Although Aberdeen AAC made a brave attempt to retain the McKenzie Trophy, there could, at the finish, be no doubting the superiority of Edinburgh AC who came home winners at Edinburgh on October 18th by the

comfortable margin of 56 sec.

Colin Donnelly was the early leader for Aberdeen U., closely followed by Steve Laing and Paul Forbes, both Edinburgh AC. Mitchell of Aberdeen U. ran a fast leg (11:37) to bring his club from 10th to 5th. The position was further enhanced by Fraser Clyne who ran the fastest lap of the day (11:17) to take the northern club into the lead, now 1 sec ahead of Edinburgh AC. However, no-one could hold Adrian Weatherhead (11:27) on the final lap. After him, at some considerable distance, Aberdeen held on for 2nd place from Edinburgh SH, with Jim Dingwall's 11:35 taking Falkirk into 5th place to pip a gallant effort by Aberdeen U.

Aberdeen AAC nevertheless, gained some compensation by the victory of their young athletes which included a return to form of their youth, Ian Matheson (10:34), Falkirk Victoria, by way of fast legs by Scott Holden (senior boy, 10:41) and George Mitchell (10:21) were a close

2nd.

1. Edinburgh AC (S. Laing 12:43, N. Jones 11:44, A. Gourlay 11:44, A. Weatherhead 11:27) 46:38:

Aberdeen AAC (P. Wilson 12:16, G. Milne 11:37, F. Clyne 12:17, M. Edwards 12:24) 47:34;

3. Edinburgh Southern (A. Robertson 11:44, C. Youngson 12:24, K. Harkness 11:43, E. Cameron 11:56) 47:47;

4, Edinburgh AC 'B' 47:53; 5, Falkirk Victoria 48:01; 6, Aberdeen U. 48:06; 7, Falkirk Victoria 'B' 48:09; 8, Edinburgh Southern 'B' 48:35; 9, Edinburgh Southern 'C' 49:13; 10, Dundee 50:07; 11, St. Andrews U. 50:35; 12, Edinburgh U. 50:41; 13, Falkirk Victoria 'C' 50:43; 14, Hunters Bogtrotters 51:04; 15, Edinburgh AC 'C' 51:40; 16, Linlithgow 51:45; 17, Pitreavie 51:54; 18, Edinburgh AC 'D' 52:05; 19, Edinburgh U. 'B' 52:25; 20, Aberdeen AAC 'B' 53:16. Fastest Laps: Clyne 11:17; Weatherhead 11:27; J.

(A'deen, U) 11:37; R. Mitchell (A'deen, U) 11:42. (Young Athletes): 1, Aberdeen AAC (K. Byrne 11:46, F. Boyne 11:00, I. Mathieson 10:34) 33:20: 2. Falkirk Victoria (J. Kemp 12:27, S. Holden 10:41, G. Mitchell 10:21) 33:29; 3, Edinburgh Southern (J. Hanlon 11:25, N. Sweeney 10:57, D. Slessor 11:3-) 33:55: 4. Livingston 34:03; 5, Fife 34:07; 6, Edinburgh AC 34:36; 7. Edinburgh Southern 'B' 34:37; 8. Pitreavie 35:00; 9, Bo'ness 35:12; 10, Edinburgh AC 'B' 35:14; 11, Edinburgh AC 'C' 35:44; 12, Edinburgh Southern 'C' 35:46. Fastest Laps: (Youths): Mitchell 10:21: Mathieson 10:34: N. Ferguson (EAC) 10:41, (Sen. Boys): 1, Holden 10:41; Sweeney 10:57; Boyne 11:00, (Jun. Boys); S. Campbell (Liv) 11:22; Hanlon 11:25; G. Black 11:36.

Dingwall (FVH) 11:35; Milne 11:37; C. Donnelly