

CROSS-COUNTRY

North Championships at Inverness

Iain Mackenzie, **Forres Harriers**, retained the North of Scotland Amateur Athletic Association cross-country championship at Inverness on Saturday over a 5-mile course, embracing Kinmylies Farm, Craig Dunain Hospital, Balnecraig Farm, and starting and finishing at the Queen's Park, Bught. C. Jarvie, Lochaber Athletic Club, who disputed the lead with Mackenzie for most of the way, had to be content with second place ahead of his team-mate, E. McEvoy, who last year had won the junior championship.

The junior event developed into a match between R. Campbell, Lochaber A.C. and last year youths' champion, C. Tod, Gordonsdown, with Campbell the eventual winner by only three seconds. **Forres Harriers** were again successful when D. Allan won the youths' section. The boys' event attracted a total of 65 runners, and last year's winner, Alastair Dunnett, Inverness High School, again led the field home, closely followed by Colin Campbell, Inverness Royal Academy.

The girls' race resulted in a clean sweep for Millburn School, with the championship title going to Christine MacRae.

There were 198 competitors, and the president of the North of Scotland A.A.A. and ex-Provost **Forres**, Mr R. B. S. Braid, presided at the prize-giving ceremony, at which the trophies were presented by Mrs W. A. Smith, wife of Provost W. A. Smith. The full results were as follows:—

Senior (5 miles), 20 runners — 1 I. Mackenzie, **Forres Harriers**, 25 mins. 17 secs.; 2 C. Jarvie, Lochaber Athletic Club, 25 mins. 25 secs.; 3 E. McEvoy, L.A.C., 25 mins. 36 secs. Teams (N.S.A.A.A. Cup) — 1 **Forres Harriers** (I. Mackenzie, M. Scott, R. Cameron, D. Maclean, 18 points); 2 Lochaber A.C., 29 pts.; 3 Calthness A.A.C., 25 pts.

Junior (5 miles), 11 runners — 1 R. Campbell, Lochaber A.C., 26 mins. 25 secs.; 2 C. E. K. Tod, Gordonsdown, 26 mins. 38 secs.; 3 K. Austin, Elgin Athletic Club, 28 mins. 14 secs. Teams (D. M. Duncan Cup) — 1 Gordonsdown (C. Tod, R. B. Eccles, B. Robinson, T. G. Eccles), 18 pts.

Youths (3 miles), 31 runners — 1 D. Allan, **Forres Harriers**, 17 mins. 39 secs.; 2 N. Binnie, Lochaber A.C., 17 mins. 42 secs.; 3 B. Cassells, Calthness A.A.C., 17 mins. 49 secs. Teams (Dudley Trophy) — 1 Lochaber A.C. (N. Binnie, M. Steele, R. McLarty, D. Kennedy), 31 pts.; 2 Inverness High School, 31 pts.; 3 Gordonsdown, 58 pts.

Boys (2 miles), 85 runners — 1 A. Dunnett, Inverness High School, 13 mins. 59 secs.; 2 C. Campbell, Inverness Royal Academy, 14 mins. 2 secs.; 3 G. Taylor, Lochaber A.C., 14 mins. 7 secs. Teams (Origor Cup) — 1 Lochaber A.C. (G. Taylor, R. Cameron, G. MacGeachan, J. Macvicar), 34 pts.; 2 Inverness High School, 50 pts.; 3 Calthness A.A.C., 71 pts.

Girls (2 miles), 52 runners — 1 Christine MacRae, Millburn School, 16 mins. 43 secs.; 2 Valerie Jack, do., 16 mins. 58 secs.; 3 Jennifer MacLennan, do., 17 mins. 48 secs. Teams (T. M. Sparks Cup) — 1 Millburn (as above plus Elizabeth Munro), 16 pts.; 2 Lochaber High School, 40 pts.; 3 Inverness Royal Academy, 42 pts.