

# CROSS-COUNTRY

## 183 Competitors in North Championships

A grand total of 183 runners, from throughout the North of Scotland, took part in the annual North of Scotland Amateur Athletic Association's cross-country championships on Saturday, starting and finishing at the Queen's Park Inverness. Although not eligible for championship awards, as they were from outwith the North area as defined by the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association, 14 youths from Gordon School, Huntly, and 12 youths from the Junior Wing, Highland Brigade Depot, Aberdeen, competed in the youths' event for a special award. In addition, 14-year-old Patricia Mackay of Millburn School, Inverness, followed the boys on their two-mile course in preparation for the schoolgirls' cross-country championships at Fort William this Saturday. With a good three inches of snow on the courses, the going on some parts was particularly testing, and this proved too much for J. Waldorf, the sole competitor from Caithness A.A.C., who had to retire from the youths' event with cartilage trouble, for which he had recently undergone an operation.

Ex-Provost W. J. Mackay, honorary vice-president of the N.S.A.A.A., gave his usual informative commentaries during the races and presided at the prize-giving ceremony at which Mrs Mackintosh, wife of Lt. J. Mackintosh, R.N., a senior official of the N.S.A.A.A., presented the trophies as follows:—

**Senior** (21 and over) — 5 miles — 1 T. Baker, R.N.A.S. Lossiemouth; 2 J. Clare, do.; 3 W. MacDonald, Inverness (Forres Harriers). Winning time 26 mins. 27 secs. Team placings—1 R.N.A.S. Lossiemouth (T. Baker, J. Clare, D. Brown and M. Scott), 16 points; 2 Forres Harriers (W. MacDonald, I. Mackenzie, P. Vidler and M. Scott), 20 points.

**Junior** (18-20)—5 miles—1 D. Dell, Gordonstoun; 2 A. MacKenzie, do.; 3 T. Houston, R.N.A.S. Lossiemouth. Time—30 mins. 32 secs. Team placings — 1 Gordonstoun "A" (D. Dell, A. MacKenzie, J. Rous and P. Adamson), 12 pts.; 2 Gordonstoun "B" (J. Rowntree, I. Francis, D. Fenton and S. Henderson), 34 pts.

**Youths** (15-17)—3 miles—1 J. Mostyn, Gordonstoun; 2 P. Brown, do.; 3 I. Johnstone, Dochfour, Inverness (unattached). Time—16 mins., 54 secs. Team placings—1 Gordonstoun (J. Mostyn, P. Brown, C. Gordon and D. Smith), 24 pts.; 2 Inverness High School (S. Norval, D. Fraser, C. Edwards and A. Moir), 51 pts.; 3 Inverness Royal Academy (B. Dennis, D. Laing, M. Macleod and A. Graham), 74 pts.

**Boys** (under 15)—2 miles—1 P. McArdle, Kingussie; 2 C. Macdonald, Millburn; 3 A. Fraser, Inverness High School. Time—13 mins. 38 secs. Team placings—1 Lochaber High School "A" (I. Michie, J. Lorimer, B. Millar and T. Campbell), 23 pts.; 2 Inverness High School "A" (A. Fraser, J. Geddes, R. Clark and D. Jessiman), 41 pts.; 3 Inverness High School "B" (J. Lawrie, A. Black, P. Pommerol and J. Cameron), 77 pts.