

# CROSS-COUNTRY

## 215 Compete in Championships

An impressive total of 215 competitors took part in the North of Scotland Amateur Athletic Association's annual cross-country championships at Inverness on Saturday afternoon over various courses, embracing Kinloch Fine Park, Craig Egnam Hospital, and **Balmorera Park**, starting and finishing at the Queen's Park, the North.

Ian Mackenzie, **Purves Harriers**, set a blistering pace in the senior event, and led from start to finish to retain his championship in a time of 24 minutes 48 seconds, which was 1 minute 24 seconds faster than his winning time of last year. The runner title was retained by E. McTear, Lochaber Athletic Club, who also improved on his winning time of last year (25 mins. 18 secs.) recording 26 mins. 22 secs. for the five-mile course.

Gordonstown School continued to dominate the youths (15-17 years) section, and won the team trophy for the sixth time. D. Allan, **Purves Harriers**, and W. Beale, Gordonstown, who finished first and third respectively with year mate J. Beale in fourth place.

A Dornie, Inverness High School, had ninety-three runners in his wake when he won the boys (13 and 14 years) event in the excellent time of 15 mins. 21 secs.

### GIRLS' RECORD

A record number of 54 girls participated in the third running of the girls' event, and the slight frame of Marion Beach, Inverness Royal Academy, led the field well almost out to the finish. Her winning time of 15 mins. 40 secs. for the two miles course, is the fastest time yet recorded in this event.

Mrs Van Gelderen, wife of Mr T. Van Gelderen, Director of Parks, presented the team trophies—Senior, North of Scotland A.A.A. Cup; junior, D. M. Dorman Cup; youths, Quaker Trophy; boys, Origer Cup; girls, T. M. Spence Cup—to the winning teams and Mrs Van Gelderen also congratulated the individual prize winners who, unfortunately, will have to wait for their championship plaques because these were not available because of the postal strike. Certificates will also be presented later to the members of the winning teams. The full results are as follows:—

Senior (5 miles)—1 I. Mackenzie, Purves Harriers, 24 mins. 48 secs.; 2 C. Jurvey, Lochaber Athletic Club; 3 D. Davidson, Purves Harriers. Team trophy—Purves Harriers—1 Mackenzie (1st), D. Davidson (2nd), M. Beale (3rd), R. Cameron (4th), 14 pts.; 2 R.N.A.B. Lonsborough, 41 points.

Junior (5 miles)—1 E. McTear, Lochaber Athletic Club, 26 mins. 22 secs.; 2 D. Mackenzie, Purves Harriers; 3 R. Campbell, Lochaber A.C. Team trophy—1 Gordonstown "A"—D. Gordonstown (4th), D. Dornie (5th), A. Gordon (6th), T. Beale (7th), 29 points; 2 Lochaber Athletic Club—E. McTear (1st), R. Campbell (2nd), C. Purvey (3rd), R. MacFarlane (4th), 28 points; 3 (equal) Inverness Harriers and Gordonstown "B", 26 points.

Youths (3 miles)—1 C. Todd, Gordonstown "A", 16 mins. 22 secs.; 2 D. Allan, Purves Harriers; 3 W. Beale, Gordonstown "A". Team trophy—1 Gordonstown "A"—C. Todd (1st), W. Beale (2nd), J. Beale (3rd), C. Shaw (4th), 18 points; 2 Purves Harriers—D. Allan (1st), B. Beale (2nd), B. Beale (3rd), J. Anderson (4th)—29 points; 3 Inverness High School "A"—46 points.

Boys (2 miles)—1 A. Dornie, Inverness High School, 13 mins. 21 secs.; 2 B. Beale, Purves Harriers; 3 M. Gray, Turritide School. Team trophy—1 Inverness Royal Academy "A"—C. Campbell (1st), D. MacDonald (2nd), J. Spence (3rd), C. Webb (4th)—42 points; 2 Milburn School "A"—C. Shaw (1st), J. Gordon (2nd), B. Dornie (3rd), J. Christie (4th)—25 points; 3 Lochaber Athletic Club—46 points.

Girls (2 miles)—1 M. Beach, Inverness Royal Academy, 15 mins. 40 secs.; 2 J. Macmillan, Milburn School; 3 B. Beale, Milburn School. Team trophy—1 Inverness Royal Academy "A"—M. Beach (1st), T. Leatham (2nd), J. Macmillan (3rd), E. Brownie (4th)—25 points; 2 Milburn School "A"—J. Macmillan (1st), B. Beale (2nd), J. Gordon (3rd), V. Jack (4th)—28 points; 3 Inverness High School "A"—46 points.