

CROSS COUNTRY

229 Runners in Annual North Championships

A splendid total of 229 runners took part in 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 the senior section, D. Davidson, Forres Harriers, who finished third in 1965 and second in 1966, ran a great race to win deservedly this year's event, and in the boys' section, in which 142 runners took part, N. Murray, Milne's High School, Fochabers, repeated his last year's success, and improved on his winning time of last year (17 mins. 30 secs.) by finishing in 16 mins. 49 secs. Gordonstoun did well by winning both youths and junior team events.

Provost W. J. Mackay, honorary vice-president of the Association, presided at the prize-giving ceremony, and Mrs McNicol, wife of the Association president, Mr J. D. McNicol, Firemaster of the Northern Area Fire Brigade, presented the trophies. The results were as follows:—

Senior—(over 21) 6 miles—1 D. Davidson, Forres Harriers (34 mins. 57 secs.); 2 M. Scott, Forres Harriers; 3 J. McHattie, Ross-shire Sports and Athletic Club. Teams (N.S.A.A. Cup)—1 R.N.A.S. Lossiemouth; 2 R.A.F. Kinloss.

Junior—(18-20) 6 miles—1 G. Blair, Lochaber A.C. (38 mins. 37 secs.); 2 M. Kadjar, Gordonstoun; 3 N. Cumming-Bruce, Gordonstoun. Teams (D. M. Duncan Cup)—Gordonstoun.

Youths—(15-17) 3 miles—1 D. McArdle, Kingussie High School (19 mins. 33 secs.); 2 J. Rowntree, Gordonstoun; 3 P. Harbison, do. Teams (Dudley Trophy)—1 Gordonstoun; 2 Kingussie H.S.; 3 Dingwall Academy.

Boys—(13-14) 2 miles—1 N. Murray, Milne's High School (16 mins. 49 secs.); 2 R. Campbell, Lochaber High School; 3 J. Lorimer, do. Team (Grigor Trophy)—1 Lochaber High School; 2 Inverness High School; 3 Millburn School, Inverness.