

THE MIDLAND RELAY

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THE Midland District 10 Miles Cross-Country Relay Championship was held at Dalzell Estate, Motherwell, on 6th December, 1947.

Last year, Bellahouston put their name on the Trophy for the first time, but were unable to repeat the feat. Shettleston, through Ross, Craig, Jackson and McLennan, heading them, to win for the fifth time. Other past winners were Motherwell Y.M. once, Plebeian four, and Maryhill once, and it is to be hoped that these first two clubs can regain their former strength in the near future and bring their time-honoured names to the forefront again—thus will Scotland's strength be built up for the International field.

Garscube did well to finish third, and Victoria Park, who were unable to call on the services of G. Lamont, were fourth.

R. Boyd, Clydesdale, astounded most spectators by returning fastest time against a top-notch field but his club were not surprised and with a little stronger backing to G. White and Boyd, Clydesdale would be "shaking up" the usual leaders.

Shettleston "B" finished fifth giving an indication of growing "tail" strength, internationalists Flockhart and McAllister returning creditable performances after their short lie off. 26 teams from 16 clubs started, 23 finished, 3 losing the trail. This relay seems to be "haunted by phantoms"—last year Lamb (Bellahouston) chased one, this year Jackson (Shettleston) was chased by two. Unfortunately St. Modan's and Victoria Park "C" in the dusk left the trail and turned up near the finish, beside Jackson, much to his consternation, as he had had a substantial lead in hand.

Detailed results are as follows :—

- 1.—**SHETTLESTON H.**—J. C. Ross, 13.17 ;
G. Craig, 12.54 ; D. Jackson, 13.29 ;
C. McLennan, 13.18.—52 mins. 58 secs.
- 2.—**BELLAHOUSTON H.**—A. McGregor, 13.20 ;
T. Lamb, 13.29 ; G. Anderson, 13.39 ;
A. McLean, 13.12.—53 mins. 43 secs.
- 3.—**GARSCUBE H.**—D. Murray, 13.38 ; A.
Warton, 13.43 ; A. Kidd, 12.58 ; T.
Daily, 13.27.—53 mins. 46 secs.
- 4.—**VICTORIA PARK A.A.C.**—J. Adam, 13.44 ;
C. Forbes, 13.39 ; G. Cunningham, 13.24 ;
A. Forbes, 13.07.—53 mins. 54 secs.
- 5.—**SHETTLESTON " B."**—D. Agnew, 13.56 ;
A. Hill, 13.42 ; J. C. Flockhart, 13.21 ;
E. McAllister, 13.24.—54 mins. 23 secs.
- 6.—**MARYHILL H.**—54 mins. 28 secs.
- 7.—**CLYDESDALE H.**—54 mins. 31 secs.
- 8.—**VALE OF LEVEN.**—54 mins. 59 secs.
- 9.—**BELLAHOUSTON " B."**—54 mins. 59 secs.
- 10.—**SPRINGBURN H.**—56 mins. 04 secs.
- 11.—**GARSCUBE " B."**—56 mins. 04 secs.
- 12.—**MARYHILL " B."**—56 mins. 17 secs.
- 13.—**BELLAHOUSTON " C."**—56 mins. 54 secs.
- 14.—**SHETTLESTON " C."**—56 mins. 58 secs.
- 15.—**GLASGOW UNIV.**—56 mins. 59 secs.
- 16.—**PLEBEIAN H.**—57 mins. 04 secs.
- 17.—**SPRINGBURN " B."**—57 mins. 19 secs.
- 18.—**MONKLAND H.**—57 mins. 45 secs.
- 19.—**HAMILTON H.**—57 mins. 46 secs.
- 20.—**MOTHERWELL Y.M.**—57 mins. 55 secs.
- 21.—**HILLINGTON H.**—58 mins. 06 secs.
- 22.—**VALE OF LEVEN " B."**—58 mins. 14 secs.
- 23.—**LARKHALL Y.M.**—58 mins. 52 secs.

S. Modan's A.A.C. and Victoria Park " B " and " C " teams went off the trail.

FASTEST TIMES.—1.—R. Boyd (Clydesdale), 12.51 ; 2.—G. Craig (Shettleston), 12.54 ; 3.—A. Kidd (Garscube), 12.58 ; 4.—A. Forbes (Victoria Park), 13.07 ; 5, 6 and 7 equal—J. E. Farrell (Maryhill), A. McLean (Bellahouston), W. Sommerville (Motherwell Y.M.C.A.), 13.12 ; 8.—W. Lennie (Vale of Leven), 13.15.