

CROSS COUNTRY

180 Compete for North Titles

Nearly 180 competitors took part on Saturday in the North of Scotland Amateur Athletic Association's annual cross country championships—held over various courses embracing Kinmylies Farm, Craig Dunain Hospital and Balnacraig Farm and starting and finishing at the Queen's Park (Bught) Inverness.

Inverness Royal Academy became the first holders of the T. M. Sparks trophy when their team won the girls' event in which all 32 competitors completed the two miles course. R.N.A.S. Lossiemouth won the senior team trophy—the N.S.A.A.A. Cup—for the 4th successive year, but it was a rather hollow win as they had no opposition.

Lochaber Athletic Club won the D. M. Duncan Cup in the junior team event for the first time, narrowly beating Gordonstoun, who have previously won this trophy three times. The Dudley Trophy for the winning team in the youths' section was won for the seventh time by Gordonstoun School, and the Grigor Trophy in the boys' section was won for the third time by Inverness High School. Commentaries on the events were given by ex-Provost W. J. Mackay, and the prizes were presented by Mrs Smith, wife of Provost W. A. Smith, who was indisposed. The full results were:—

Girls (open), 2 miles — 1 L. Cameron, Lochaber High School; 2 S. Macdonald, Inverness High School; 3 M. Beech, Inverness Royal Academy (time 17 mins. 4 secs.). Team placings—1 Inverness Royal Academy, 22 pts.; 2 Lochaber High School, 28 pts.; 3 Millburn School, 43 pts.

Boys (13/14 years), 2 miles—1 G. Lawrie, Inverness High School; 2 D. Rees, Gordonstoun; 3 D. Allan, **Forres Harriers** (time 14 mins. 17 secs.). Team placings—1 Inverness High School 'A', 18 pts.; 2 Gordonstoun, 66 pts.; 3 Millburn 'A', 91 pts.

Youths (15 to 17 years), 3 miles—1 S. Batten, Gordonstoun; 2 J. Eccles, Gordonstoun; 3 D. McLean, **Forres Harriers** (time 17 mins. 0 secs.). Team placings—1 Gordonstoun 'A', 12 pts.; 2 Inverness High School 'A', 42 pts.; 3 Gordonstoun 'B', 71 pts.

Junior (18 to 20 years), 5 miles—1 E. McAvoy, Lochaber Athletic Club; 2 A. Dunn, Gordonstoun; 3 R. Campbell, Lochaber A.C. (time 27 mins. 18 secs.). Team placings—1 Lochaber Athletic Club, 21 pts.; 2 Gordonstoun, 22 pts.

Senior (21 and over), 5 miles—1 I. Mackenzie, **Forres Harriers**; 2 J. Will, Caithness A.C.; 3 D. Davidson, **Forres Harriers** (time 26 mins. 24 secs.). Winning team R.N.A.S. Lossiemouth, 31 pts. (no other team entries).