

SCOTLAND**HOST CLUB RETAIN ALLAN SCALLY TROPHY**

October 30th

IT was dry and crisp for the Allan Scally 4x5 miles relay promoted by Shettleston Harriers, unlike last year, but the variable wind factor over a period of 1½ hours has to be considered in assessing individual performances, where the significance was in the man-to-man contest on each lap, rather than lap times. For instance, Henry Summerhill's 23.05 put Shettleston in second place on the first lap but with 22.58 Dick Wedlock dropped to fourth; then, with exactly the same time, Paul Bannon hauled Shettleston to first, and Lachie Stewart's 22.36, fifth fastest of the day, was enough to see them home by exactly a minute over Victoria Park.

As in the McAndrew relay, Willie Day of Falkirk Victoria led on the first lap, followed at 20 seconds by Summerhill, with Heron (Aberdeen), Martin (Dumbarton) and Barrow (Victoria Park), at a few seconds interval, and Faulds (Clydesdale) a further ten seconds back. Monkland were in 27th place but a great run by junior Jim Brown on the second lap brought them up to fifth, with Victoria Park's MacLagan also putting in a powerful effort to lead at the change-over, followed by veteran Alastair Wood for Aberdeen, with Falkirk Victoria dropping to third and Shettleston fourth.

Young Bannon leap-frogged over these three on the next lap, with Clydesdale's Gemmell coming up to fifth, and Monkland's Drysdale kept the Coatbridge club in contention in sixth place. Feature of the last lap was Ron MacDonald's third fastest lap of the day to take Monkland into third place, and Andy McKean, with second fastest lap, "lifted" Edinburgh University to ninth.

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1, Shettleston (H. Summerhill 23.05, R. Wedlock 22.58, P. Bannon 22.58, L. Stewart 22.36) 1:31.37.
2, Victoria Park (H. Barrow 23.10, P. MacLagan 22.32, D. McMeekin 23.28, C. Youngson 23.27) 1:32.37.

3, Monkland (E. Devlin 24.56, J. Brown 22.09, W. Drysdale 24.00, R. MacDonald 22.24) 1:33.29.
4, Aberdeen (R. Heron 23.06, A. Wood 22.52, G. Milne 24.18, P. Duffy 24.43) 1:34.59.

5, Clydesdale (A. Faulds 23.28, P. Dolan 24.08, D. Gemmell 23.18, I. Leggatt 24.16) 1:35.10.

6, Falkirk Victoria (W. Day 22.45, S. Downie 23.14, D. Wilson 24.34, A. Pender 25.09) 1:35.42.

7, Law & Dist. 1:35.47; 8, Edinburgh SH 1:36.15; 9, Edinburgh Univ. 1:36.38; 10, Glasgow Univ. 1:36.56; 11, Victoria Pk. 'B' 1:37.38; 12, Shettleston 'B' 1:37.54; 13, Dumbarton 1:38.26; 14, Garscube 1:38.36; 15, Edinburgh AC 1:38.48; 16, Greenock Glenpark 1:39.15; 17, St. Andrew's Univ. 1:39.16; 18, Aberdeen Univ. 1:39.19; 19, Cambusklang 1:39.20; 20, Clydesdale 'B' 1:39.28.

Fastest: Brown 22.09, A. McKean (Edin. U) 22.23, MacDonald 22.24, MacLagan 22.32, Stewart 22.36, Day 22.45.

EDINBURGH—GLASGOW RACE

October 23rd

For the first thirty miles into a headwind, Alex Wight (Edinburgh AC) maintained an astonishing 6-minute-mile pace but the effort took its toll in the later miles: in the next five miles he slumped to 8-minute-mile pace, perked up to 7-minute miles and then took an agonising three-quarters of an hour to cover the remaining four miles into the heart of Glasgow. That doughty Vet, Willie Russell (Shettleston), hung on tenaciously for ten miles and was just over five minutes behind Wight at 20 miles, when half the field of fourteen had called it a day. Willie, however, lost another ten minutes over the next five miles but stuck courageously to his task and overall on the last nineteen miles added only 7½ minutes to his deficit. The course record of 4:36.13 was set by Bill Stoddart in 1969.

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1, A. Wight (Edinburgh AC) 5:01.27 (H'cap: 4.24—4:57.03); 2, W. Russell (Shettleston) 5:24.14 (22.00—5:02.14); 3, R. Meadowcroft (Bolton) 5:38.30 (35.12—5:03.18); 4, J. Maclean (Bellahouston) 5:53.07 (50.36—5:02.31); 5, K. McKay (Preston) 7:00.00 (66.00—5:54.00); 6, J. Gray (EAC) 7:36.13 (66.00—6:30.13). Team: Edinburgh AC 7. Wight's 5M splits: 30.16, 60.48, 1:34.05, 1:58.19, 2:33.15, 3:00.02, 3:40.19, 4:15.20.

ROUND THE BRIDGES RACES

Lewisvale Spartans will promote the 12th annual "Round the Bridges" races along the banks of the River Esk on November 13th, followed by a social function in the New Brunton Hall, Musselburgh, when the 1970 BCG film will be shown. Events will be Colts 1600m Individual; Girls 1600m Indiv. & Team; Junior Girls & Boys 2000m Indiv. & Team; Senior Boys 3x2000m Relay (Luca Trophy); Inter. Women 2000m Indiv. & Team; Senior Women 4000m Indiv. & Team (Bridges Trophy); Youths 3x2000m Relay (Brunton Cup).

**"I'D HAVE VOTED FOR JENKINS"
—SAYS DAVE BEDFORD**

Personalities representing all spheres of the athletics world gathered at the Londoner Hotel, Welbeck Street, last Friday week to honour the UK Athletes of the Year, elected by the British Athletics Writers Association. The athletes, Dave Bedford and Barbara Inkpen, were joined by a third award winner, Sharon Colyear, who received the Lillian Board Memorial Award for the best UK Junior Girl athlete of the year.

Thanking the Association on behalf of the award winners, Dave Bedford reflected on the closeness of the voting for the male athlete when he said, "Quite honestly, I would have cast my vote for David Jenkins, because his gold medal victory in Helsinki was a bloody good performance." By contrast, Roy Moor, Chairman of the BAWA, described Barbara Inkpen's election as UK Female Athlete of the Year as "unanimous".