

DECOTEAU WON THE CROSS CUP RACE

In the Fast Time of 28:31 with Brockel Only 40 Seconds Behind, Dunham was Third.

By winning the race for the Cross cup, held on Saturday evening, the cup becomes the property of Alec Decoteau of the Edmonton Police Amateur Athletic association. By the deed of gift it was necessary to win five races, and Saturday's victory made the necessary quota for the fleet blue coat. Though Alec did not break any records on Saturday, he ran a grand race, rating himself nicely for the entire route, and reserving his spurt for the last quarter mile. He let out a few links when he struck the First street pavement on the return trip, and broke the tape in 28:31 for the five miles. Phil Brockell was a good second, being only 40 seconds behind the winner and finishing very strong. Cliff Dunham of the Y.M.C.A. was third, 35 seconds behind Brockell, while Haddow and Nicholson, who fought it out for fourth place, and furnished the only excitement of the race, were quite a long distance back.

Sharp at 6:30 Starter J. A. Dorman lined up the nine starters, Thomlinson being the only runner who entered who failed to face the starter. The men were bunched for the first half-mile, and at the corner of Namayo and the Boulevard the order was: Brockell, Dunham and Decoteau. At Beechmount, where the runners turn for the return trip, the order of the leaders was: Dunham, Brockell and Decoteau, all three being bunched. At Namayo and the Boulevard on the return trip Decoteau was leading by about a block, the same distance separating Brockell and Dunham.

As stated before, the three leaders stiffened the pace when they reached First street, and opened a large gap between themselves and the rest of the pack. A large crowd of spectators—in fact, the largest that has ever turned out for this race—witnessed the start and finish, and the runners completed their journey between lines of spectators, who were kept in check by almost the entire police force, who gave their entry, Decoteau, a great reception.

The course, a five mile one, is west on May to First, to Norwood Boulevard, to Namayo avenue, to Beechmount, and return via the same route.

The order at the finish was:

1. Alec Decoteau, E.P.A.A.C., 28:31.
2. Philip Brockell, unattached, 29:11.
3. Cliff Dunham, Y.M.C.A., 29:46.
- 4 Haddow, 5 Nicholson, 6 Berry, 7 Drader, 8 McAfee, 9 Drummond. All the starters finished.

The officials were: Starter, J. A. Dorman; timers, F. Cormack, A. E. Seward and Sergeant McCallum; judges at turns, D. Agar, J. H. Wild and C. Butchart.

It is thought that Hon. C. W. Cross, the donor of the cup, will give another one to replace the trophy won permanently by Decoteau. It has been a great incentive to middle distance running, and in the event of a renewal the Journal would suggest that the race be made a handicap affair, which would heighten the interest, and also make Decoteau exert himself to the utmost, thus working well for everybody concerned.

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