

## OLIVIA JUST PIPPED FOR NATIONAL SCHOOLS TITLE.

Olivia Mackenzie, who attends Lorreto School Musselburgh and lives in Haddington, showed her potential at the BUPA Cross Country event in January when competing for the East of Scotland, but an infection meant that she missed out on the the Scottish Championships at Kirkcaldy. However, she more than justified the faith of the Scottish selectors when on Saturday she competed at the Scottish Schools Championships at Irvine when in a very close finish she finished second by just one second in the under 14 years Girls event. Olivia clocked 11m47s and outsprinted her EAC clubmate and namesake Olivia O'Hare from Peebles who had finished third in the SAL National Championships.

Both girls will represent East of Scotland at the Junior races that take place in conjunction with the London Marathon on April 13th.

There will be a chance for East Lothian youngsters to be involved on March 29th and 30th March when the IAAF World Cross Country Championships come to Edinburgh as the East Lothian Athletic Development Group has accepted an invitation to 'Adopt a Country' at the Championships and young athletes from all three of the athletic clubs will be carrying the flag of their host country at the opening ceremony on March 29th.

Another rising star from East Lothian competing on Saturday at Irvine was Ross Matheson who finished 5th in the SAL National Championships, finished a very creditable 7th in the Boy 15-17 age group and had the pleasure of out sprinting Marcus Cram, son of Steve Cram the former world mile record holder. Steve who normally supports his son was commentating for BBC TV at the World Indoor Championships in Valencia.

Last Saturday several local veterans turned out for the annual Edinburgh University 5 mile race from Kings Buildings Murray Strain (HBT) continued his good form finishing 2nd in 26m04. Stuart Hay (DRC) clocked 29m41s for 24th place; Graeme Jones (DRC) 36th in 31m22s; Sandy Wallace (HELP) was 54th in 33m07s; Steve Pattison was 64th in 33m51s

Anne Hay and Mary Pattison also took part but results were not available at time of writing,

Pacemaker  
Henry Muchamore