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EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW RELAY RACE

Saturday, November 17th, 1951

STARTING AT 11.30 A.M.

FROM GLADSTONE MEMORIAL

ST. ANDREW'S SQUARE, EDINBURGH

(Under S.A.A.A. and N.C.C.U. Rules)



RELAYS AND EXCHANGE STATIONS

The runners, totalling 160, will be divided into eight relays of 20. Each competitor must wear, <u>BACK AND FRONT</u>, the number and the letter shown in this programme.

News of the World arrow signs will be shown throughout the Course at all turns, and banners show each take-over.

FIRST RELAY.	
(5½ miles)	
(approx, time	of
arrival 11.55 a.i	m.)

Starting by Gladstone Memorial, St. Andrew's Square, North David Street, Queen Street, Albyn Place, St. Colne Street, Ainslie Place, Great Stuart Street, Randolph Crescent, Melville Street, Manor Place, Coates Place, West Maitland Street, Haymarket Station, Clifton Terrace, Haymarket Terrace, under Railway Arch, Roseburn Terrace, Corstorphine Road, Maybury Cross. First take-over. Distance: 5½ miles.

SECOND RELAY.

(6 miles) (12.25 p.m.) Main Glasgow Road, left fork to Newbridge, over stone bridge, under viaduct, right fork main, by Broxburn A.A. box to Broxburn East U.F. Church. Distance: 11½ miles.

THIRD RELAY.

(4 miles) (12.45 p.m.) Main Road to Uphall, right fork main, sharp rise to Dechmont (switchback going) to Wester Dechmont Farm. Distance: 15½ miles.

FOURTH RELAY.

(5³ miles) (1.20 p.m.) Main Road right fork, then fork left for Bathgate, over level crossing Armadale (Goth Clock Tower). Distance: 21½ miles.

FIFTH RELAY.

(5½ miles) (1.50 p.m.) Main Road, Blackridge, over railway bridge, Forrestfield Station, Forrestfield Inn. Distance: 26³/₄ miles.

SIXTH RELAY.

(7 miles) (2.25 p.m.) Main Road, Hillend, Caldercruix, under railway bridge, A.A. Sign, Plains, Clarkstone, Airdrie, Alexandra Street, Airdrie War Memorial. Distance: 33\frac{3}{4} miles.

SEVENTH RELAY.

 $(5\frac{1}{2} \text{ miles})$ (2.55 p.m.) Main Road, under railway bridge, Coatbridge, Greyhound-Enclosure, under two bridges, Bank Street, Coatbridge, Bargeddie P.O., Baillieston, Spring Hill Cross, Barrachnie, Telephone Box. Distance: 391 miles.

EIGHTH RELAY.

(5 miles) (3.20 p.m.) Main Shettleston Road, Shettleston, right fork, under railway bridge, Duke Street, turn left into High Street, turn right into Ingram Street, Royal Exchange (Queen Street). Full distance: 441 miles.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR THE SAFETY OF RUNNERS

All competitors must keep to the left-hand side of the road whilst running. Cutting corners is not allowed. Any competitor indulging in this dangerous practice will render his team liable to disqualification.

HONORARY OFFICIALS

Chairman: H. ALDRIDGE, ESQ. (News of the World).

Vice-Chairmen: Bertram Jones, Esq., W. Emsley Carr, Esq. (News of the World); Rt. Hon. James Miller (Lord Provost of Edinburgh); The Rt. Hon. Sir V. D. Warren, M.B.E. (Lord Provost of Glasgow).

Starter: BAILIE J. B. MACKENZIE of Edinburgh.

Referee and Chief Timekeeper: D. McSwein (S.A.A:A.).

Relays 1-4-8:

Timekeepers: T. McKay (S.A.A.A.); J. W. MILLER (S.A.A.A.). Recorders: W. C. Armour (S.A.A.A.); E. Taylor (S.N.C.C.U.).

Relays 2-5-8:

Timekeepers: D. A. Jamieson (S.A.A.A.); D. Corbet (S.A.A.A.).

Recorders: J. A. Henderson (E.S.H.); F. Graham (Maryhill Harriers).

Relays 3-7:

Timekeeper: A. Nangle (S.N.C.C.U.).

Recorders: G. K. AITHIE (S.A.A.A.); A. M. DONNETT (S.N.C.C.U.).

Relays 6-8:

Timekeeper: W. Dempsey (S.A.A.A.).

Recorders: A. STEVENSON (S.A.A.A.); D. FERGUSON (Shettleston H.).

Judges: G. Dallas (S.N.C.C.U.); T. Fraser (S.N.C.C.U.); J. Gilbert (S.A.A.A.); P. Leggat (President, S.N.C.C.U.); J. McClurg (S.A.A.A.); A. McFie (S.A.A.A.); T. D. McKie (Glasgow Police); A. F. Neilson (S.N.C.C.U.); D. M. Wright (S.A.A.A.).

Transport Chief: W. J. PEPPER (A.A.A.).

Transport Assistants: G. S. BARBER (Maryhill Harriers); A. N. CROSBIE (S.N.C.C.U.).

Coach Stewards: Coach No. 1, W. J. Andrews (S.B.A.A.A.); 2, R. Devon (S.M.C.); 3, J. Macnamara (S.M.C.); 4, G. Pickering (S.N.C.C.U.); 5, I. Ross (Edinburgh Southern H.); 6, D. Scott (Monkland H.); 7, W. J. Ross (Garscube H.); 8, G. Herning (Glasgow Y.M.C.A.); 9 (Spare Coach), J. T. Mitchell (S.N.C.C.U.).

Course Official: F. EVANS.

Medical: St. Andrew's Ambulance Brigade.

Results Reporters: G. WALKER; M. STEWART (S.N.C.C.U.).

Glasgow Results Board: J. G. GARDNER; J. S. RUSSELL.

Clerk of the Course: W. CARMICHAEL (S.A.A.A.).

Assistant Clerk of the Course: W. McNellie (S.A.A.A.).

Organisers: JOE BINKS, ERNEST RILEY (News of the World).

Assistant Organisers: R. F. BRINGES, D. WILSON (News of the World).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS

A letter from the Rt. Hon. James Miller, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, addressed to the Rt. Hon. Sir V. D. Warren, Lord Provost of Glasgow, will be handed to the first representative of Victoria Park A.A.C. (last year's winners) at the start by Bailie J. B. MacKenzie, of Edinburgh, and will be carried by the leading runner in each relay, and will be handed to the Lord Provost of Glasgow's deputy, at the winning post.

Competitors' coaches, numbered as per relays 1-8, will take runners to their respective starting points, and pick them up again at the end of their relays. All competitors *must* travel in the official coaches.

All competitors, except those running in the first relay, must be in their respective coaches, ready to start at 11.0 a.m. No competitor will be waited for. Only competitors and officials with Coach Tickets will be allowed to travel in the coaches.

To avoid congestion, no coaches must stop within 100 yards beyond each Take-Over. Coach drivers are asked by the organisers to observe this request strictly.

Dressing facilities at the start: Edinburgh Y.M.C.A., South St. Andrew Street.

The first ten teams to finish will qualify for next year's race. The remaining teams to be invited will be selected by the Scottish A.A.A. and S.N.C.C.U.

Immediately after the race, competitors and officials with Tea Tickets adjourn to the Ca'doro Restaurant, Union Street, Glasgow, for High Tea, where the Lord Provost of Glasgow's deputy, will present the Trophy and Medals to the winners.

TEAMS AND RUNNERS

BELLAHOUSTON HARRIERS 4th. 4.4.46.

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 3 hrs. 49 mins. 47 secs. 1938.

Winners 1936, 1938. Third in April and November, 1949.

(Colours: Dark Blue; St. Andrew's Cross)

A1	H. Ferrion	A6 A. Dunwoody	A12 D. Robertson
A2	J. Christie	A7 G. Bell	A13 J. Wilson
A3	R. Climie	A8 J. McLean	A14 G. McAllister
A4	H. Kennedy	A9 C. Kirk	A15 A. Jack
A5	F. Cowan	A10 J. Kelly	A16 W. McAuslan
		A11 C. Milligan	

CLYDESDALE HARRIERS 1/4. 4.18,25.

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 4 hrs. 8 mins. 13 secs. 1950.

(Colours: Black and White)

B1	G. White	B6 W. Howie	B12 J. Duffy
B2	F. Clarke	B7 R. Boyd	B13 D. Clark
B3	J. Higginson	B8 J. Young	B14 A. Younger
B4	P. Younger	B9 D. Bowman	B15 W. Andrews
B5	P. Reynolds	B10 A. Donachie .	B16 F. Kelty
		B11 A. Divers	

DUNDEE THISTLE HARRIERS 14th. 4.12.34

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 3 hrs. 50 mins. 14 secs. 1937.

Winners 1934, 1937.

(Colours: Crimson)

C1	C. D. Robertson	C6	P. Taylor	C10 R. Spalding
C2	J. Miller	C7	J. Fitzpatrick	C11 J. Lowis
C3	S. Cunningham	C8	A. McIntosh	C12 J. Chalmers
C4	H. Irvine	C9	J. Montague	C13 A. Wilkie
ESPELI	D Miller			C14 E. Nicoll



(Left) Arriving at Armadale (fourth take-over). (Top right) Near the start in Edinburgh. (Bottom right) Interested spectators outside Edinburgh Zoo.

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN HARRIERS 54. 4.5.39

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 3 hrs. 59 mins. 27 secs. 1950.

(Colours: Blue and White)

DI	J. Smart	D6	H. S. Millar	D12 J. Pearson
D2	W. A. Robertson	D7	D. Webster	D13 G. Pearson
D3	W. Grant	D8	G. Reid	D14 J. Paterson
D4	H. Robertson	D9	W. L. Brown	D15 H. Robb
D5	W. G. Hunter	D10	I. Gourlay	D16 J. Wilson
		D11	W. Saunderson	

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY A.C. 1162. 4.11. 24.

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 4 hrs. 4 mins. 2 secs. 1950.

(Colours: Dark Green Vests, White Shorts)

E1	D. T. Hunt	E6	K. Coutts	E12	J. Barnetson
E2	J. W. Brydie	E7	J. Robertson	E13	J. L. Birkett
E3	A. C. Ross	E8	D. V. Ellis	E14	M. Woodliff
E4	J. P. McRoberts	E9	M. Cleary	E15	S. Barber
E5	J. Barr	E10	C. F. Barrett	E16	K. McAinsh
		E11	D. J. Oakey		

GARSCUBE HARRIERS 8th. 4.8.25

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 3 hrs. 53 mins. 26 secs. 1937.

(Colours: White with Blue Band)

GI	J. Andrews	G6	J. J. Duffy	G12	N. M. Ross
G2	R. Black	G7	J. Gunn	G13	F. B. Russell
G3	H. G. Carson	G8	F. G. Jewell	G14	F. J. Robertson
G4	D. Coupland	G9	A. Kidd	G15	A. W. Warton
G5	G. A. Dunn	G10	M. McGunnigle	G16	R. Smith
		G11	E. Paton		

GLASGOW Y.M.C.A. ATHLETIC CLUB 18th. 4.19.45.

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 4 hrs. 12 mins, 35 secs. 1938.

(Colours: White Singlet with Red Triangle, Black Pants with White Facings)

HI	H. Clarke	H6	J. T. Dowell	H12 C. Forbes
H2	R. Donald	H7	J. R. Scott	H13 J. Shields
H3	D. McFarlane	H8	G. Herning	H14 G. Adam
H4	J. R. Weatherston	H9	R. Wotherspoon	H15 T. Lockhart
H5	S. H. Mowbray	H10	J. B. Cameron	H16 I. Cheyne
		H11	A McGown	

GREENOCK GLENPARK HARRIERS

"News of the World" Relay: Third 1950 in 3 hrs. 59 mins.

(Colours: Sky Blue Singlet with Badge)

J1	A. Maclean	J6	H. Beaton	J12 D. Kennedy
J2	S. Williamson	J7	W. Elder	J13 W. Muir
J3	J. W. Armstrong	J8	J. Fraser	J14 D. Turner
J4	I. Osborne	J9	W. Maclean	J15 J. Taft
J5	J. Grant	J10	D. Docherty	J16 G. Muir
		J11	H. Coll	

HAMILTON HARRIERS 9th. 4.9.24

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 4 hrs. 4 mins. 51 secs. 1936.

(Colours: White with Red Facing)

K1	A. C. Gibson	K6 D. Wilson	K12 D. Jeffrey
K2	H. Gibson	K7 N. Baillie	K13 J. Stewart
K3	J. Finlayson	K8 G. Craig	K14 A. Morton
K4	G. McGill	K9 J. Craig	K15 W. Campbell
K5	J. Hepburn	K10 W. Brownlie	K16 A. Jarvis
		K11 D. Bramall	

NATIONAL ROAD RELAY RACE 1951 LONDON TO BRIGHTON



(Top left) A. F. Thornton (Thames Valley H.) handing over to D. Fotheringham. (Top right) Olympic runner Bill Lucas (Belgrave H.) passes baton to veteran Charlie Smart. (Bottom left) J. Bromley (Belgrave H.) takes over from Jackie Brown for the eighth leg. (Bottom right) The crowd at the finish (Aquarium, Brighton).

IRVINE Y.M.C.A. HARRIERS 12th. 4. 12.06

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 4 hrs. 8 mins. 44 secs. 1950. (Colours: White, Blue Band, Red Triangle)

LI	H. Kennedy	L6 J. Dempster	L11 F. Muir
L2	D. Andrews	L7 J. Burgess	L12 L. Jermond
L3	S. Cuthbert	L8 J. Lawson	L13 A. McLeod
L4	T. McNeish	L9 E. Allan	L14 J. Rubie
L5	K. Alexander	L10 G. Leggat	L15 J. Kyle

KIRKCALDY Y.M.C.A. HARRIERS 20th. 4.22. 25.

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 4 hrs. 10 mins. 47 secs. 1950.
(Colours: White with Gold Band)

MI	G. R. Mortimer	M6	J. Bell	M10 G. Millar
	P. Husband	-	W. Corroon	M11 A. Gibson
M3	J. Mitchell	M8	J. Peacock	M12 A. Rennie
M4	R. C. Hewson	M9	W. E. Duncan	M13 A. Millar
M5	A. B. Thompson			M14 S. Thomson

MARYHILL HARRIERS 1362. 4. 12.24.

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 3 hrs. 50 mins. 5 secs, 1938. Winners 1939.

(Colours: Royal Blue Singlet, White Shorts)

P1	R. Brymner	P6 J. Wright	P12 J. Campbell
P2	R. A. Macdonald	P7 J. Gibson	P13 J. Brymner
P3	T. Harrison	P8 R. Wright	P14 J. Hoskins
P4	T. K. Wilson	P9 J. E. Farrell	P15 C. Forrester
P5	S. Lawson	P10 G. Porteous	P16 J. Martin
		P11 H. B. Morrison	

MONKLAND HARRIERS 10th. 4. 10.54.

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 4 hrs. 8 mins. 4 secs. 1950. (Colours: Black with White Sash)

RI	C. Ballantyne	R6	A. Arbuckle	R12 W. McIntyre
R2	A. MacPherson	R7	J. Brown	R13 W. Learmonth
R3	R. Bell	R8	J. Geddes	R14 R. Kelly
R4	I. Mackenzie	R9	A. Farmer	R15 F. Bradley
R5	R. Muir	R10	J. Glen	R16 A. MacDonald
		R11	H. Ryder	

MOTHERWELL Y.M.C.A. HARRIERS 16th. 4.16.01.

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 4 hrs. 3 mins. 32 secs. 1936.

(Colours: Black with White Facings)

S1	D. Nelson	S6	D. Hamilton	S12	A. Brown
S2	A. H. Brown, Jnr.	S7	M. Mitchell	S13	A. Morrow
S3	J. McMillan	S8	J. Mackle	S14	W. Nelson
S4	J. Moir	S9	J. Fleming	S15	W. Marshall
S5	J. Scott	S10	I. McCall	S16	J. Turner
		\$11	W Watson		

PLEBEIAN HARRIERS 7/2. H. 6.10.

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 3 hrs. 53 mins. 57 secs. 1936. Winners 1933.

(Colours: White Vest with Red Band)

T1	A. Smith	T6	E. Latham	T12 E. Jallelly
T2	T. McQuade	T7	A. Robertson	T13 J. McEwan
T3	D. Barclay	T8	J. McCann	T14 P. McGregor
T4	F. Cassells	T9	W. Cook	T15 A. Stark
T5	C. Heaney	T10	L. Howitt	T16 G. Jameson
		T11	T. Monaghan	

ST. MODAN'S A.A.C. 19th. 4. 20. 29

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 4 hrs. 12 mins. 9 secs. 1950. (Colours: Maroon and Gold)

UI	D. Cleland	U5	A. Galbraith	U10 B. Maxwell
U2	J. McGee	U6	C. Meldrum	U11 J. McCracken
U3	M. Kaney	U7	D. Kaney	U12 M. Walker
U4	J. Lynn	U8	G. Gray	U13 A. McHugh
		U9	P. Donnelly	

SHETTLESTON HARRIERS 225. 3.59.30

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 3 hrs. 52 mins. 51 secs. 1936.

Winners April and November 1949, Second 1950

(Colours: Royal Blue with Gold Band)

WI	E. Bannon	W7 J. Burton	W12 H. Simpson
W2	B. Bickerton	W8 E. Dolan	W13 T. Ruth
W3	R. C. Wallace	W9 D. Bridges	W14 T. Walters
W4	J. McNeil	W10 J. Kirk	W15 J. B. Miller
W5	J. Turnbull	W11 W. Laing	W16 A. Hill
W6	J. Eadie		W17 P. Fitzpatrick

SPRINGBURN HARRIERS 3.8. 4.1.09

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 3 hrs. 58 mins. 22 secs. 1938. (Colours: Navy Blue Vest with White Shorts, Blue Stripe)

X1	T. Tracey	X6 J. C. R. Morton	X12 D. Fyffe
X2	T. Lambert	X7 J. Wallace	X13 G. Feeney
X3	R. F. McLean	X8 J. K. Rankin	X14 H. Haughey
X4	J. Stevenson	X9 N. McGowan	X15 A. Stevenson
X5	D. S. Wallace	X10 S. McFadden	X16 I. J. McCammont
		X11 J. Bissell	

VALE OF LEVEN A.A.C. 1542. 4.14.35

"News of the World" Relay: Fastest time 4 hrs. 3 mins. 27 secs. 1950. (Colours: Red and White Hoops)

YI	W. Gallacher	Y5	F. Lacey	Y10 R. Turner
Y2	A. McDougall	Y6	W. Crowe	Y11 E. Murphy
Y3	D. McPherson	Y7	J. Ferguson	Y12 T. Wilson
Y4	R. Steel	Y8	J. McNabb	Y13 J. McCrimmon
		Y9	M. Connell	

VICTORIA PARK A.A.C. 156 . 3. 56 . 0+

"News of the World" Relay: First 1950 in 3 hrs. 52 mins. 43 secs.
(Colours: Blue and White Hoops)

Z1	A. Forbes 34.30	Z6	A. D. Breckenridge	Z12 J. Simpson
Z2	J. D. Stirling 32, 32	Z7	S. Ellis 30. 17	Z13 R. Gibson
	I. Binnie 26.55			Z14 I. Walks
Z4	C. Forbes 29.52.	Z9	J. Ellis 32, 39.	Z15 J. J. Hamilton
Z5	R. C. Calderwood	Z10	D. MacFarlane	Z16 A. Brodie
		Z11	D. Shuttleworth	



EDINBURGH—GLASGOW RELAY RACE

WINNERS AND TIMES

 1933 Plebeian H. 1934 Dundee Thistle H. 1935 Edinburgh N. H. 1936 Bellahouston H. 1937 Dundee Thistle H. 1938 Bellahouston H. 1939 Maryhill H. 	4. 3.23 3.51.15	Dundee Thistle H. Edinburgh N. H. Garscube H. Shettleston H. Maryhill H. Maryhill H. Bellahouston H.	4. 8.35 4.21.46 4. 4.18 3.52.51 3.52.11 3.50.5 4. 6.36	Edinburgh N. H. Maryhill H. Plebeian H. Plebeian H. Bellahouston H. Dundee Thistle H. Shettleston H.	4.11.59 4.22.35 4. 4.32 3.52.57 3.52.57 3.56.20 4. 8.17	
April 1949 Shettleston H.	4.15.25	Victoria Pk. A.A.C.		Bellahouston H.	4.21.16	
1949 Shettleston H. 1950 Victoria Pk. A.A.C.	3.56.57 3.52.43	Victoria Pk. A.A.C. Shettleston H.	3.58.7 3.53.15	Bellahouston H. Greenock Glenpark H.	4. 2.22 3.59.0	

INTERMEDIATE COURSE RECORDS

Rela		Parely managed and and		
1	R. B. McIntosh	 Greenock Glenpark H	26 mins. 5 secs.	(1936)
2	J. C. Flockhart	 Shettleston H	30 ,, 26 ,,	(1936)
3	P. McNab	 Springburn H	21 ,, 56 ,,	(1936)
4	A. T. Whitecross	 Dundee Thistle H	30 ,, 24 ,,	(1937)
5	J. Campbell	 Bellahouston H	27 ,, 57 ,,	(1938)
6	J. C. Flockhart	 Shettleston H	33 ,, 32 ,,	(1937)
7	D. Urquhart	 Garscube H	29 ,, 3 ,,	(1937)
8	A. Austin	 Bellahouston H	24 ,, 23 ,,	(1938)

Note.—In a previous series of races over the same course, S. K. Tombe (Plebeian H.) ran the 5th Relay in 27 mins. 53 secs. in 1931, and F. L. Stevenson (Monkland H.) ran the 8th Relay in 24 mins, 22 secs, in 1930.

AWARDS

Winning Team to hold the "News of the World" Silver Trophy

The first four teams to finish will receive a set of specially designed medals (goldfronted for the winners, silver for the runners-up, and bronze for the third and fourth).

An extra set of bronze medals will be awarded to the unplaced team who gave the most meritorious performance.

This question will be decided by the following well-known officials: E. Riley, J. Binks, D. G. Wilson, W. J. Pepper, A. MacFie, A. F. Neilson, J. Gilbert, G. Dallas, D. M. Wright, W. Carmichael, and the Referee, D. McSwein.

NATIONAL RELAY RACE

The first two teams in this race will receive an invitation to participate in the National Race from London to Brighton to be held on April 5, 1952.

The claims of the third and fourth teams will also receive the careful consideration of the Committee, when teams are being selected for the National Race.

THANKS

The honorary organisers, on behalf of the "News of the World." thank the Scottish National Cross-country Union and the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association and all the officials for their valued assistance.

We are grateful also to the civic authorities of the cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, and of the other towns through which we have passed, and of the counties of Midlothian, West Lothian and Lanarkshire, for their help.

The police authorities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Midlothian, West Lothian and Lanarkshire have given their cordial co-operation, and we have much appreciated their aid.

Finally, we thank all who permitted us to erect direction signs along the route, all who lent their cars, or helped in other ways, including members of the St. Andrew's Ambulance Brigade, who gave invaluable service, and last, but by no means least, the runners themselves for their splendid support.

BELGRAVE WIN FIRST NATIONAL ROAD RELAY

Reprinted from NEWS OF THE WORLD, April 8, 1951

By JOE BINKS, ex-Holder Mile Record

In really great style Belgrave Harriers won the "News of the World" road relay race over the 45½ miles from London to Brighton.

Their time of 3hr 53min 38sec was the fastest since 1938, and they finished well ahead of Thames Valley and Reading.

Three intermediate records were set up. After Smart, of Belgrave, had knocked 4sec off the figure for the fifth relay, F. Green, of Birchfield, cut I sec off the eighth, taking 20min 17sec for 41 miles.

On the ninth leg three athletes broke the old record of 20min 57sec put up by D. Jones (Mitcham)

in 1938. The record for 41 miles now stands to Scott Wilson, the Oxford cross-country Blue, who was representing Blackheath.

Thames Valley's Alec Olney, who put up a record last year over the first leg, got away from Charlie Walker, of Belgrave, and set up a nice lead of 47sec at the first take over at Purley, but his time was over a minute slower than last year.

Small Heath champion C. Gray carried his club grandly into third place ahead of Wirral, Tipton, Reading and Coventry Godiva.

First surprises were the two Scottish entries, Victoria Park and Shettleston, who were well back. The national cross-country champions, Sutton Harriers, were in the 13th position.

Over the second leg to Merstham, Len Herbert, going after the Thames Valley leader in strong style, passed him and established Belgrave as leaders by 26sec.

Reading rushed into third place, and a great run for Sutton by M. Maleedy moved them from 13th to

Victoria Park also advanced three places and relay fighting was now seen at its best with hailstorms pelting the runners between the spells of sunshine.

During the third leg on to Earlswood Common another storm hit the runners and Belgrave increased

their lead, but conditions were all against record breaking.

Reading held on to third place, but Sutton moved up another place.

On to Povey Cross, Lucas took Belgrave along at a faster rate and increased their lead over Thames Valley to 84sec, to all appearances a winning advantage.

Sutton, now showing their great fighting qualities, reached the first three for the first time, but had a lot of lost ground still to recover. Reading, Coventry and Birchfield were next. Now for the Crawley take-over.

Away went Jack Smart, who had come over from Germany specially to run for his club. He put in a great record run, giving Belgrave a big lead of 3min 27sec.

Sutton, only 44sec behind, were fast closing up the big gap between them and Thames Valley.

Over the short leg of two miles to Handcross the placings were much the same, with Belgrave looking certain winners.

On the long six-mile leg to Hickstead, J. Brown never let up the pace for Belgrave and carried them still further away, reaching the take over 3min 31sec ahead. Thames Valley still fought hard to ward off challenges from Reading and Sutton. Victoria Park were at last coming into the picture and were fifth.

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Next take-over was Newtimber, where J. Bromley slightly increased the leaders' margin, but Sutton attacked strongly and passed Thames Valley for second place, with Reading fast closing up.

Freddy Green, Birchfield, beat the course record over this leg although running in sixth place.

Along the downhill stretch to Patcham, A. Chivers, Reading, joined in the racing and actually cut down the Belgrave lead by a few seconds in reaching second place just three seconds ahead of Thames Valley. Sutton had a bad run and dropped out of the first three but still led Victoria Park by a minute.

Belgrave enthusiasts became very jubilant on the last run, flying their colours and shaking their rattles for the race was theirs. L. Adams, their final representative, was told not to race completely out but make it a safe win, which he did and carried his club home a great winner by 2min 45sec.

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