

ATHLETICS

NOVICE CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY A. B. STEPHENS.

The East Sydney A.A.C. controlled the fourth annual Five Miles Novice Cross-country Championship at Rose Bay yesterday, and after a fine race, A. B. Stephens, of Hurlstone Park Harriers, won by 18sec from C. P. Chapman, of East Sydney A.A.C. The promoting club's representatives gained the teams' race, and the sealed handicap, held in conjunction with the event, which resulted in S. Hayden, who finished third in the individual race, securing the leading position with an allowance of 50sec.

Of the 70 nominations, ten failed to compete. The men were lined up near the Rose Bay Baths at 3.40 p.m., and Mr. D. Levy, M.L.A., sent them on their journey. Two laps were completed around Lyne Park, and the route then traversed New South Head-road, around the golf links, and back to the tramline, finishing at the baths. At the completion of the first lap, O'Neill, Starr, Toigue, and Rolfe headed the field, and when the second circle was concluded the order was: O'Neill, Starr, Raymond, Dent, and Platt, away from the remainder, who were now stretching in a long line. Before reaching the road, Dent raced away, and led over the water jump, but on the back stretch he was passed by the next bunch. On the return journey Stephens gained the lead, followed by Chapman, Heydon, and Firth. This was the order on to the park, and Stephens, finishing strong, won by nearly 100 yards,

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Officials who conducted the event were: Referee, Mr. R. Coombes; starter, Mr. D. Levy, M.L.A.; judges, Messrs. T. Grey, W. B. Alexander, J. P. Grinton, G. P. Parke, H. Smith, G. H. A. Matthews, J. M. Lynch, A. H. Rollo, A. Rolfe; timekeepers, Messrs. H. A. Westhoff and E. G. S. Foster; stewards, members of the East Sydney Club.

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS.

A. B. Stephens (Hurlstone Park Harriers), 28min 10sec, 1; C. P. Chapman (East Sydney A.A.C.), 28min 28sec, 2; S. Heyman (Hurlstone Park Harriers), 28min 30sec, 3; L. Firth (North Sydney A.A.C.), 28min 40sec, 4; T. Tye (Botany Harriers), 28min 41sec, 5; L. F. Fathers (Cumberland Harriers), 28min 45sec, 6; F. Hourigan (E. Sydney), 28.45, 7; W. Sweeting (H. Pk.), 29.1, 8; C. Guan (Marr.), 29.2, 9; T. O'Neill (E. Sydney), 29.3, 10; W. H. Coombes (E. Sydney), 29.8, 11; C. R. O'Brien (Redfern), 29.10, 12; E. Boots (Bot.), 29.17, 13; J. M. Abel (E. Sydney), 29.20, 14; H. Etherden (Redfern), 29.23, 15; C. Fleming (Marr.), 29.25, 16; W. Oliver (Marr.), 29.32, 17; H. Brown (Bot.), 29.47, 18; W. T. Star (Redfern), 29.48, 19; M. Fitzgerald (Redfern), 29.50, 20.

TEAMS' POINTS.

East Sydney A.A.C. (C. P. Chapman 2, F. Hourigan 7, T. O'Neill 10, W. H. Coombes 11), 30 points, 1; Hurlstone Park Harriers (A. B. Stephens 1, S. Heyden 3, C. Sweeting 8, W. McLeod 24), 36 points, 2; Botany Harriers (T. J. Tye 5, E. J. Boots 13, H. Brown 18, F. Crombie 26), 62 points, 3; Marrickville 63, 4; Redfern 66, 5; Hornsby Churches' A.A.A. 149, 6; North Sydney 152, 7.

SEALED HANDICAP.—S. Heydon (all 50sec.), net time 27.40, 1; T. Tye (all 55sec.), net time 27.46, 2; C. R. O'Brien (all 1min. 20sec.), net time 27.50, 3; F. Hourigan (all 55sec.), net time 27.53, 4.

PREVIOUS WINNERS.—1911, C. Foster, 33min. 31sec; teams' race, not contested. 1912, T. Frazer, 33.22½; teams' race. South Sydney. 1913, K. Foster, 33.30;

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