

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Forres Man Wins North Title

The annual North of Scotland Amateur Athletic Association cross-country championships, held on Saturday at Inverness, attracted an entry of 165 competitors from all parts of the North of Scotland. Calum Laing, Ainess, the Glasgow University student who recently finished third in the Scottish Universities Championship, did not defend his title as he was taking part in the annual North Inch relay events at Perth, as part of his training for the cross-country international at Sheffield on Saturday. Forbes Mackenzie, running in the senior event, and R. Porter, in the junior event, both of Forres Harriers, ran the last 100 yards of the six mile course together, recording a time of 36 mins. 17 secs. for both events. This was an excellent performance by Porter, who retained his junior title and bettered his last year's running time by almost 1 minute.

James Grant, Inverness Royal Academy, Scottish schoolboy quarter-mile champion, made a successful debut in cross-country running, winning the youths' event in a time of 20 mins. 53 secs., which was 19 secs. better than his nearest rival, M. Chisholm, also of Inverness Royal Academy.

Provost Allan Ross presented silver cups to the winning teams and plaques to the individual winners, as follows:—

Senior (over 21—6 miles)—1 F. Mackenzie, Forres Harriers; 2 S.A.C. White, R.A.F. Kinloss; 3 E. Campbell, Lochaber A.C.—36 mins. 17 secs. Team—1 Forres Harriers (F. Mackenzie, I. Gordon, W. Mackenzie, D. Davidson); 2 Lochaber A.C.; 3 R.A.F. Kinloss.

Junior (18-20—6 miles) — 1 R. Porter, Forres Harriers; 2 H. Dingwall, do.; 3 A. McLennan, do., 36 mins. 17 secs. Team—1 Forres Harriers.

Youths (15-17—3 miles) — 1 J. Grant, Inverness Royal Academy; 2 M. Chisholm, do.; 3 G. Travers, Dingwall Academy, 20 mins. 53 secs. Team—1 Inverness Royal Academy (J. Grant, M. Chisholm, D. McFarquhar, T. McCook); 2 Gordonstoun School; 3 Inverness High School.

Boys—(13-14—2 miles) — 1 D. Cameron, Lochaber A.C.; 2 R. Guild, Elgin Academy; 3 R. Harbinson, Gordonstoun; 15 mins. 1 sec. Team — 1 Inverness High School 'A' (D. McLennan, D. Ashcroft, F. Fraser, G. Nairne); 2 Gordonstoun; 3 Elgin Academy.