

Third Place For Shettleston Harriers

Wet and windy conditions did not dampen the enthusiasm of the four hundred hardy runners who entered the twenty third annual 4 x 5 mile Allan Scally Road Relay at Baillieston on Saturday.

Alistair Hutton of Caledon Park Harriers, the 1990 London Marathon Winner led the field home at the first lap in a time of 22 minutes 22 seconds. Shettleston's Dermot McGonigal and John Mackay followed in sixth and eighth places respectively.

Racing Club of Edinburgh, running in their first race since dropping

Reebok sponsorship, moved into the lead on lap two when Brian Kirkwood finished twelve seconds clear of Caledon Park's Ian Steele. David Cameron moved Shettleston's A team from eight up to fifth with a time of 23 minutes and 46 seconds.

John Robson of Racing Club, the Scottish 1500 metres record holder, produced the second fastest lap of the day to take his team to an unsailable lead of 88 seconds at the end of lap three.

Falkirk Victoria Harriers and Shettleston finished together in second and third behind Robson. A

personal best run by Billy Coyle of the local club gained three places for his team with the fourth fastest individual time of the day.

Racing Club's lead allowed Tom Hanlon to coast 'round the final leg and still lead his team to a new course record of 90 minutes 38 seconds. The fortunes over the past few weeks of the second and third runners could not have been more different. Nat Muir having had three of the past six weeks off training with injury and illness and John Sherban fresh from running the fastest lap in the English Six Stage Relay

Championships the previous weekend. Muir stayed with Sherban for the first mile, but realising he could not match the pace of the in form Englishman, settled for third place ahead of Caledon Park Harriers.

Falkirk based Sherban is

emerging as one of Britain's best distance runners and ran the fastest lap of the day. His time of 21 minutes 48 seconds in poor conditions being only 22 seconds slower than Nat Muir's 1985 lap record.

Team result.

1) Racing Club Of Edinburgh.

A. Robson - 23.00, B. Kirkwood - 23.04, J. Robson - 22.08, T. Hanlon 22.26 Total: 90 minutes and 38 seconds.

2) Falkirk Victoria Harriers

K. Rankine - 23.41, I.

Johnstone - 23.21, G. Grindley - 22.38, J. Sherban - 21.48 Total: 91 minutes and 28 seconds.

3) Shettleston Harriers

J. Mackay - 23.29, D. Cameron - 23.46, B. Coyle - 22.25, N. Muir - 23.16 Total: 92 minutes and 56 seconds.



On The Road: Last weekend's Allan Scally Road Relay At Baillieston

Edinburgh club still unbeaten

RACING Club of Edinburgh yesterday maintained their season's unbeaten record in relay events when winning the Allan Scally Memorial 4 x 5-mile road relay at Baillieston from 100 rival teams.

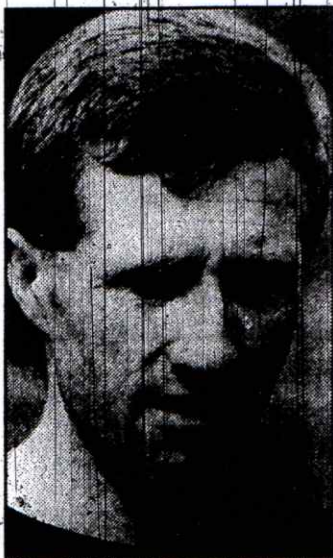
Allister Hutton made one of his rare appearances, led the field home on the opening lap in 22min. 22sec., and gave Caledon Park Harriers a 36sec. lead from Alan Robson (Racing Club). Racing Club then went ahead, and from half distance the 12sec. lead was extended by John Robson and Tom Hanlon with effortless ease to give the Edinburgh club a winning margin of almost 300 yards in a course record time of 1hr 30min. 38sec.

Falkirk Victoria Harriers, only tenth after the first lap, recovered well and a final-lap run of 21min. 48sec. — the fastest of the day — by John Sherban put them in second position. The organising club, Shettleston Harriers, held on to third place, although Nat Muir was chased all the way by Alan Puckrin who gained 42sec. on the Shettleston runner to put Caledon Park into a close-up fourth position.

Edinburgh University continued the excellent form they have shown in recent cross-country relay events and won the Scottish Universities' Relay Championship by a large margin from Strathclyde University. Results:

1. Racing Club of Edinburgh 1-30-38 (A Robson 23-00; B Kirkwood 23-04; J Robson 22-08; T Hanlon 22-26); 2. Falkirk Victoria Harriers 1-31-28 (K Rankine 23-41; I Johnstone 23-21; G Grindlay 22-38; and J Sherban 21-48); 3. Shettleston Harriers 1-32-56 (J McKay 23-29; D Cameron 23-46; W Coyle 22-25; and N Muir 23-16); 4. Caledon Park Harriers 1-33-02; 5. Cambuslang Harriers 1-34-38; 6. Racing Club B 1-34-51; 7. IBM Spango Valley AC 1-35-35; 8. Edinburgh University 1-35-49; 9. ESPC AC 1-36-14; 10. Ayr Seaford AC 1-34-00.

Scottish Universities' Relay Championship — 1. Edinburgh University 1-35-49; 2. Strathclyde University 1-43-03; 3. Edinburgh University B 1-44-46.



ALLISTER HUTTON ... led the field on the opening lap.

Fastest lap times — 1. J Sherban (FVH) 21-48; 2. J Robson (RCE) 22-08; 3. A Hutton (CPH) 22-22; 4. W Coyle (Shettleston) 22-25; 5. T Hanlon (RCE) 22-26; 6. A Puckrin (CPH) 22-34.

VICTORIA Park AAC swept the board yesterday in the girls' events at the first meeting of the Scottish Athletics Indoor League (West Division) at Glasgow's Kelvin Hall. They won all three age groups contested, and also took the youths' team contest in the boys' league.

Chris Humphrey won the youths' 400 metres in 55.2sec. and his Victoria Park clubmate, Chris Steele, won the 800 metres in 2min. 02.5sec., getting the better of Cambuslang's Craig Clelland, who finished runner-up in 2-04.4.

Carlo Ferni (Shettleston) won the youths' 200 metres in 23.7 and the long jump (5.97 metres). His clubmate Charlie Frew took the 60-metre hurdles in 8.7.

Results:

Youths — 1. Victoria Park AAC 47pts; 2. Irvine Cable AC 39; 3. Shettleston Harriers 33. Senior boys — 1. Cambuslang Harriers 83pts; 2. Shettleston 78; 3. Irvine Cable 77.

Junior boys — 1. Cambuslang AAC 72; 2. Cambuslang 68; 3. Airdrie 52.
Intermediate girls — 1. Victoria Park 18; 2. Spango Valley AC 13. Junior ladies — 1. Victoria Park 47; 2. Airdrie 45; 3. Giffnock North 40. Girls — 1. Victoria Park 48; 2. Kirkcaldy Olympians 37; 3. Cambuslang 33.

ALAN Reid (Peterhead AAC) ran away from his rivals yesterday in the men's 5½-mile race in the Hydrasun open cross-country meeting at Balgownie Playing Fields in Aberdeen. He won in 33min. 08sec. from David Storey (Dundee Hawkhill Harriers), who finished runner-up in 24-32, three seconds clear of David Knight (Perth Strathay Harriers).

Kathie Mearns led an Aberdeen AAC clean sweep in the women's three miles, winning in 16min. 52sec. from Debbie Porter (17-11) and Jillian Grams (17-48). Results:

Youths — S McKay (Inverness) 20min. 16sec. Team — Dundee Hawkhill Harriers. Senior boys — D MacDonald (Perth Strathay Harriers) 15-58. Team — Inverness Harriers. Junior boys — N Tulloch (Black Isle) 17-14. Team — Black Isle AAC; Colts — D Cummings (Aberdeen) 6-21. Team — Black Isle.

Women, Intermediates — S MacRae (Inverness) 18-47. Team — Aberdeen. Juniors — M Smith (Black Isle) 11-54. Team — Dundee Hawkhill Harriers. Girls — K Scott (Moray RR) 11-58. Team — Moray RR. Minors — J McLean (Fraserburgh) 6-50. Team — Fraserburgh RC.

Black Isle Festival Marathon — 1. F Clyne (Metro Aberdeen) 2hr 27min. 18sec.; 2. M McFale (Carnegie Harriers) 2-37-21; 3. R Milton (Carnegie) 2-45-07. Women — T Thomson (Pitcairney) 3-12-39; 10K road race — 1. R Arbuckle (Keith) 29-56; 2. C Hall (Dundee H); 3. J Bowman (Inverness H) 31-20. Women — J Wilson (Inverness) 37-40. Half marathon. Men — S McKenzie (Inverness) 71-57. Women — J Robertson (Ayr) 86-47.

Glenpark Harriers' six-mile road race (Inverkip to Greenock), Shields Trophy — 1. H Cox 27min. 24sec.; 2. P Russell 27-58; 3. W Jenkins 28-03. Veteran — R Hodel 29-58. Women — E O'Brien 33-03.

Stewarton four-mile cross-country — 1. W Richardson (Irvine Cable) 22min. 13sec.; 2. S Wylie (Cambuslang) 22-25; 3. M McGinlay (Kilbarchan) 22-45; Veteran — J White (Irvine) 24-09. Women's three-mile — 1. A Masson (Kilbarchan) 17-42; 2. V Clinton (Irvine Cable) 19-10; 3. H Morton (Irvine) 19-15. Veteran — M Mertzes (Kilbarchan) 19-44.