

# ATHLETICS.

## Novice Cross Country.

### A. BLYTH CHAMPION.

### TEAMS RACE TO ST. GEORGE.

As a result of the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association deciding that in view of the unsatisfactory results of the five miles' novice cross-country championship, the race should be re-run, the event for the second time was promoted by the East Sydney Club on Saturday. A. Blyth, of St. George, won the individual title, and his club secured the teams' race.

It was the 16th race for the title, and in the earlier run, on June 16, W. J. Hyland, of East Sydney Club, gained the individual honours, after a close race with S. R. Hesketh, of Western Suburbs, and the teams event resulted in an easy victory for Western Suburbs. On Saturday there was a marked change in individual and team results.

Thirty-five of the original runners started from Bondi Beach, and the championship was decided in rain over a heavy course. Hesketh early assumed the lead. Running barefooted, he passed into Military-road, in advance of N. Gillard, E. L. Hunter, W. J. Hyland, and T. McAlister. In Brighton Boulevard the Western Suburbs man held his advantage from Hyland and Creasy, followed by McAlister. Hesketh was still in front after traversing the beach for the second time, but in Military-road was passed by Blyth, then Hunter, Gillard, and McAlister followed at intervals. The St. George man moved away from Hesketh towards the beach, and won by 100 yards, with Gillard a close third. The time, 29m 48s, indicates that the distance was much closer to the prescribed five miles than on the previous occasion.

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Although the four Western Suburbs runners finished with the last man in 14th place, and St. George's fourth representative was 19th, the total points gave the latter club victory in the teams race by four points, the figures being 29-33, due to the prominent positions occupied by the two leading St. George men.

Two sealed handicaps were decided in conjunction with the championship, one on the original starts, and the second handicapped on form displayed since June 16, in open competition.

Blyth is a youthful runner, who has shown promising form on the track. He holds the middle distance championships of the St. George Club, and finished second in the one mile race for the State title last March. In the previous novice championship he occupied third place, but as on that occasion the race was at least half a mile short, Blyth showed that he was suited by the longer distance, as he did not assume the lead until reaching the last mile.

Results:—

#### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

A. Blyth (St. George), 29m 48s, 1; S. R. Hesketh (Western Suburbs), 30m 15s, 2; N. Gillard (St. George), 30m 17s, 3; E. L. Hunter (East Sydney), 30m 18s, 4; F. Creasy (South Sydney), 30m 23s, 5; B. C. Button (St. George), 30m 38s, 6; F. Parker (Manly), 30m 39s, 7; T. McAlister (East Sydney), 30m 40s, 8; J. Hoysted (Western Suburbs), 30m 47s, 9; C. R. Macdonald (Western Suburbs), 31m 5s, 10.

#### TEAMS RACE.

St. George, A. Blyth, 1; N. Gillard, 3; B. C. Button, 6; R. Kelleher, 19—29 points, 1.

Western Suburbs, S. R. Hesketh, 2; J. Hoysted, 8; C. R. Macdonald, 9; L. Triglone, 14—33 points, 2.

East Sydney, E. L. Hunter, 4; T. McAlister, 7; H. J. Evans, 10; W. J. Hyland, 18—39 points, 3.

South Sydney, 51; Botany, 74; Kensington, 74.

#### SEALED HANDICAPS.

F. Parker (Manly), all'd. 2m 45s handicap time. 27m 44s, 1; W. Fountain (South Sydney), 3m 30s. 28m 10s, 2; H. J. Evans (East Sydney), 2m 10s. 28m 57s, 3.

H. J. Evans (East Sydney), 2m 10s, 28m 57s, 1; N. Gillard (St. George), 1m 10s, 29m 7s, 2; E. L. Hunter (East Sydney), 1m 10s, 29m 8s, 3.

#### N.S.W. WALKING CLUB.

Members of the New South Wales Walking and Field Games Club contested a 12 miles' scratch race and sealed handicap at Rose Bay.

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Scratch race, G. A. Smith, 1h 49m 55s, 1; L. W. Brown, 1h 50m 15s, 2; J. V. Richmond, 1h 53m 42s, 3; H. W. Barrett, 1h 54m 15s, 4.

Sealed Handicap, G. A. Smith (alld. 13m 30s), handicap time, 1h 36m 25s, 1; H. W. Barrett (17m 30s), 1h 36m 45s, 2; L. W. Brown (13m 15s), 1h 17m, 3; L. J. Drake (30m), 1h 41m 38s, 4.

#### MOZART JUNIOR CLUB.

Three races were decided by the Mozart Junior Club, at Erskineville Oval. Results:—

One mile, E. Read, 50yds, 1; W. Betts, 10yds, 2; V. Beattie, 60yds, 3. 440 Yards, C. Finch, 50yds, 1; R. Fuller, 45yds, 2; E. Burke, 40yds, 3. 100 Yards, C. Finch, 6yds, 1; B. Chave, 5yds, 2; R. Fuller, 7yds, 3.

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