Calum Laing (27.10) next for Vic. Pk. and Motherwell falling back to third with 2:14.34 (Marshall 28.02).

Stage 6. This stage brought out the best distance runners in Scotland, Fergus Murray (EU) set off with a lead of 12 sec. from Hugh Barrow (Vic. Pk) and 28 sec. from Ian McCafferty (M'well), but he was never in danger of losing his lead as he smashed the course record of 32.25 with 31.07 to put the University well ahead in 2:45.13. Ian McCafferty (31.45) put Motherwell back into second place with 2:46.19 and Hugh Barrow (32.26) kept Vic. Pk. third with 2:46.44.

Stage 7. Another University record, this time by J. Wight with 27.30 (record 28.09), took them further away with a time of 3:12.43, with Motherwell still fighting for second place with 3:13.53 (McKay 27.34) and Vic. Pk. were still third in 3:14.37 (Austin 27.33).

Stage 8. The final stage saw Roger Young (23.49) bring Edinburgh University home to a wonderful victory in 3:36.32 for the first ever win by a University team. Motherwell, the holders, fought all the way to finish second in 3:37.52 (Wedlock 23.59) and A. Johnston ran a stage record lap of 23.30 to bring Vic. Park home third.

1, Edinburgh Univ. 3:36.32 (rec.); 2, Motherwell YMCA 3:37.52; 3, Victoria Pk. AAC 3:38.02; 4, Edinburgh South 3:43.52; 5, Edinburgh AC 3:44.13; 6, Aberdeen 3:46.07; 7, Shettleston 3:47.35; 8, Hawkhill 3:49.51; 9, Springburn 3:52.10; 10, Bellahouston 3:52.24; 11, Teviotdale 3:54.40; 12, Glenpark 3:55.20; 13, Strath. Univ. 3:55.54; 14, Aberdeen Univ. 3:56.03; 15, Monkland 3:56.16; 16, Clydesdale 3:56.47; 17, Wellpark 3:58.22; 18, Glasgow Univ. 3:59.27; 19, Paisley 4:04.25; 20, St. Andrews Univ. 4:06.59.

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Brochures for the A.W. Party trip to the Commonwealth Games in Kingston, Jamaica, are available from Wayfarers Ltd., 20 Russell Square, London W.C.1. Here again, places are limited and early booking is advisable.

"Man of Bronze", a film based on the life story of Jim Thorpe and starring Burt Lancaster, is scheduled to be screened on ITV on December 2nd at 7 p.m.

The Hampstead H. "Fraternity Cup" 5 miles cross-country race will be run on Dec. 4 from a new venue with changing at Ravenscroft School, Barnet Lane, Barnet. Race Secretary is J. James, 51 Okehampton Close, London, N.12.

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