

## 14th November BARR'S EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW RELAY

LESLIE DEANS' Racing Club registered the biggest winning margin since 1960 when collecting the Edinburgh to Glasgow road relay title for the third year in a row, Fraser Clyne reports.

The Edinburgh outfit covered the 45 mile route in 3:45:33 to finish 4:09 ahead of 1990 winners Falkirk Victoria Harriers who were runners-up for the second year in succession.

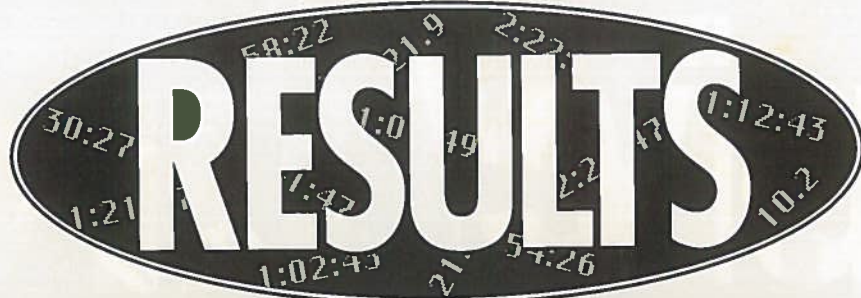
Only Shettleston Harriers (1949 and 1960) and Victoria Park AAC (1952 and 1957) have enjoyed more comfortable winning cushions during the 53 previous editions of Scotland's greatest club relay race.

Leslie Deans' domination was reflected in the fact that it's runners recorded the fastest times on four of the eight stages.

Gary Grindlay gave Falkirk Victoria an early lead over Shettleston's David Cameron with Brian Kirkwood bringing the title holders through in third place less than 100yds behind.

John Sherban maintained Falkirk's advantage on the tough second stage as Kilbarchan moved into second spot through Bobby Quinn while Leslie Deans' Davie Ross slipped back to fifth.

The turning point came on the third leg however when Scott Cohen powered Leslie



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Deans into pole position with the fastest stage time, turning a 27sec deficit into a six seconds lead over Kilbarchan with Falkirk a further 27sec down in third spot.

Ian Brown inflicted further damage on the opposition with the fastest fourth stage time as Leslie Deans stretched it's advantage to 38 seconds over Falkirk who had been hoisted back into second place by Ian Johnstone.

Alan Robson, recently recovered from flu, added another 42sec to the lead on the next leg and his brother John put the champions in easy street with a blistering solo performance on the long sixth stage.

Frank McGowan ran an iso-

lated fastest seventh stage time while Peter Fleming showed he had recovered from his lifetime best marathon performance in the World Cup two weeks earlier by comfortable anchoring his side to victory.

No fewer than five of the winning team - Kirkwood, Ross, Cohen and the Robson brothers - have appeared in all three of Leslie Deans' E to G winning line-ups. Brown and Fleming were enjoying their second wins with McGowan being the only newcomer in the ranks.

Falkirk battled gamely to clinch the silver medals while a storming last stage run by Steven Wylie hoisted national cross country champions Cambuslang Harriers up from

sixth to third.

Livingston and District AC picked up the most meritorious team award, improving from 12th last year to seventh on this occasion.

Only seventeen of the invited 21 teams completed the course. Springburn Harriers withdrew in the days leading up to the event after their team was devastated by an outbreak of flu.

BT Pitreavie, who only qualified following the National cross country relay championships in October, pulled out because of a clash with the Glen Clova half marathon. Fife AC failed to finish when it's last minute final stage substitute runner Doug Gunstone

pulled a muscle warming up.

Dumbarton AC also came unstuck when Billy Christie went drastically off course and ended up completing both the seventh and eighth stages after missing the final changeover point.

Edinburgh Southern Harriers and Irvine AC also suffered from marshalling inadequacies in the closing stages.

Thankfully however the race passed without serious incident despite being held without any police cover for much of the distance due to a decision by Lothian and Borders constabulary not to support the event.

Race convener Brian Goodwin appreciates nevertheless that a number of matters require attention if the race is to survive. A new route out of Edinburgh is to be investigated and the possibility of participating clubs each being required to supply at least two marshalls, with a time penalty imposed on those who fail to do so, may be introduced.

### Men

1, Leslie Deans Racing Club 3:45:33 (B Kirkwood 27:43; D Ross 30:40; S Cohen 24:28; I Brown 26:44; A Robson 27:53; J Robson 34:00; F McGowan 25:25; P Fleming 28:40); 2, Falkirk Victoria Harriers 3:49:42 (G Grindlay 27:30; J Sherban 30:26; G Crawford 25:38; I Johnston 26:49; F Harper 28:35; S Binns 34:42; K Rankine 26:32; M McQuaid 29:20); 3 Cambuslang Harriers 3:51:14 (M Gormley 28:17; G Croll 30:32; W McTaggart 25:58; J Coyle 29:20; N Wilkinson 28:15; C Thomson 35:01; I Gillespie 25:58; S Wylie 27:53); 4,

Shettleston Harriers 3:51:27 (D Cameron 27:39; J MacKay 30:34; G Williams 26:02; A Little 27:40; W Coyle 27:43; G Wright 34:39; G Kirk 27:29; P McDevitt 29:40); 5 Dundee Hawkhill Harriers 3:52:08 (C Haskett 27:45; PMCoigan 30:37; P Fox 25:49; D Storey 27:47; G Rennet 29:36; I Campbell 34:53; B Pattison 27:03; M Strachan 28:58); 6, Kilbarchan 3:52:35 (R McCulloch 28:01; R Quinn 29:59; T Anderson 24:57; I MacDougall 28:12; A McAngus 29:10; R Fitzsimmons 35:24; G Gibson 27:33; G Fairley 29:19); 7, Livingston 3:58:30 (R Lee 28:28; A Kitchin 33:01; G Gilhooley 26:34; S Dempsey 29:04; C Meek 28:54; P Dymoke 35:00; G Ackland 27:20; B Hartman 30:09); 8 Hunters Bog Trotters 3:58:37 (C Farquharson 28:09; S Wright 31:59; R Brown 27:05; D Ball 29:03; A Jenkins 29:27; J Jarvis 36:04; S Axon 25:29; R Herries 30:51); 9, Greenock Glenpark Harriers 3:58:47 (G McGrattan 29:21; A Puckrin 29:24; R McDonald 27:20; W Jenkins 27:41; J McFadyen 29:39; J Bennett 36:12; H Fenlon 28:20; R Cleary 30:50); 10 North District 4:00:55 (F Barton 29:23; A Reid 30:23; G Milne 27:49; G Herbert 28:15; G Sim 30:14; R Arbuckle 36:41; D Cruickshank 28:04; A Murchison 29:52); 11, Teviotdale 4:03:04; 12, Edinburgh AC 4:04:36; 13, FMC Carnegie Harriers 4:05:09; 14, IBM Spango Valley 4:05:14; 15, Victoria Park 4:05:41; 16, Edinburgh Southern Harriers 4:10:22; 17, Irvine AC 4:27:00. Fife AC, Dumbarton AC DNF; Springburn Harriers; BT Pitreavie AC DNS

### Fastest

**Stage 1:** Grindley 27:30; Cameron 27:39; Kirkwood 27:43; Haskett 27:45; M Steele (EAC) 28:00  
**Stage 2:** Puckrin 29:24; Robison (SV) 29:56; Quinn 29:59; Reid 30:23; Sherban 30:26  
**Stage 3:** Cohen 24:28; Anderson

24:57; I Steel (ESH) 25:46; Fox 25:49; McTaggart 25:58  
**Stage 4:** Brown 26:44; Johnstone 26:49; G Mathieson (ESH) 27:11; A Little (VP) 27:40; W Jenkins 27:41  
**Stage 5:** Coyle 27:43; A Robson 27:53; Wilkinson 28:15; Harper 28:35; Meek 28:54  
**Stage 6:** J Robson 34:00; D Cavers (Tev) 34:32; Wright 34:39; Binns 34:42; Campbell 34:53  
**Stage 7:** McGowan 25:25; Gillespie 25:58; Axon 25:59; Rankin 26:32; Pattison 27:03  
**Stage 8:** Wylie 27:53; Fleming 28:40; Strachan 28:58; Fairley 29:19; McQuaid 29:20

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### Epsom

WITH girlfriend Gabrielle Collison winning the Surrey League the previous day, Geoff Hill thought he had made it a double success when dipping at the line for what he thought was a win, reports Pete Mulholland.

But it was not to be, for Kevin O'Connor appeared in front of him at the end of the finish funnel and after discussion both runners agreed on a dead heat.

However at the prizegiving the judges veered towards O'Connor with Hill having to settle for second place, both runners being given the same

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