

CROSS-COUNTRY

North Championships at Elgin

There was a fast and furious finish in the men's race at the North District Cross Country Championships in Elgin on Saturday, and the verdict, by a margin of only one second went to Ian Moncur of Forres **Harriers** from Dave Lang of Elgin, with Don Ritchie of Forres taking 3rd. It was the fact that Moncur's change of club had not been cleared that cost Forres last year's team championship, but this year there was no mistake, as in addition to his winning contribution he was supported by five other athletes in the first 15 places to secure a clear win from R.A.F. Moray, with **Inverness Harriers** 3rd. The **Inverness** counters were:—9. — Les Hunter, 11. — Brian Turnbull, 22. — Innes Mitchell, 23. — Ross MacDonald, 24. — Kevin MacKintosh, 27. — Peter Thompson.

However, as expected, the **Harriers** under 15's dominated their races, particularly the senior boys, where George MacLennan just beat Jamie Bell on the sprint for first place, followed by Stephen Pierce, and with as outstanding a team as that, it was unfortunate that Jaime Porte (7th), Stephen Willox (13th) and Ian Stewart (20th) were left out of the prizes when they would have counted for most other teams.

In the junior women's event, Lee Lobban won by a considerable margin, and with the support of Lorna Ross in 4th place and Julie Wilson in 9th, the expected team win was secured. Culloden Academy's Margaret Kean was 3rd in the girls' race, and led her team to second place, with the **Harriers** Linda Wilson 8th. The other prominent **Inverness** placing was Alan Bone, who was 6th in the junior boys' event. Also very prominent were the athletes from Portree High School, competing for the first time in these championships, and in addition to a consistent all-round performance, they did very well at under 13 level.

ATHLETICS



The successful team winners of the junior boys' event in the North of Scotland Cross Country Championships - held at Elgin Academy on Saturday - were Robert Osborn, Colin Donald and Neil Green. NS Photo



Marianne MacLeod, 16 Galloway Avenue, Elgin, Elgin Amateur Athletic Club, took second place in the intermediate women's event at the North of Scotland Cross Country Championships at Elgin Academy on Saturday.

NORTH MEET BIG HIT AT ELGIN

TOP ATHLETES from a very wide area made Elgin their Mecca on Saturday when Elgin Amateur Athletic Club staged the North of Scotland Cross-Country Championships.

The event was a great success and great credit must go to the efforts of the hard-working Elgin officials and their band of friends.

Adding to the success was the generous sponsorship of the Royal Bank of Scotland.

All the events were held over a fast grassland course, which took in the Morrison Playing Fields, Lesser Brough Briggs and the ground of Elgin Academy, and included a stiff climb.

From Elgin's point of view the most rewarding section was the junior boys (11-13) in which Colin Donald retained his unbeaten record this winter. He scored a comfortable win, coming home more than 200 yards ahead of P. Kippeling (Orkney). Elgin also won the team event, with fine runs by R. Osborne (3rd) and N. Green (4th).

Colin must now stand a good chance of winning the Scottish title at Irvine on February 27 and is clearly the most promising youngster in the Elgin area has produced for a long time.

Both the senior boys (12-15), and the youths' events were disappointing for the home club, with Alex Moffat failing to live up to his pre-race promise. He finished third.

In the senior men's event, title holder Dave Lang, recovering from flu, was unable to hold his Noucar (Furres) who

achieved his first win over the Elgin athlete by the narrowest of margins.

Don Ritchie (Furres) finished a close third and the club took the team title for the first time since 1973.

The women's races saw some fine running from the Orkney contingent and they won both the individual and team events for junior girls (11-13), and the senior-intermediate women's team race.

Elgin had limited success, with Jackie Duffin second in the junior women (12-15), and Marianne MacLeod similarly placed in the senior event.

Results

Junior boys (11-13) - 1 C. Donald (Elgin AAC) 18.8, 2 P. Kippeling (Orkney) 21.3, 3 R. Osborn (Elgin AAC) 23.5, Team - Elgin AAC (C. Donald, R. Osborn, N. Green).

Senior boys (12-15) - 1 G. McIlmoran, 2 J. Bell, 3 P. Kippeling (all Furres) 4th N. Francis (Elgin AAC) 5th - Furres.

Youths (14-15) - 1 N. Harris (Furres) 18.6, 2 B. Martin (Furres) 19.5, 3 A. Moffat (Elgin AAC) 21.3, Team - Furres.

Senior/junior (13 and over) - 1 L. Monnar (Furres) 20.0, 2 D. Lang (Elgin AAC) 21.3, 3 D. Ritchie (Furres) 21.3, 4 J. Mackin (Lodhar AC) 26.1, Team - Furres.

Girls (11-13) - 1 P. Walker (Orkney) 8.00, 2 F. Burke (Orkney) 8.08, 3 M. Neen (Orkney Academy) 8.12, Team - Orkney.

Junior women (11-13) - 1 L. Lohlan (Furres) 10.00, 2 J. Duffin (Elgin AAC) 12.00, 3 J. Macdonald (Lodhar AC) 13.15, Team - Furres.

Senior/intermediate women - 1 F. White (Lodhar AC) 13.40, 2 M. Macdonald (Elgin AAC) 15.22, 3 S. Lohlan (Furres) 16.41 (3rd), Team - Orkney.

Orkney team on record book after finishing with the same points as Elgin.

DARTS GREAT LEVELLER

ALL-ON competitions such as Elgin and District Darts League's Central Cup can be great levellers, a fact borne out by the high casualty rate of teams from the upper brackets in this year's event.

There were some very heavily contested matches in the third round, with no fewer than three firsts going to a golden decision.

Notable heads to roll included the Bonnie Earl and the Imperial.

RESULTS

Central Cup Third Round

Lodhar Hotel 31, Harbour Hotel 1, Furres Club 8, Elgin 10, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

MONDAY

North of Scotland Cup

Sherry House 8, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

Women qualify for the all in draw.

FIFTEEN

MONDAY

Division 1

Imperial v Station Hotel; Commercial v 1st; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

Division 2: Tenant Arms v Collier House; Imperial v Black & Tan; Kerkie 1st v Col's Whiskers; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

Division 3: Tenant Arms v Collier House; Imperial v Black & Tan; Kerkie 1st v Col's Whiskers; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

Division 4: Sherry House v Collier House; Grove Hotel v Furres Club; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

Thursday: Central Cup Fourth Round.

Lodhar Hotel v Furres Club; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

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Cliff Dig In

A CLIFF dig in was won by Jackie Thistle 8 in Col's Whiskers 4 to 1. The only maximum recorded this week was by J. Philp (Rock House).

Results: Col's House 8, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

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POOL WARMING UP

THINGS are heating up in Loutham Pool League with two teams tied at the top of each division.

In the top Right Harbour all Money Golf Club both have 1 points, with the latter having, game in hand, while in the lower section Strathclyde on Beach Bar share 16 points with the fourth having an extra game.

At the other end of Division 1, Loutham have with drawn from the league to have Jackson's Sherry Bar at the bottom of the table without win to their credit.

RESULTS

Highway Cup, 1st - Loutham Hotel 27, Rock House 21.

League: Division 1 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

FIXTURES

League: Division 1 - Col's House 1st, Money Golf 2nd, Loutham Hotel 3rd, RAPA 4th, Harbour 5th, Strathclyde 6th, Beach Bar 7th, HSA 8th, Col's House 9th, Col's House 10th, Col's House 11th, Col's House 12th, Col's House 13th, Col's House 14th, Col's House 15th, Col's House 16th, Col's House 17th, Col's House 18th, Col's House 19th, Col's House 20th, Col's House 21st, Col's House 22nd, Col's House 23rd, Col's House 24th, Col's House 25th, Col's House 26th, Col's House 27th, Col's House 28th, Col's House 29th, Col's House 30th, Col's House 31st, Col's House 32nd, Col's House 33rd, Col's House 34th, Col's House 35th, Col's House 36th, Col's House 37th, Col's House 38th, Col's House 39th, Col's House 40th, Col's House 41st, Col's House 42nd, Col's House 43rd, Col's House 44th, Col's House 45th, Col's House 46th, Col's House 47th, Col's House 48th, Col's House 49th, Col's House 50th, Col's House 51st, Col's House 52nd, Col's House 53rd, Col's House 54th, Col's House 55th, Col's House 56th, Col's House 57th, Col's House 58th, Col's House 59th, Col's House 60th, Col's House 61st, Col's House 62nd, Col's House 63rd, Col's House 64th, Col's House 65th, Col's House 66th, Col's House 67th, Col's House 68th, Col's House 69th, Col's House 70th, Col's House 71st, Col's House 72nd, Col's House 73rd, Col's House 74th, Col's House 75th, Col's House 76th, Col's House 77th, Col's House 78th, Col's House 79th, Col's House 80th, Col's House 81st, Col's House 82nd, Col's House 83rd, Col's House 84th, Col's House 85th, Col's House 86th, Col's House 87th, Col's House 88th, Col's House 89th, Col's House 90th, Col's House 91st, Col's House 92nd, Col's House 93rd, Col's House 94th, Col's House 95th, Col's House 96th, Col's House 97th, Col's House 98th, Col's House 99th, Col's House 100th.

Swan Sunk

IN the tie clash in Dufftown and Keith District Pool League, Mason 10 piped the Swan 8 in the narrowest of margins.

Results - Royal Oak (Keith) 8, Crown 14, Mason 10, Swan 8, Royal Oak (Dufftown) 8, Mason 10, Crown 14, Grampian 8.

VOLLEYBALL DOUBLE BLOW

KNOXJOE Sports Volleyball Club suffered a double setback at the weekend when both their Downer and National League teams were beaten.

The District League team were first to take the dust when their 100% record was shattered by a gritty RAS Kilmarnock side.

Emotions were close in the National League competition when they travelled to meet Grange VC of Polk.

Unfortunately the Kilmarnock side produced their most dismal form of the season and had the humiliation of seeing their lack lustre defence taken apart by a side who cannot be so easily trifled.

They went down 3-1.

Today Kilmarnock stage their first home National League match since November when they entertained Nairn Travel at Elgin High school.

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ESB SHOOTING I OUT IN FRONT

BEN-ACCORD marksmen T. Kibber has established a clear lead in the Men's and Women's League after six rounds.

He has the remarkably fine record of having dropped only three points out of a maximum of 600.

Three competitors - J. Lavery (Furres) and P. Shaw and J. Shaw (both Ben-Accord) have lost six points, and J. Chisholm (Elgin) seven. Two other leading Elgin marksmen, P. Macdonald and A. V. Macdonald, are a point behind.

Recent six rounds included - Division 1 - Elgin 15, Duff