

Shettleston Reassert Themselves in "Allan Scally Memorial Trophy" Relay

IN all senses, it was a day of golden glory for Shettleston in their own Allan Scally Memorial Trophy relay at Baillieston on October 27th. Perfect weather, an entry which included every home-based middle-distance runner of note, first-class organisation and a firm reassertion of their competitive standing. Yet, there was a cloud over their prospects of retaining the Trophy: Stewart Easton was 13th on lap one, fully quarter of a mile adrift on Falkirk Victoria's Willie Day and Alastair Johnston (Victoria Park) and 300y down on Ian Elliott (Edinburgh Southern), who had George Brown, Fergus Murray and Don Macgregor to follow. Lachie Stewart, making his first appearance of the season after a protracted cold, had twinges in a knee before the start, but belied any handicap with a sparkling run on lap two which hoisted the host club into the lead, over 100y up on Falkirk Victoria's Willie Sharpe, who had gained a few yards on Hugh Barrow (Victoria Park), with Edinburgh Southern a further 250y in arrears.

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— by Jim Logan

It looked good for Shettleston but David McMeekin took over half a minute out of Dick Wedlock next time round the near-five miles circuit to put Victoria Park's Albert Smith away to a lead 70y over Norman Morrison, with Don Macgregor trailing by over quarter of a mile. The 1973 World Student Games 10,000m silver medallist ran a second faster than his 1970 Commonwealth Games gold medallist colleague to maintain Shettleston Harriers' unbroken grip of the Trophy. Marathon champion Macgregor ate steadily into Smith's lead and eventually brought Edinburgh Southern into second place.

Feature of lap two was a salvage job by Lawrie Spence, who brought Strathclyde University from 50th to 15th, and on lap three fastest man of the day, national cross-country champion Andy McKean, took Edinburgh AC from 13th to fourth. Fastest anchor man was Dave Logue, bringing Glasgow University into fourth place after a steady performance in which the students were never lower than sixth. Strathclyde University, after the dramatic lift by Spence, picked up four places on lap three through Pat MacLagan, and on the last leg Frank Clement took them to fifth overall and second to Glasgow in the Scottish Universities' championship incorporated in the event.

1, Shettleston (S. Easton 24:05, J. L. Stewart 22:23, R. Wedlock 23:25, N. Morrison 22:22) 92:34;

2, Edinburgh Southern (I. Elliott 22:59, G. Brown 24:35, F. Murray 23:54, D. Macgregor 22:52) 93:20;

3, Victoria Park (A. Johnston 22:47, H. Barrow 24:05, D. McMeekin 22:50, A. Smith 23:54) 93:36;

4, Glasgow University (J. Gunstone 23:33, W. Sheridan 24:06, W. Fothergill 24:09, D. Logue 22:11) 93:59;

5, Strathclyde Univ (A. McAngus 26:34, L. Spence 22:18, P. MacLagan 23:37, F. Clement 22:48) 95:17;

6, Edinburgh AC (P. Hay 24:39, R. Knowles 24:05, A. McKean 22:06, R. Morris 24:45) 95:35;

7, Edinburgh Univ 96:13; 8, Glasgow Police 96:26; 9, Springburn 96:47; 10, Law & Dist 97:05; 11, Falkirk Vic 97:10; 12, Cambuslang 98:05; 13, ESH 'B' 98:32; 14, Monkland 99:11; 15, EAC 'B' 99:21; 16, IBM 99:58; 17, Bellahouston 100:39; 18, ESH 'C' 101:24; 19, Aberdeen Un 101:31; 20, Paisley 101:35.

Fastest: McKean 22:06, Logue 22:11, Spence 22:18, Morrison 22:22, L. Stewart 22:23, D. Gunstone (Edinburgh comp) 22:40, Day 22:46, Johnston 22:47, Clement 22:48, Elliott 22:59.

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

At Lesmahagow, October 20th

1, M. O'Boyle (Victoria Park) 12:50
2, P. Gunstone (Dundee Hawkhill) 14:05
3, P. Spence (Rakin Park) 14:12
4, C. Robertson (ESH) 14:17; 5, S. Hani (EAC) 14:19; 6, N. Morrison (Mary) 14:23; 7, E. Brown (Mary) 14:25; 8, S. Dunn (Mary) 14:26; 9, P. Pride (Strath) 14:27; 10, J. Higgins (Vic Pk) 14:29; 11, S. Brown (Dun Hawk) 14:33; 12, M. Hutton (Law) 14:37; 13, M. Dewar (Unatt) 14:44; 14, E. MacCulloch (Bella) 15:10; 15, G. Clapper-ton (ESH) 15:30.

Intermediates

1, A. Cherry (Unatt) 10:34; 2, P. Gunstone (Dun Hawk) 10:48; 3, J. Millington (ESH) 11:00; 4, A. Brown (Rankin) 11:07; 5, J. Kane (ESH) 11:08; 6, J. Will (Dun Hawk) 11:16.

Juniors

1, K. Robertson (Pit) 7:33; 2, F. McKenzie (Pit) 7:43; 3, A. Lind (EAC) 7:44; 4, A. Hunter (Pit) 7:50; 5, L. Hodge (Pit) 8:22; 6, A. Robertson (ESH) 8:23. **Teams:** 1, Pitreavie 12; 2, Edinburgh Southern 63; 3, Border 66.

Girls

1, F. Nioxon (Grange) 5:49; 2, L. Johnstone (EAC) 5:57; 3, B. Bryson (Bord) 5:57; 4, S.