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Northern District CC Relay Champs, at Strathpeffer (October 24th). 1, Forres (A. Smith, D. Ritchie, I. McKenzie, D. McLean) 54:16; 2, Inverness 55:23; 3, RAF Moray 58:27. Fastest: Smith 12:29; D. Lang (Elg) 13:09. (Young Athletes): 1, Elgin 32:31; 2, Forres 34:01; 3, Inverness 34:22. Fastest: Youths: N. Martin (Forr) 10:03. Snr. Boys: C. Martin (I'ness) 10:45. Jnr. Boys: C. Donald (Elg) 10:48. (Women): 1, Elgin 19:05; 2, Inverness 19:25. Fastest: Inters: M. McLean (Elg) 6:04. Juniors: L. Lobban (I'ness) 5:59. Girls: M. Palmer (Elg) 6:45.

CROSS COUNTRY

Relay Championships at Strathpeffer

24 teams from 6 clubs contested the North District Cross Country Relay Championships at Strathpeffer on Saturday. **Forres Harriers** retained the men's 4 x 2½ mile title which they won last year, and Drew Smith, their 3rd leg runner, had the fastest time of 12 min. 29 sec. The Inverness **Harriers** team of Innes Mitchell, Les Hunter, Kevin MacKintosh and Brian Turnbull confirmed the previous week's suggestion that there has been a great improvement from last year, and finished second, only a minute behind the winners. The fastest Inverness runner was Innes Mitchell, with 13 min. 9 sec., and the lead which he established on the first leg was held for two-thirds of the race.

In the boys' 3 x 2 mile race, Callum Martin had easily the fastest leg in the 13-15 age group, but in the end the team was 3rd behind Elgin A.A.C. and **Forres Harriers**. Such was the Inverness strength on this 13-15 leg that Brian Fieldsend and George MacLennan, running for the "B" and "C" teams, had the second and third fastest times.

In the women's 3 x 1 mile relay which was for under 13's, under 15's and seniors, Lee Lobban, although still only 14, was the fastest of all the athletes, seniors included, but the **Harriers** "A" team still finished just behind a very strong Elgin team. This women's race was not an official championship, and was being held for the first time this year on an unofficial basis.