

SCOTLAND**SOUTHERN ALL THE WAY IN SCALLY RELAY****At Glasgow, October 26th**

FOR the first time in six years Shettleston Harriers did not win their own relay promotion, the 4 x 5 miles Allan Scally Memorial Road Relay Race. Winners since the start of the series of races, five years ago Shettleston had the misfortune to meet Edinburgh Southern Harriers in rampaging mood and succumbed gracefully if regretfully.

Craig Douglas set Southern on the road to victory with a 40 yard lead on the first lap from his nearest challenger, C. Spence of Spango Valley. Southern 'B' runner Nigel Bailey was close up in fourth place, but more important to the outcome of the race Shettleston (Stewart Easton) was languishing in seventh place with Edinburgh AC (Danny Knowles) away down the field in 16th place, 72 seconds behind Southern. Gareth Bryan-Jones kept Southern in front with a fast lap of 22:58 but it was the storming run by Andy McKean that caught the attention as he brought his club right through the field, gaining 14 places with the fastest lap of the day

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(22:04), only 12 seconds outside Jim Brown's 1972 lap record. Only ten seconds behind McKean was Norman Morrison (22:35) to bring Shettleston into contention at the halfway stage. Other clubs to salvage places on the second lap were Bellahouston (Frank Clement 23:14) 6 places up from 10th to 4th; Clyde Valley (J. Graham 23:10) 12 places up from 19th to 7th; Strathclyde University (L. Spence 23:16) 12 places up from 21st to 9th and Glasgow University (W. Sheridan 23:16) 16 places up from 33rd to 17th. The third lap now saw the race resolve into a two club struggle as Dave Logue marginally increased Southern's lead over Shettleston. A new and welcome recruit to Shettleston ranks, Rees Ward ran 22:48 to hand over to Lachie Stewart for the last lap just 30 seconds behind Alastair Hutton for ESH. However great the volume of hope pinned on Lachie by the numerous Shettleston supporters his present state of fitness gave him no chance against Hutton, who returned the fourth fastest lap of the day to bring Southern in 78 seconds clear of a tired Stewart with EAC in third place a further minute behind. Ron McDonald lifted Clyde Valley from 8th to 4th with a great last lap of 22:39 and Strathclyde University, finishing in 7th place, won the Scottish Universities Road Relay Championship, incorporated with this event, from Glasgow University who never recovered from a disastrous start.

Though a different changeover point was used, due to new changing accommodation, the same

trail was covered and the new course record established by Southern revealed their tremendous overall strength as their team all covered the course under 23 minutes.

1, Edinburgh Southern H (C. Douglas 22:49, G. Bryan-Jones 22:58, D. Logue 22:46; A. Hutton 22:41) 91:14 (rec);

2, Shettleston (S. Easton 23:41, N. Morrison 22:34, R. Ward 22:48, L. Stewart 23:29) 92:32;

3, Edinburgh AC (D. Knowles 24:01, A. McKean 22:04, P. Hay 24:23, D. Gunstone 23:05) 93:33;

4, Clyde Valley (E. Devlin 24:11, J. Graham 23:10, J. Small 24:36, R. McDonald 22:39) 94:36;

5, Victoria Park (A. Smith 23:44, H. Barrow 24:07, D. McMeekin 23:29, A. Johnston 23:27) 94:47;

6, East Kilbride (K. Taylor 23:39, H. Wilson 24:54, A. Neal 24:11, T. Partridge 23:12) 95:46;

7, Strathclyde Univ 96:22; 8, Bellahouston 96:49; 9, ESH 'B' 96:56; 10, Springburn 97:11;

11, Glasgow Univ 97:11; 12, Aberdeen 97:40; 13, Edinburgh Univ 98:03; 14, Falkirk Victoria 98:24; 15, Cambuslang 99:10; 16, Shettleston 'B' 99:13; 17, Ayrshire 99:20; 18, Glasgow Police 99:50; 19, Dumbarton 100:10; 20, Law & Dist 100:26; 21, St Andrews Univ 101:10; 22, Clyde Valley 'B' 101:15; 23, ESH 'C' 101:20; 24, Bellahouston 'B' 101:26; 25, EAC 'B' 101:51. 60 teams closed in.

Fastest: McKean 22:04, Morrison 22:34, McDonald 22:39, Hutton 22:41, Logue 22:46, Ward 22:48, Douglas 22:49, C. Spence (Spango V) 22:55, Bryan-Jones 22:58, C. Martin (Dumb) 23:02.

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN ROAD RELAY**At Farneside, September 28th**

1, Edinburgh Southern (A. Hutton 11:49, D. McGregor 12:02, M. Craven 12:24, C. Douglas 12:07) 48:22; 2, Springburn 49:32; 3, ESH 'B' 51:30; 4, Victoria Park 51:37; 5, Springburn 'B' 52:08; 6, ESH 'F' 52:29. **Fastest:** C. Youngson (ESH) 11:43, Hutton 11:49, E. Knox (Spring) 11:49, McGregor 12:02, Douglas 12:07.

**EASTERN DISTRICT
CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE****At Hawick, October 12th**

1, A. McKean (Edinburgh AC) 20:04
2, A. Blamire (Edinburgh Southern) ... 20:20

3, W. Day (Falkirk Victoria) 20:38
4, J. Wright (EAC) 20:57; 5, M. Craven (ESH) 20:58; 6, A. Hutton (ESH) 20:59; 7, C. Douglas (ESH) 21:03; 8, J. McGarva (Falk V) 21:19.

Teams: 1, ESH 39; 2, EAC 72; 3, Falkirk Victoria 105; 4, Edinburgh Univ 148; 5, Dundee Hawkhill 162; 6, Teviotdale 165; 7, Cupar & Dist 226; 8, Pitreavie 259. **(B League):** 1, A. Law (Aber) 21:55; 2, R. Ross (Forth V) 21:56; 3, P. Duffy (Aber) 22:20; 4, M. Edwards (Aber) 22:23; 5, A. Cameron (ESH) 22:27; 6, K.