

NORRIS WINS CROSS-COUNTRY.

For the 23rd time the annual Inter-County Cross-Country Championship gets under way. Almost at once, lanky Gordon Pirie and Ken Norris are fighting for the lead. Conditions at Childwall Park, Liverpool are appalling, and Gordon Pirie is far from happy. Both he and Norris are wearing protective shirt-fronts against snow and wind. Under the snow, the ground is icy. Little wonder the race, which is sponsored by the Daily Telegraph, has been out this year. Pirie and Norris are still together at the five-mile mark, but as the runners set out on the last stretch, Pirie drops away. Out on his own now, his rival Norris comes striding up to the finish.

Norris clocks 37 minutes, 34 seconds for the seven mile course, a great run. In sixth place, Pirie comes in with a team-mate. Surrey win the team championship, but Ken Norris takes the individual honours.