

CROSS-COUNTRY

North Championships at Inverness

Ian Mackenzie, Forres Harriers, holder of the junior championship for the past two years, won the senior championship at his first attempt at the North of Scotland Amateur Athletic Association's annual cross-country championships held on Saturday, starting and finishing at the Queen's Park, Inverness. In winning his title Mackenzie bettered last year's winning time by 2 min. 6 secs., recording 33 mins. 6 secs. for the six-mile course. He was followed home by his team mate D. Davidson, and T. McAlpine, Caithness, was third.

150 competitors took part in the four sections of the championships, and the trophies were presented to the winners by Mr David Robertson, president of the N.S.A.A.A., making a welcome re-appearance after a long and serious illness. Provost W. J. Mackay, honorary vice-president, thanked all concerned with the organisation and supervision of the events and called for a special vote of thanks to the runners themselves, "without whom there would be no championships!" The full results are as follows:—

Senior (over 21) 6 miles—1 I. Mackenzie, Forres Harriers; 2 D. Davidson, Forres Harriers; 3 I. McAlpine, Caithness. Time 33 mins. 6 secs. Team result (N.S.A.A.A. Cup)—Forres Harriers (I. Mackenzie, D. Davidson, F. Mackenzie and M. Scott).

Junior (18-20) 6 miles—1 G. Davidson, Forres Harriers; 2 T. McCook, Inverness Harriers; 3 A. Lowes, Lochaber A.A.C. Time 35 mins. 32 secs. Team result (D. M. Duncan Cup)—Forres Harriers (G. Davidson, A. McKenzie, J. Duncan, B. Scott).

Youths (15-17) 3 miles—1 R. Bush, Gordonstoun; 2 G. Milne, Gordonstoun; 3 J. Donaldson, Gordonstoun. Time 19 mins. 53 secs. Team result (Dudley Trophy)—Gordonstoun "A" (R. Bush, G. Milne, J. Donaldson and D. Maclehose).

Boys (13-14) 2 miles—1 N. Murray, Milne's High School; 2 I. Shand, Forres Academy; 3 W. Stewart, Inverness High School. Time 17 mins. 30 secs. Team result (Grigor Trophy)—Inverness High School (W. Stewart, A. Aird, D. Walker and C. Cameron).