
SAF NORTHERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

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BRITISH ultra-distance interna-

tional Simon Pride won the senior men's race for the first time while Angie Ross successfully defended the women's title and Inverness Harriers won five of the nine team awards, Fraser Clyne reports.

Defending men's champion Alan Reid (Peterhead AAC) has recently undergone a stomach operation and was unable to compete. That left the way clear for Pride to become only the second Keith and District runner ever to win the championship.

The other Keith athlete to have struck gold is Ross Arbuckle who collected the title in 1987 and 1988. On this occasion, however, Arbuckle had to settle for silver when finishing 180m adrift of his clubmate.

Arbuckle had also been runner-up in 1996. Another athlete experiencing a repeat performance was Stornoway's former junior champion Malcolm Bain who finished third for the second year in a row.

Frank Barton retained the M40 title but was pushed hard by George Sim who finished less than 25m behind. Graham Milne claimed the M50 gold when placing 17th overall.

Lee Buchan edged clear of Simon McIntyre to take top place in the U17 race while Craig Poole retained the U15 title with a clear win over John Mitchell.

Only three seconds separated the first three in the U13 contest in which Graeme Welsh came home ahead of Adam Watt and Ewan Lefevre.

Official runner-up Anne Maclean led Inverness Harriers to a fifth team title in six years and added to her personal medal haul by pocketing the individual silver and W35 gold awards.

Alison Campbell and Joanne Logie retained their respective titles in the U17 and U15 competitions while Mairi Spence took the U13 prize.

Men

1 S Pride (Keith) 36:53; 2 R Arbuckle (Keith) 37:23; 3 M Bain (S'way) 37:47; 4 S Mackenzie (I'ness) 38:04; 5 F Barton (Keith, M40) 38:10; 6 G Sim (Moray, M40) 38:14; 7 B Chinnick (I'ness) 38:17; 8 H Wright (Keith) 38:30; 9 S. Cook (I'ness) 39:25; 10 W Johnstone (Keith); 11 D Flynn (I'ness) 39:47; 12 A Munro (Moray) 40:05; 13 B Law (Keith) 40:13; 14 A Beattie (Forres) 40:20; 15 E Paterson (Moray, M40)

M50: G Milne (Moray) 40:48

TEAM: 1 Keith and District 39; 2 Inverness Harriers 70; 3 Moray Road Runners 85

U20

1 S Campbell (Black I) 43:55; 2 L Brown (Forres) 45:09; 3 D Cameron (Black I) 48:22

TEAM: BP Black Isle

U17

1 L Buchan (P'head) 24:28; 2 S McIntyre (I'ness) 24:31; 3 B Irvine (Fraser) 24:39; 4 T Golabek (Black I) 24:51; 5 S MacKenzie (Black I) 25:49; 6 R Paterson (Moray) 25:54

TEAM: 1 Inverness Harriers 17; 2 BP Black Isle 27

U15

1 C Poole (Black I) 13:56; 2 J Mitchell (Forres) 15:12; 3 D MacAuley (Naim) 15:35; 4 K McIntyre (Fraser) 15:38; 5 J Stephen (Black I) 16:10; 6 A Milne (Moray) 16:23

TEAM: 1 BP Black Isle 20; 2 Moray Road Runners 24; 3 Fraserburgh Running Club 29

U13

1 G Welsh (L'aber) 13:36; 2 A Watt (P'head) 13:38; 2 E Lefevre (Naim) 13:39; 4 M Chisholm (L'aber) 13:42; 5 K Hay (Forres) 13:52; 6 C Stewart (Moray) 14:01

TEAM: 1 Lochaber 18; 2 BP Black Isle 27; 3 Moray Road Runners 39

Women

1 A Ross (Naim) 20:53; 2 A Maclean (I'ness, W35) 21:48; 3 K Boocock (I'ness) 21:58; 4 A Smart (I'ness) 22:08; 5 M Thompson (Moray, W35) 22:24; 6 J Walker (I'ness) 22:36; 7 D Hardy (Moray) 22:52; 8 L MacKinnon (Black I, U20) 22:58; 9 M Stewart (Moray, W35) 24:27; 10 S Henderson (Moray, W35) 24:42

TEAM: 1 Inverness Harriers 9; 2
Moray Road Runners 21

U17

1 A Campbell (I'ness) 21:41; 2 R
MacLean 21:46 (I'ness); 3 C
MacLennan (I'ness) 23:34

TEAM: Inverness Harriers 6

U15

1 J Logie (Moray) 14:35; 2 L Paton
(Black I) 14:46; 3 J Main (I'ness)
14:46; 4 F Spence (I'ness) 15:19; 5
J Tourney (P'head) 15:30; 6 E Cole
(I'ness) 15:52

TEAM: 1 Inverness Harriers 13; 2
BP Black Isle 25

U13

1 M Spence (I'ness) 11:13; 2 A
McArthur (I'ness) 11:23; 3 S Gibb
(Fraser) 11:46; 4 C Abel (Moray)
11:47; 5 L Williams (Moray) 12:07;
6 R Mitchell (Forres) 12:16

TEAM: 1 Inverness Harriers 10; 2
Moray Road Runners 17; 3
Stornoway 36