

MIDLAND DISTRICT CC RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP

At Bellshill, November 6th

Shettleston fielded the quartet who won the Allan Scally Memorial Relay but reversed the order of running—Stewart, Bannon, Wedlock and Summerhill. Monkland, nearly a minute down on Springburn at the last changeover, were only five seconds behind at the line thanks to a best-of-the-day lap by Jim Brown. J.L.

1, Shettleston (L. Stewart 11.36, P. Bannon 11.42; R. Wedlock 11.33; H. Summerhill 11.53) 46.44; 2, Springburn (H. Gorman 11.42, E. Knox 11.54, M. Bradley 11.40, S. Gillespie 12.16) 47.32; 3, Monkland (E. Devlin 12.18; R. MacDonald 11.45, W. Drysdale 12.11, J. Brown 11.23) 47.37; 4, Clydesdale 48.14; 5, Victoria Pk. 48.45; 6, Dumbarton 49.33; 7, Law & Dist. 50.28; 8, E. Kilbride 50.32; 9, Glasgow Univ. 50.47; 10, Garscube 51.02. **Fastest:** Brown 11.23, Wedlock 11.33, Stewart 11.36, Bradley 11.40, Bannon 11.42, Gorman 11.42.

Brown again stars in relay

As inevitably as one day follows another, Shettleston Harriers continued their imperious way on Saturday at Bellshill. For the fifth successive year they won the Midland District relay title, each of their four men beating 12 minutes for the two-and-a-half mile circuit.

But once again Jim Brown, the stout-hearted 19-year-old from Monkland Harriers, was the star of the afternoon, twinkling his way round the slippery yet much praised new course in 11min. 23sec. This was 13 seconds quicker than Lachie Stewart and 10 seconds better than a much improved Dick Wedlock, who ended up second fastest of the day.

Springburn Harriers, rapidly gaining notoriety as the most mercurial club in the district, rebounded from their disastrous Allan Scally run by taking second place, five seconds ahead of Monkland Harriers after a nail-biting last leg in which Brown almost brought off the impossible.

This interest in second place was understandable. Shettleston vir-

tually from the middle of the first leg had gone to the front, Stewart drawing away from Harry Gorman (Springburn) and latterly sending Paul Bannon away with a six-second advantage. There was only one spell when Stewart showed uncharacteristic concern. That was during a treacherous 25-yard hill climb through slippery bracken; three times he turned to watch Gorman in pursuit, a habit in which the Commonwealth champion rarely indulges.

Bannon added another 12 seconds to his club's lead, running against Eddie Knox, newly returned from holiday. Wedlock stretched the gap by another seven seconds despite a good run by Mike Bradley (Springburn), and by the time Henry Summerhill went off for the holders' last spin it was largely a lap of honour he was completing.

Nothing of the sort applied to Stewart Gillespie, Springburn's last man. He was 58 seconds on his way when the black vest of Jim Brown catapulted off in pursuit. Knowing the quality of Brown's recent runs no one was prepared to bet too heavily on the Springburn runner, although with such a lead he would have won against most opposition.

Catching up

Brown whittled down the difference all the way round the course, but in the end he had to concede second place, having come within five seconds of catching his man.

Clydesdale Harriers deserve credit for taking fourth place ahead of Victoria Park, surely one of the most prized scalps in years for the Dunbartonshire club in a race of this importance. Results:—

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Fastest individuals — 1, Brown 11-23; 2, Wedlock 11-33; 3, Stewart 11-36.

SCCU TITLE VENUE CHANGED

By RON MARSHALL

The Scottish Cross-country Union's general committee were thrown into some confusion at the weekend when they learned that the proposed site for the national championships in February at Penicuik would not be available.

A hastily convened tour of prospective sites in the Edinburgh area was held yesterday afternoon, and at the end of it there seemed every chance that something could be salvaged. In fact the hopes are that the playing fields and surrounding area near Currie Secondary School, Midlothian, will fill the bill.

An SCCU official said after

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1 ST = SHETTLESTON H.	46-44
J. L. STEWART 11-36	P. BANNON 11-42
R. WEDLOCK 11-33	H. SUMMERHILL 11-53
2 ND = SPRINGBURN H.	47-32
H. GORMAN 11-42	E. KNOX 11-54
M. BRADLEY 11-40	S. GILLESPIE 12-16
3 RD = MONKLAND. H.	47-37
E. DEVLIN 12-18	R. M'DONALD 11-45
W. DRYSDALE 12-11	J. BROWN 11-23
4 TH = CLYDESDALE H.	48-14
P. DOLAN 12-22	A. FAULOS 11-42
I. DONALD 12-20	D. GEMMELL 11-50
5 TH = VICTORIA PARK A.C.	48-45
D. M'MEEKIN 12-08	P. M'LAGAN 11-47
A. JOHNSTON 12-36	C. YOUNGSON 12-19
6 TH = DUMBARTON A.C.	49-33
R. CHAPMAN 12-29	W. CAIRNS 12-35
H. MARTIN 12-29	C. MARTIN 12-00
7 TH = LAW A.C.	50-28
A. P. BROWN 13-33	T. M'CANN 12-26
A. H. BROWN 12-05	D. SIMPSON 12-24
8 TH = EAST KILBRIDE A.C.	50-32
B. GARDNER 12-47	I. GILBERT 12-57
A. PARTRIDGE 11-57	A. NEAL 12-51
9 TH = GLASGOW UNIVERSITY A.C.	50-47
S. M'HARDY 12-31	C. LENNOX 12-46
A. REID 12-38	A. HUNTER 12-52
10 TH = GARSCUBE H.	51-02
A. MACDONALD 12-34	T. WISEMAN 12-35
S. POLWART 12-43	L. SMITH 13-10

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11 TH = CAMBUSLANG	- C -	51-07
12 TH = GLASGOW POLICE		51-08
13 TH = VICTORIA PARK	- B -	51-15
14 = LARKHALL Y.M.C.A.		51-16
15 = BELLAHOUSTON		51-18
16 = SHETTLESTON	- B -	51-22
17 = STRATHCLYDE UNIVERSITY		51-38
18 = BELLSHILL Y.M.C.A.		52-44
19 = LAW A.C.	- B -	52-50
20 TH = CLYDESDALE HARRIERS	- B -	53-21
R. SHIELDS	12-44	D COSGROVE 13-44
J. TONNER	12-51	W. REID 14-02

— FASTEST LAPS —

1 —	J. BROWN	MONKLAND.	11-23
2 —	R. WEDLOCK	SHETT.	11-30
3 —	J. L. STEWART	SHETT.	11-36
4 —	M. BRADLEY	SPRING.	11-40
5 } <u>EQUAL</u>	P. BANNON	SHETT	11-42
6 }	A. FAULDS	CLYDESDALE	11-42
7 }	H. GORMAN	SPRING.	11-42
