

ATHLETICS.

C. M. Hall Junior Champion.

TEAMS RACE TO RANDWICK-KENSINGTON.

C. M. Hall, a former King's School and a Great Public Schools' champion, who now competes with Eastern Suburbs club, won the State junior five miles cross-country championship at Kensington Racecourse on Saturday. Randwick-Kensington's combination secured the teams' title, decided in conjunction with the individual race.

It was the first race under the revised conditions, for 20 years the event having been styled the "novice" championship, open to athletes who had not gained a prize in an event of two miles or further. Runners who had not finished in leading places in the State three, 10, and 15 miles, 10,000 metres, and the novice championships were eligible on Saturday for the event, which was controlled by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association.

Competitors faced wintry conditions, and rain fell prior to the start. An entry of 120, which exceeded nominations for past fixtures, was received, and 11 clubs contested the teams' race. The withdrawal of 24 athletes brought the number of starters to 96. From the three furlongs post the runners completed a circuit of the course, and as they passed the stands the first time J. T. Kiely led O. Kuschert and A. Fell. After the completion of the lap upon the main racing track J. V. Richmond had assumed command from Fell and C. D. Bartley. The men then left the course proper, running up the hill and along the eastern side of the ground. Fell moved to the front from Kuschert and Bartley, and the athletes re-entered the track at the south-west corner. Past the judges' box at half-way, the competitors had three laps to cover. Richmond was again in front from Kuschert, Fell, and the Rydalmere representative, R. Reddan.

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reached third place, followed by C. M. Hall. The athletes again turned to the hill. Upon the rise Reddan left Gibbons and Fell, and when the competitors ran along the tan to the stand with one lap to cover Gibbons had a 10 yards advantage from Hall, followed by Reddan, Fell, and Thornton. Hall apparently realised his strength, and used excellent judgment as he permitted Gibbons to maintain his advantage into the straight for the last time. With a furlong to cover, Gibbons was still in front, then Hall ran past him, and won by about 10 yards in 28m 29s. Gibbons was timed to be two seconds behind the winner, and he beat Reddan by one second, with the fourth man, Fell, 13 seconds in the rear. The time of the winner was 24 seconds slower than G. A. Keep's record of last year.

Hall has already made a reputation as a track runner in senior competition. He won the half-mile against Victoria in December last, and the Dunn Shield race over a similar distance. He has also been a valuable acquisition to Eastern Suburbs in team events. Hall was advised early in the winter season to refrain from participation in events over long journeys, but his club's officers favoured the idea of emulating many great track athletes who compete in cross-country events, and Hall's showing in recent open races, culminating in his success on Saturday, justified his actions.

Randwick-Kensington's team, A. Fell, J. G. Morton, E. Thornton, and C. D. Bartley, ran with splendid co-operation, as their placings were 4, 5, 6, and 8. The last-named was expected to give a better display, and was considered the strongest of the combination, but he was suffering from the effects of a cold, and ran below his usual form. The team, with 23 points, had a lead of 11 from St. George. Gibbons, who is the latter club's novice cross-country champion, gave an excellent display to reach second place, but his nearest team mate was ninth, although the club had the largest number of competitors. Western Suburbs was 24 points behind St. George, and Hall did not have the support of strong runners to bring Eastern Suburbs nearer than fourth. Reddan is sure to be prominent in future races.

Results:—

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

C. M. Hall (Eastern Suburbs), 28m 29s, 1; H. Gibbons (St. George), 28m 31s, 2; R. Reddan (Rydalmere), 28m 32s, 3; A. Fell (Rand.-Kens.), 28m 45s, 4; J. G. Morton (Rand.-Kens.), 29m, 5; E. Thornton (Rand.-Kens.), 29m 4s, 6; R. T. Dent (West. Subs.), 29m 5s, 7; C. D. Bartley (Rand.-Kens.), 29m 8s, 8; L. Johnstone (St. Geo.), 29m 10s, 9; W. Lawrence (St. Geo.), 29m 12s, 10; J. V. Richmond (West. Subs.), 29m 14s, 11; H. R. Stevens (Rand.-Kens.), 29m 24s, 12; F. Packwood (East Subs.), 29m 25s, 13; G. Gosling (St. Geo.), 29m 26s, 14; G. Pont (Suburban), 29m 27s, 15; C. Birch (Manly), 29m 28s, 16.

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TEAMS' RACE.

Randwick-Kensington (A. Fell 4, J. G. Morton 5, E. Thornton 6, C. D. Bartley 8), 23 points, 1.
St. George (H. Gibbons 2, L. Johnstone 9, W. Lawrence 10, G. Gosling 13), 34 points, 2.
Western Suburbs (R. T. Dent 7, J. V. Richmond 11, E. P. Osborne 17, L. R. Walker 23), 58 points, 3.
Eastern Suburbs 62, Botany 87, Rydalmere 89, Manly 95, Goulburn 99, Suburban 109.

EASTERN SUBURBS CLUB.

Five miles sealed handicap: C. M. Hall (scr.), 28m 29s, 1; J. E. Couldwell (1m 50s), 28m 30s, 2; J. Twomey (2m 10s), 28m 31s, 3; J. Clegg (4m 10s), 28m 40s, 4; A. Whillier (3m 50s), 28m 58s, 5; F. Packwood (20s), 29m, 6.

NEW SOUTH WALES WALKING CLUB.

T. H. Daintry won the senior 10 miles road championship of the New South Wales Walking Club at Pagewood, and, with an allowance of 6m 55s, gained the sealed handicap. Results:—

Senior championship. T. H. Daintry, 1h 24m 20s, 1; W. J. Clark, 1h 30m 3s, 2; J. F. O'Rourke, 1h 32m 15s, 3; F. J. Collings, 1h 33m 56s, 4; J. Coppock, 1h 36m 28s, 5; W. H. London, 1h 36m 37s, 6.

Under 21 years: F. W. Collings, 1h 42m 26s.

Sealed handicap: T. H. Daintry (6m 55s), 1h 17m 25s, 1; J. F. O'Rourke (14m), 1h 18m 15s, 2; H. W. Barrett (22m 30s), 1h 20m 11s, 3; S. R. McGie (17m 55s), 1h 20m 18s, 4; F. W. Collings (21m 40s), 1h 20m 46s, 5; F. J. Collings (11m 40s), 1h 21m 56s, 6.