

Plebeian Harriers Win Again.

Plebeian Harriers ran splendidly to take the premier honours again over the 44 miles relay race from Edinburgh to Glasgow. The distance was divided up into eight relays, and ten teams took part. The winners' time for the course was 4 hours 7 minutes 5 seconds. Dundee Thistle were second in 4 hours 8 minutes 38 seconds, and Edinburgh Northern were third in 4 hours 11 minutes 59 seconds. The most disappointing show was given by Maryhill, who finished sixth in 4 hours 20 minutes 12 seconds. The following table gives the progress of the race and the first three at the end of each relay stage:—

First Relay, to Maybury Cross—1. Edinburgh Northern (J. P. Laidlaw), 27 mins. 12 secs.; 2. Plebeian (A. M'Gregor), 27 mins. 24 secs.; 3. Dundee Thistle (A. Hay), 28 mins. 22 secs.

Second Relay, to Broxburn—1. Edinburgh Northern (M. Stewart), 1 hour 1 min. 33 secs.; 2. Plebeian (A. Armstrong), 1 hour 1 min. 35 secs.; 3. Dundee Thistle (D. Coburn), 1 hour 1 min. 44 secs.

Third Relay, to Dechmont—1. Plebeian (G. Andrews), 1 hour 26 mins. 18 secs.; 2. Edinburgh Northern (P. Addison), 1 hour 26 mins. 20 secs.; 3. Dundee Thistle (F. Murray), 1 hour 26 mins. 47 secs.

Fourth Relay, to Armadale—1. Plebeian (W. Fraser), 1 hour 59 mins. 29 secs.; 2. Dundee Thistle (J. Adams), 2 hours 32 secs.; 3. Edinburgh Northern (J. Grant), 2 hours 1 min. 31 secs.

Fifth Relay, to Forestfield Inn—1. Plebeian (G. Illingworth), 2 hours 31 mins. 1 sec.; 2. Dundee Thistle (J. M'Kechnie), 2 hours 31 mins. 47 secs.; 3. Edinburgh Northern (W. Morris), 2 hours 34 mins. 1 sec.

Sixth Relay, to Airdrie War Memorial—1. Plebeian (S. K. Tombel), 3 hours 7 mins. 41 secs.; 2. Dundee Thistle (D. Gowans), 3 hours 9 mins. 37 secs.; 3. Edinburgh Northern (W. Hinde), 3 hours 12 mins. 26 secs.

Seventh Relay, to Barrachnie—1. Plebeian (A. Ingram), 3 hours 19 mins. 45 secs.; 2. Dundee Thistle (G. Sturkin), 3 hours 41 mins. 59 secs.; 3. Edinburgh Northern (W. Johnston), 3 hours 45 mins. 38 secs.

Eighth Relay, to Glasgow Royal Exchange—1. Plebeian (H. Duff), 4 hours 7 mins. 5 secs.; 2. Dundee Thistle (W. D. Slidder), 4 hours 8 mins. 35 secs.; 3. Edinburgh Northern (G. McIntosh), 4 hours 11 mins. 59 secs.

Y.M.C.A. HARRIERS

SUCCESS IN EDINBURGH-GLASGOW ROAD RACE.

Last Saturday the road race promoted by the "News of the World," was run from Edinburgh to Glasgow in a blaze of glorious sunshine, which caused a general slowing down in the times returned by the runners.

Plebian Harriers, after a thrilling tussle with Dundee Thistle proved once again that in road relay racing they are undoubtedly the "Scottish champions." Their winning time of 4 hours 7 mins. 5 secs is a long way short of their record time of 3 hours 50 mins. 39 secs., which they returned when winning the "Daily Record" relay race in April, 1931, but it was 1 min. 33 secs. faster than the time returned by the second team (Dundee Thistle), 4 hours 8 mins. 38 secs. Edinburgh Northern were third, their time being 4 hours 11 mins. 39 secs. The times at the finish of the 10 competing teams were:—1, Plebian H., 4 hours 7 mins. 5 secs.; 2, Dundee Thistle, 4 hours 8 mins. 38 secs.; 3, Edinburgh Northern, 4 hours 11 mins. 39 secs.; 4, Garscube, 4 hours 15 mins. 22 secs.; 5, Springburn, 4 hours 19 mins. 22 secs.; 6, Maryhill, 4 hours 20 mins. 12 secs.; 7, Greenock Glenpark, 4 hours 23 mins. 53 secs.; 8, Motherwell Y.M.C.A., 4 hours 25 mins. 50 secs.; 9, Hamilton, 4 hours 32 mins. 33 secs.; 10, Clydesdale, 4 hours 34 mins. 17 secs.

After the finish of the race the runners and officials were entertained at the Ca'dora restaurant, Gordon Street, Glasgow, by the "News of the World," when medals were presented to the winners. Medals were presented to Motherwell Y.M.C.A. Harriers in recognition of their having shown most improved time among the unplaced teams.

The following is a short account of the position of the clubs during the various relays of the race:—The first relay, which is $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length, begins at St. Andrew's Square, Edinburgh, was run by James Brown, who ran an excellent race and reached the first change-over, Mayberry Cross, 8th. James Somerville ran the next relay of 6 miles, which terminates at Broxburn East Church, and ran very well indeed to keep our position still 8th. The third relay which, although it is only four miles, is one of the most troublesome to all teams because of the great amount of uphill running which it contains. The club's representative, James Fleming, proved beyond doubt the faith the committee had in him for this relay, and he kept our position still eighth at Wester Dechmont Farm. The club gained a place in the fourth relay, one of $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and gained it by a man who was brought in as a reserve for the club champion, E. Simpson, who was not in a position to run. This man was Hugh Maitland, who has ran many a grand race for the club, and in this his latest, and perhaps his last, he ran a great race to hand over at Armadale, Goth Tower, 7th position to John Macdonald. (The reason for this being perhaps Hugh's last race is not because he is retiring, but because he is going to start a club in Bellshill, and in this we wish him every success).

The secretary was able to more than hold his own over the $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Forrestfield Inn, which forms the fifth relay, and we reached the Inn still holding seventh position.

The next relay, the most testing of the eight, 7 miles of right tough roads was run very strongly by James Archibald, but we lost a position and finished at Airdrie War Memorial eighth. Robert Devon ran the seventh relay, $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and he was successful in keeping our position eighth at the next and last change-over, Springhill Cross, Barrachnie. Although he covered the last relay, 5 miles, as fast as he possibly could, Robert Craigen was unsuccessful in gaining a place, so that we finished at the Royal Exchange, Queen Street, Glasgow, still in eighth position.

Our time has never been as long for the race, neither has the winners, but in relation to the other competing clubs our time shows most improvement, and for this we received the medals, as is already stated.

Since this is the curtain raiser for the new season, we hope that it is as bright as it seems and that we are improving.

On Saturday first the opening run of the season will be held. This run is a pleasure outing, and hence is open to both senior members and junior members of the club. It is also open to anyone who wishes to become a member of the club.

The pace will leave the Institute, Brandon Street, at 3.15 p.m., when it is hoped that a large number of club members and intending club members will follow him in his pleasure run through Dalzell estate.