

## ENGLISH SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Four local distance runners were included in the Lincolnshire Schools representative team for the E.S.A.A. Sainsbury's School's 49th Boys & 41st Girls Cross Country Championships at Stanford Hall, Leicestershire on Saturday.

In the Junior Boys Championship over a very testing 4.1k undulating parkland course Michael Craven (Boston Grammar) performed well above expectations. Sixth man home in the Lincolnshire Schools Championships Michael only just squeezed into the County team but ran above his ranking to cross the finish line at the end of a demanding 500 metres final uphill drag the third Lincs. runner on Saturday. Michael finished in 224th place in a time of 17 mins. 15 secs. assisting Lincolnshire to a 37th team position.

In the first race on the programme the Intermediate Girls Championship over 4.1k the South Lincs. District had two representatives. Spalding High School student Charlotte Taylor had a superb run finishing very strongly in a very impressive 18th position (16 mins. 44 secs.) leading the County squad into 34th team place. Boston and District A.C. runner Chelsea Brockett was ninth in the Lincs. event missing out on selection but was called into the team as a replacement at short notice. In spite of the late call up Chelsea was fourth finisher for Lincs. crossing the line in 219th. place in 19mins. 20 secs.. Louise Rutt (Boston High School) had a difficult race but battled on to the end to complete the course in 325th place (21 mins. 34 secs.).

In a highly competitive 3.25k Junior Girls event Boston and District A.C. athlete Ellie Boyson made her debut at English Schools Champs. level. Ellie coped well with a very demanding competitive experience claiming 314th place and assisting Lincolnshire to a very good 25th team position.

TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS. Next weekend Boston and District A.C. members open their track and field season at the Notts. A.C. Open Meeting at Harvey Hadden Stadium in Nottingham.