

CROSS-COUNTRY

215 Compete in Championships

An impressive total of 215 competitors took part in the North of Scotland Amateur Athletic Association's annual cross-country championships at Inverness on Saturday afternoon over various courses, embracing Kinloch Park, Craig Dunain Hospital, and Balmorhea Park, starting and finishing at the Queen's Park, the Bught.

Ian Mackenzie, **Perth** Harriers, set a blistering pace in the senior event, and led from start to finish to retain his championship in a time of 24 minutes 48 seconds, which was 1 minute 28 seconds faster than his winning time of last year. The junior title was retained by E. McEwen, Lochaber Athletic Club, who also improved on his winning time of last year (23 mins. 18 secs.) recording 22 mins. 22 secs. for the five-mile course.

Gordonstoun School continued to dominate the youths (15-17 years) section, and won the team trophy for the sixth year. D. Allan **Perth** and W. Brierley, **Gordonstoun**, who finished first and third respectively with years male J. Brierley in fourth place.

A Dumfriesshire, Inverness High School, had nearly-draw runners in the under 13 and 14 years event in the excellent time of 12 mins. 21 secs.

GIRLS' RECORD

A record number of 34 girls competed in the third running of the girls' event, and the slight frame of Marian Beach, Inverness Royal Academy had the field well stirred out at the finish. Her winning time of 15 mins. 40 secs. for the two-mile course, is the fastest time yet recorded in this event.

Mrs Van Gelderen, wife of Mr T. Van Gelderen, Director of Parks, presented the team trophies—senior, North of Scotland A.A.A. Cup; junior, D. M. Duncan Cup; youths, Dasher Trophy; boys, Ormer Cup; girls, T. M. Spence Cup—to the winning teams and Mrs Van Gelderen also congratulated the individual prize winners who, unfortunately, will have to wait for their championship plaques because these were not available because of the postal strike. Certificates will also be presented later to the members of the winning teams. The full results are as follows:—

Seniors—3 miles—1 I. Mackenzie, **Perth Harriers**, 24 mins. 48 secs.; 2 C. Jurney, **Lochaber Athletic Club**; 3 D. Davidson, **Perth Harriers**. Team trophy—**Perth Harriers**—I. Mackenzie (1st), D. Davidson (2nd), M. Brierley (3rd), H. Cameron (4th), 14 pts.; 2 **R.N.A.B. Lonsborough**, 41 points.

Juniors—3 miles—1 E. McEwen, **Lochaber Athletic Club**, 23 mins. 22 secs.; 2 D. Macdonald, **Perth Harriers**; 3 R. Campbell, **Lochaber A.C.**. Team trophy—1 **Gordonstoun "A"**—S. Gale-Thomas (4th), D. Dunn (5th), A. Gordon (6th), T. Scherer (7th), 29 points; 2 **Lochaber Athletic Club**—E. McEwen (1st), R. Campbell (2nd), G. Peavy (3rd), R. Macdonald (4th), 28 points; 3 (equal) **Inverness Harriers** and **Gordonstoun "B"**, 26 points.

Youths—3 miles—1 C. Todd, **Gordonstoun "A"**, 16 mins. 22 secs.; 2 D. Allan, **Perth Harriers**; 3 W. Brierley, **Gordonstoun "A"**. Team trophy—1 **Gordonstoun "A"**—C. Todd (1st), W. Brierley (2nd), J. Brierley (3rd), C. Shaw (4th), 14 points; 2 **Perth Harriers**—D. Allan (1st), R. Brierley (2nd), S. Brierley (3rd), J. Anderson (4th)—29 points; 3 **Inverness High School "A"**—40 points.

Boys—3 miles—1 A. Exonall, **Inverness High School**, 12 mins. 21 secs.; 2 R. Brierley, **Perth Harriers**; 3 M. Gray, **Turrishall School**. Team trophy—1 **Inverness Royal Academy "A"**—C. Campbell (1st), D. MacDonald (2nd), J. Brown (3rd), C. Welsh (4th)—42 points; 2 **Millburn School "A"**—C. Shaw (1st), J. Geddes (2nd), R. Brown (3rd), J. Christie (4th)—25 points; 3 **Lochaber Athletic Club**—40 points.

Girls—3 miles—1 M. Beach, **Inverness Royal Academy**, 15 mins. 40 secs.; 2 J. Macdonald, **Millburn School**; 3 R. Brierley, **Millburn School**. Team trophy—1 **Inverness Royal Academy "A"**—M. Beach (1st), T. Leitham (2nd), J. Macdonald (3rd), R. Brierley (4th)—25 points; 2 **Millburn School "A"**—J. Macdonald (1st), R. Brierley (2nd), J. Gordon (3rd), V. Jack (4th)—20 points; 3 **Inverness High School "A"**—40 points.