

NORTH CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Good Times in Heavy Going

Gordounstoun School, near Elgin, was on Saturday the scene of the North of Scotland Cross-Country Championships. There was a good field in both the senior and junior events, the senior course being five miles long.

The senior title was won by Marshall Notman, of the Inverness **Harriers**, in the very good time of 27 minutes 15 seconds, quite a remarkable feat in view of the fact that the ground was very heavy because of a steady fall of rain the previous day. The runner-up was McFaizean of the R.N.A.S., Lossiemouth, who also finished strongly.

The North of Scotland Amateur Athletic Association's cross-country championship cup was won by **Forres Harriers**, who were closely followed by Lochaber Athletic Club. The latter Club, which is now offering very keen competition to other north clubs, has a strong team, some of whose members have competed in the Ben Nevis race in previous years, taking first and second places in this event.

The junior competition was won by Gordonstoun School, which has a splendid selection of young athletes from which to choose a team. The first man home, however, was Taylor, of Lochaber, in the time of 19 minutes 44.6 seconds—quite a credit to a man who is new to cross-country running. He was closely followed by Hall, of Gordonstoun, in 19 minutes 45 seconds.

Mrs Duncan, wife of Mr Donald M. Duncan, Inverness, president of the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association, very kindly presented the trophies.

The next event will be the Nairn to Inverness road race, which is due to take place on Saturday, 6th April, and from all accounts may prove to be the keenest contest so far.

HARRIERS WIN NORTH TROPHY

FORRES **Harrier** Club annexed, for the first time in the club's history, the North of Scotland Amateur Athletic Association's cross-country championship trophy, which was competed for in a five-mile race at Gordonstoun on Saturday. Six clubs were represented. **Forres** were not at full strength.

The **Forres** team was W. Nicol, Wm. Mackenzie, S. Taylor, T. Macaneny and H. Stewart.

Individual winner was Marshall Notman (Inverness), who completed the course in 27 min. 15 sec. Second was M'Fadyean (Lossiemouth), who also gained a plaque.

In the junior section, over three miles, the team prize went to Gordonstoun. Individual plaque winners were C. Taylor (Lochaber) and D. Hall (Gordonstoun).

First of the **Forres** juniors home (among the large field that competed) was Garry Macdonald, the smallest of the local runners. The other **Forres** juniors were Brian Ross, John Duffus and Ronald Sharp, who all acquitted themselves well.