

# **SAF NORTHERN DISTRICT CHAMPS**

## **Forres**

**SCOTTISH** mountain running international Graeme Bartlett easily retained the senior men's title on his home course with nearest rivals Graham Herbert and John Brooks finishing over 350m adrift, *Fraser Clyne reports.*

The expected challenge from Alan Reid - three times a previous winner over the past six years - never materialised as the Peterhead AAC man was still recovering from the after-effects of a bout of 'flu.

However, even a fully fit Reid might have had difficulty handling the ever improving Bartlett who has been growing in confidence since helping Scotland finish second in the World Mountain Running Trophy at Edinburgh in September.

The Forres man was certainly in a class of his own on this occasion and thoroughly deserved his comprehensive victory.

George Sim added another veteran's gold medal to his collection when placing ninth overall, well ahead of fellow golden oldies Doug Cowie and Graham Milne.

Keith and District AC's perfect season continued with a first ever success in the senior men's team competition.

Ross Arbuckle, Frankie Barton, Simon Pride, Willie Johnstone, Stephen Gill and Andrew Newlands were the winning scorers for the Morayshire side who are enjoying an unprecedented run of successes on the North circuit.

The North cross country relay relay title was bagged in October and Ed Johnstone's squad also currently lead the North League.

Glasgow University student Malcolm Bain, from Stornoway, was a runaway winner of the U20 title for the second year in a row and was only beaten by four senior men when finishing well clear of Kevin McAlpine.

The closest finish of the day came in the U17 race in which only eight seconds separated the three medallists, Stewart Atkinson eventually getting the better of Niall Cameron and Steve Buchan.

Ann Smart won the women's title for the second time in four years with a clearcut victory over Louise Davidson who added a silver medal to the bronze she collected in 1992.

Smart also led Inverness Harriers to their third team title in four years with backing from third placed Julie Wilson and Anne MacLean who was eighth.

Claire Broad and Debbie Hastie, respective winners of the U15 and U13 titles a year ago, both stepped up an age group to secure second successive championship victories.

Moray Road Runners emerged as the top club overall with four individual and four team titles.

### **Men**

1 G Bartlett (Forres) 33:57; 2 G Herbert (I'ness) 35:00; 3 J Brooks (Loch) 35:07; R Arbuckle (Keith) 35:18; 5 F Barton (Keith) 35:45; 6 S Pride (Keith) 35:45; 7 H Wright (Caith) 35:48; 8 A Reid (P'head) 36:20; 9 G Sim (Moray, M45)

36:21; 10 P Mathieson (Forres)  
36:44; 11 M Flynn (Moray) 37:02;  
12 W Johnstone (Keith) 37:08; 13 D  
Cowie (Forres, M40) 37:16; 14 G  
Milne (Moray, M45) 37:22; 15 G  
Bruce (MBI) 37:32; 16 K Prosser  
(Moray) 37:40; 17 A Rose-Miller  
(Nairn) 38:07; 18 A Stewart (Moray)  
38:17; 19 B Fieldsend (I'ness)  
38:27; 20 J McGhee (Forres) 38:32  
**M50:** R Wilby (MBI) 40:34  
**TEAM:** 1 Keith and District AC 76;  
2 Moray Road Runners 89; 3  
Forres Harriers 96

**VET TEAM:** Moray RR

#### **U20**

1 M Bain (S'way) 35:37; 2 K  
McAlpine (Nairn) 36:54; 3 R Cook  
(I'ness) 37:34; 4 R Morris (P'head)  
38:36; 5 R Milne (Moray) 40:16; 6 S  
Paterson (Moray) 40:21; 7 S Scott  
(Moray) 41:17; 8 S MacKenzie  
(MBI) 43:05; 9 G McKinnon (Loch)  
43:09; 10 K Morrice (Moray) 47:45

**TEAM:** Moray RR 18

#### **U17**

1 S Atkinson (Loch) 23:26; 2 N  
Cameron (Forres) 23:32; 3 S  
Buchan (Fraser) 23:34; 4 L Brown  
(Forres) 24:04; 5 S Campbell (MBI)  
24:29; 6 R Thornhill (Moray) 25:13;  
7 I Arthur (P'head) 26:24; 8 S  
Cowie (Moray) 26:49; 9 S Ramsay  
(I'ness) 28:24; 10 M Graham (MBI)  
29:41

**TEAM:** Moray RR 25

#### **U15**

1 L Buchan (P'head) 14:54; 2 B  
Irvine (Fraser) 15:04; 3 E McDonald  
(MBI) 15:11; 4 S McIntyre (I'ness)  
15:23; 5 R Paterson (Moray) 15:25;  
6 P Annal (MBI) 15:28; 7 T Golabek  
(MBI) 15:30; 8 A Brown (MBI)  
15:32; 9 D Ingram (P'head) 15:33;  
10 A Campbell (MBI) 15:58

**TEAM:** 1 Minolta Black Isle 16; 2  
Fraserburgh RC 27; 3 Inverness  
Harriers 32

#### **U13**

1 K McIntyre (Fraser) 11:46; 2 A  
Hastie (P'head) 12:00; 3 J Mitchell  
(Forres) 12:10; 4 A Milne (Moray)  
12:22; 5 P Johnston (P'head)  
12:31; 6 R MacLennan (MBI) 12:32;  
7 K Sutherland (Forres) 12:35; 8 A  
Allen (Fraser) 12:38; 9 E Thorburn  
(MBI) 12:39; 10 I Massie (Fraser)  
13:42

**TEAM:** 1 Fraserburgh RC 19; 2  
Minolta Black Isle 28; 3 Moray RR  
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#### **Women**

1 A Smart (I'ness) 27:44; 2 L  
Davidson (Moray) 28:11; 3 J Wilson  
(I'ness) 28:14; 4 P Mitchell (Moray,  
W35) 28:46; 5 M Paterson (Forres)  
29:13; 6 P Smirthwaite (Nairn,  
W35) 29:15; 7 M Thompson  
(Moray) 29:39; 8 A Maclean (I'ness)  
29:42; 9 C Simpson (Forres) 30:09;  
10 C Falconer (MBI) 31:14

**TEAM:** 1 Inverness Harriers 12; 2  
Moray RR 13; 3 Nairn and District  
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#### **U17**

1 C Broad (Moray) 21:20; 2 K  
Mackay (I'ness) 23:38; 3 R  
McCallum (MBI) 24:47; 4 L  
McWillie (MBI) 24:53; 5 M  
McDonald (I'ness) 25:09; 6  
LMcKenzie (MBI) 25:19; 7 L  
Sugden (Moray) 26:00; 8 K  
McKenzie (I'ness) 26:07; 9 M  
Wiseley (Fraser) 27:23

**TEAM:** 1 Minolta Black Isle 13; 2  
Inverness Harriers 15

#### **U15**

1 D Hastie (P'head) 16:24; 2 L  
Campbell (MBI) 16:39; 3 R McLean  
(I'ness) 17:23; 4 S Danby (I'ness)  
18:08; 5 I Ross (MBI) 18:24; 6 A  
Gamblin (I'ness) 18:33; 7 A Bamber  
(Forres) 18:42; 8 L Clarkson (I'ness)  
19:01; 9 Y Simpson (MBI) 19:11; 10  
E paterson (Moray) 19:34

**TEAM:** 1 Inverness Harriers 13; 2  
Minolta Black Isle 16

#### **U13**

1 J Logie (Moray) 13:09; 2 L Paton  
(MBI) 13:52; 3 E Cole (I'ness)  
14:05; 4 D Fraser (MBI) 14:16; 5 L  
Reid (Moray) 14:59; 6 A Thomson  
(Moray) 15:05; 7 J Main (I'ness)  
15:29; 8 V O'Brien (I'ness) 16:04; 9  
C Robb (MBI) 16:22; 10 A Lynch  
(Moray) 16:27

TEAM: 1 Moray RA 12; 2 Minolta  
Black Isle 17; 3 Inverness Harriers  
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