

North of Scotland Cross-Country Championship
(Junior and Senior) held at Forres - starting and
finishing at Grant Park incorporating a North
of Scotland League match on 2/3/74 - 5½ Miles

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| 1. S.Keith (Caith)26.56 | 17. A.Johnston (G'stoun)J. |
| 2. I.McKenzie (FH)27.25 | 18. H.Cameron (FH) |
| 3. W.Nichols (RAFK)27.34 | 19. C.Bannerman (IH) |
| 4. B.Finlayson (LAC) | 20. S.Brownlee (Caith)J. |
| 5. D.McLean (FH) J. | 21. D.McRoberts (Caith)J. |
| 6. D.Parker (RAFL) | 22. P.Wright (RAFK) |
| 7. I.Johnston (RAFK) J. | 23. P.Tindall (RAFL) |
| 8. M.Scott (FH) | 24. W.Elliott (FH) |
| 9. A.Pratt (RAFK) | 25. J.McAlpine (Caith) |
| 10. A.Scott (FH) J. | 26. W.Cruickshank (G'stoun) |
| 11. S.Robinson (G'stoun)J. | 27. J.Lowrey (RAFL) |
| 12. W.Rigby (RAFK) | 28. A.Crabtree (G'stoun)J. |
| 13. S.Cassells (Caith)J. | 29. E.Campbell (LAC) |
| 14. B.McKenzie (RAFL) | 30. A.McKenzie (FH) |
| 15. J.Will (Caith) | 31. T.Hutton (LAC) |
| 16. G.Fleming (RAFK) | 32. D.Allan (FH)J. |

J= JUNIOR CONDITIONS: COOL SUNNY, MUDDY UNDERFOOT.

RESULTS: NORTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

SENIOR: 1. S.Keith (Caith) 26.56; 2. I.McKenzie
(FH) 27.25; 3. W.Nichols (RAFK) 27.34.

JUNIOR: 1. D.McLean (FH) 28.14; 2. I.Johnston (RAFK)
28.21; 3. A.Scott (FH) 29.28.

TEAM

SENIOR: 1. RAF Kinloss 29pts; 2. Forres Harriers
36 pts; 3. RAF Lossiemouth 47 pts.

JUNIOR: 1. Gordonstoun
Caithness AC - only other team, their 4th
man did not finish.

S.Keith (Caithness AC) running his first ever
North cross country championship, was a comfortable
winner.

CROSS-COUNTRY

North of Scotland's New Champion

Sandy Keith, Caithness Amateur Athletic Club, ended **Forres Harriers** Iain Mackenzie's domination of the North of Scotland Amateur Athletic Association's senior Cross Country Championship at **Forres** on Saturday, and created a new championship best time of 28 mins. 56 secs. for the 34 miles course. Iain Mackenzie, who was bidding for his fifth successive title, had to be content with second place. In the junior event, over the same course, Donald McLean **Forres Harriers**, retained his title in a time of 28 mins. 14 seconds. The championships were run in conjunction with the final race in the North of Scotland Cross Country league, and for the first time this season, **Forres Harriers** were beaten into second place — by R.A.F. Kinloss. Their narrow two-point win was not, however, sufficient to make any impression on the substantial lead the **Forres** team had built up in the previous five races.

Mr Walter Banks, immediate past president of the North of Scotland A.A.A., presided at the prize-giving ceremony at which the team trophies and individual championship plaques were presented by Mr Ewan Murray, general secretary of the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association. The league awards, donated by the North of Scotland Milk Marketing Board, were presented by Mr R. Dalgleish, general secretary of the Scottish Cross-Country Union. The full results were as follows:—

CHAMPIONSHIP

Senior — Individual — 1 A. Keith, Caithness A.C. (28 mins. 56 secs.), 2 I. Mackenzie, **Forres Harriers**, 3 W. Nicholls, R.A.F. Kinloss; **team —** 1 R.A.F. Kinloss (29 points), 2 **Forres Harriers** (36), 3 R.A.F. Lossiemouth (47).

Junior — Individual — 1 D. McLean, **Forres Harriers** (28 mins. 14 secs), 2 I. Johnston, R.A.F. Kinloss, 3 A. Scott, **Forres Harriers**; **team —** Gordons (29 points).

LEAGUE

Team — 1 **Forres Harriers** (1,294 points), 2 R.A.F. Kinloss (1,257), 3 R.A.F. Lossiemouth (1,033), 4 Leckie A.C. (1,023).

Individual — 1 I. Mackenzie, **Forres Harriers** (408 points), 2 D. McLean, **Forres Harriers** (385), 3 D. Parker, R.A.F. Lossiemouth (378).

CROSS-COUNTRY

Record Entry of North Juniors

A record number of 352 competitors took part in six sections of the North of Scotland Amateur Athletic Association's annual cross country championships at Drumnadrochit on Saturday. Many participants travelled considerable distances to the new venue — for the past number of years Inverness has housed the championships — and arrived from as far away as Stornoway, **Caithness**, Fochabers and Grantown to be welcomed with a cup of hot soup, provided by enthusiastic helpers from the Glen Urquhart Highland Games Committee, which also assisted greatly with the organisation of the event. One of the loudest cheers at Blairbeg field, where all events finished, was for a local girl, Fiona Gibson, Glen Urquhart Senior Secondary School, who won the intermediate women's event by a clear margin. Portrose Academy were clearly the most successful school, winning both the boys under 13 and girls under 15 team trophies, and taking second place in two other team events.

Ex-Provost R. B. S. Braid, Forres, president of the North of Scotland A.A.A., presided at the prize-giving ceremony in a crowded Blairbeg Hall, and Mrs J. Mackay, widow of Mr Murdo Mackay, late president of the Glen Urquhart Highland Games Committee, presented individual championship plaques to the first three in each event, and trophies to the winning teams, whose members will later receive certificates. The full results are as follows:—

BOYS

Under 17—3 miles approx.—1 G. Grant, Grantown Grammar School (16 mins. 18 secs.); 2 G. Balfour, Portrose Academy; 3 D. MacRobert, **Caithness A.A.C. Team**—1 Gordonstoun, 41 pts.; 2 Inverness High, 50 pts.; 3 Grantown Grammar, 53 pts.

Under 15—2 miles approx.—1 M. Ruck, Gordonstoun (11 mins. 50 secs.); 2 G. Taylor, Lochaber High; 3 J. Flannigan, do. Team winners—1 Lochaber High, 24 pts.; 2 Portrose Academy, 56 pts.; 3 Gordonstoun, 84 pts.

Under 13 years—1½ miles approx.—1 W. Bain, **Caithness A.A.C.** (9 mins. 28 secs.); 2 A. Chisholm, Portrose Academy; 3 R. Cameron, Golspie High. Team winners—1 Portrose Academy, 27 pts.; 2 Milburn Secondary School, Inverness, 35 pts.; 3 **Caithness A.A.C.** 46 pts.

GIRLS

Under 17—2½ miles approx.—1 F. Gibson, Glen Urquhart (15 mins. 21 secs.); 2 D. Brand, Inverness High; 3 S. Milne, Milne's High, Fochabers. Team winner — Milne's High.

Under 15 years—2 miles approx.—1 E. Turnbull, Inverness High (14 mins. 13 secs.); 2 S. Macpherson, Inverness Royal Academy; 3 K. Cameron, Milne's High. Team winners—1 Portrose Academy, 36 pts.; 2 Lochaber High; 3 Milne's High.

Under 13—1½ miles approx.—1 G. Hutcheon, Milburn (11 mins. 1 sec.); 2 M. Spence, **Caithness A.A.C.**; 3 M. Robertson, Inverness High. Team winners—1 **Caithness A.A.C.**, 34 pts.; 2 Portrose Academy, 57 pts.; 3 Milburn, 57 pts.