

SOUTH-WESTERN DISTRICT 10 MILE RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Held at Dam Park, Ayr, on Saturday, 3rd November, 1951, 18 teams representing 12 clubs entered for the event. Mr. P. Leggat of Ayr A.A.C. and President of the N.C.C.U. set off the runners on the first lap at the end of which A. Torbet (Stranraer H.) had a small lead over G. King (Wellpark) with J. Butcher (West Kilbride) just behind, only 4 secs. separating these three runners.

The second lap showed some surprising changes, A. Smith (Plebeian) had moved up from sixth position to give his club a lead of 30 yards over W. Armstrong (Glenpark). Smith by his running over this lap had returned the fastest time so far.

At end of third lap the leaders had changed again. This time H. Kennedy (Irvine Y.M.C.A.) had taken the lead and sent his last man away with a lead of 60 yards; T. Stevenson (Wellpark) started in 12th position and it was thought he would return the fastest time. He tried hard by making up six places but was 9 secs. slower than Smith. Irvine's last man held grimly on to the lead beating Glenpark by about 40 yards with West Kilbride taking 3rd place.

At the presentation of awards after the race Mr. A. Murdoch, Chairman of the District, welcomed Stranraer Harriers into the circle of cross-country running and hoped that their effort to spread the sport in their corner of Scotland would be well rewarded. Mr. Murdoch then handed over to Irvine Y.M.C.A. Harriers the Struthers Shield along with plaques to the first three teams.

Details :

1. **IRVINE Y.M.C.A. H.**—(D. Andrews 14.23 ; T. McNeish 14.00 ; H. Kennedy 13.43 ; S. Cuthbert 13.54)—56 mins. 0 secs.
2. **GREENOCK GLENPARK H.**—(I. Osborne 14.19 ; W. Armstrong 13.34 ; J. Grant 14.15 ; S. Williamson 13.59)—56 mins. 07 secs.
3. **WEST KILBRIDE A.S.C.**—(J. Butcher 14.11 ; R. Roberts 14.02 ; D. Lapsley 14.10 ; T. Coleman 13.58)—56 mins. 21 secs.
4. **PLEBEIAN H.**—(F. Cassells 14.30 ; A. Smith 13.17 ; E. Latham 14.33 ; T. McQuade 14.07)—56 mins. 27 secs.
5. **KILMARNOCK A.A.C.**—(J. Burns 14.41 ; G. Wilson 14.18 ; G. Martin 14.25 ; W. Morton 14.22)—57 mins. 46 secs.
6. **GREENOCK WELLPARK H.**—(G. King 14.08 ; P. McLaughlin 14.31 ; R. Beaton 15.57 ; T. Stevenson 13.26)—58 mins. 02 secs.

7. **PAISLEY H.**—(J. Campbell 14.49 ; A. Napier 14.22 ; A. Duncan 14.30 ; W. McNeil 15.05)—58 mins. 46 secs.
8. **GREENOCK GLENPARK "B."**—(H. Coll 15.03 ; A. McLean 14.09 ; J. Fraser 15.05 ; W. McLean 14.35)—58 mins. 52 secs.
9. **AUCHMOUNTAIN H.**—(W. Bownes 14.47 ; J. Cairns 14.18 ; J. McLean 15.04 ; S. McIntosh 14.43)—58 mins. 52 secs.
10. **BEITH H.**—(H. Walker 14.50 ; W. Prasher 14.56 ; G. Lightbody 14.39 ; K. Philliphs 14.40)—59 mins. 05 secs.
11. **PLEBEIAN H. "B."**—(D. Barclay 14.33 ; L. Howitt 14.34 ; A. Robertson 14.44 ; W. Cook 15.42)—59 mins. 33 secs.
12. **IRVINE Y.M.C.A. "B."**—(E. Allen 14.56 ; T. Dempster 14.37 ; J. Burgess 15.25 ; K. Alexander 14.38)—59 mins. 36 secs.
13. **AYR A.A.C.**—(M. Goodwin 15.37 ; F. Gerrish 14.16 ; J. Young 14.38 ; E. Thursby 15.09)—59 mins. 40 secs.
14. **STRANRAER H.**—(A. Torbet 14.07 ; H. McKay 15.18 ; J. McCormack 15.36 ; W. Kyle 14.52)—59 mins. 53 secs.
15. **KILMARNOCK A.A.C. "B."**—(D. Todd 15.17 ; R. Smith 15.22 ; R. Hamilton 14.33 ; T. Tod 15.37)—60 mins. 49 secs.
16. **BEITH H. "B."**—(I. Harris 14.40 ; R. Clark 15.43 ; A. Hayes 17.00 ; H. Maxwell 16.33)—63 mins. 56 secs.
17. **WEST KILBRIDE A.S.C. "B."**—(J. Reid 15.00 ; I. Mackay 15.35 ; J. McCallie 16.39 ; John Reid 17.32)—64 mins. 46 secs.
18. **BABCOCK & WILCOX A.C.**—(J. McMenemy 15.04 ; J. Harkins 15.01.

FASTEST TIMES.

1. A. Smith (Plebeian H.)—13 mins. 17 secs.
2. T. Stevenson (Greenock Wellpark H.)—13 mins. 26 secs.
3. W. Armstrong (Greenock Glenpark H.)—13 mins. 34 secs.
4. H. Kennedy (Irvine Y.M.C.A. H.)—13 mins. 43 secs.