

ATHLETICS.

Novice Championship.

BOTANY'S DUAL WIN.

W. Hamilton, of the Botany Harriers, won the State novice five miles cross-country championship at Kensington racecourse on Saturday in the record time of 27 minutes. His club tied with the holder—South Sydney—for the teams' supremacy, but owing to having the four men home earlier Botany was awarded first place.

The entry of 74 was 11 in excess of last year's, and 57 runners competed, representing six clubs and five individual athletes. Starting from the judge's box on the course proper, the men ran a furlong on the straight, then retraced their steps. V. Millington, J. Wilson, J. Chalmers, F. Packwood, S. Packwood, and T. Baker headed the field as they rounded the turn. At the completion of the first circuit Baker held a slight advantage from Millington, H. Harrison, D. White, R. Young, and J. Hayes.

When points were counted for the teams' race, it was ascertained that Botany and South Sydney had each scored 31 points. The international rule is that in such a tie the club with the last man of the team in before its opponent is the winner. Botany's fourth man was 12th, and South Sydney's was 13th, thus Botany became the winner.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.—W. Hamilton (Botany), 27m, 1; F. Baker (Western Suburbs), 27m 3s, 2; J. Hayes (St. George), 27m 10s, 3; D. White (Sth. Syd.), 27m 19s, 4; G. Henry (Sth. Syd.), 27m 26s, 5; J. Stephens (Rand.-Kens.), 27m 39s, 6; C. Hensley (Botany), 27m 42s, 7; R. Young ((South Syd.), 28m, 8; C. Francis (Sth. Syd.), 28m 15s, 9; A. Darlin (Rand.-Kens.), 28m

Young (South Syd.), 28m. 8; C. Francis (Sth. Syd.), 28m 15s. 9; A. Darlin (Rand.-Kens.), 28m 18s. 10; J. Prowse (Botany), 28m 19s. 11; J. Smith (Botany), 28m 22s. 12; C. Patterson (Botany), 28m 30s. 13; L. Williams (Sth. Syd.), 28m 32s. 14; A. McPherson (East. Subs.), 28m 40s. and A. Rutherford (Waratah-Mayfield), 28m 40s. dead heat. 15; F. Carroll (Sth. Syd.), 28m 44s. 17; V. Millington (Myer Park), 28m 49s. 18; A. Hensley (Botany), 28m 52s. 19; J. Bennett (St. George), 29m 10s. 20.

TEAMS RACE.—Botany (W. Hamilton 1, C. Hensley 7, J. Prowse 11, J. Smith 12), 31 points, 1; South Sydney (D. White 4, G. Henry 5, G. Francis 9, L. Williams 13), 31 points, 2; St. George (J. Hayes 3, R. Young 8, J. Bennett 15, N. Young 24), 50 points, 3; Randwick-Kensington, 6, 10, 16, 21—53 points—4; Western Suburbs, 2, 17, 18, 19—56 points—5; Eastern Suburbs, 14, 20, 22, 23—79 points—6

FIVE-MILES SCRATCH RACE.

Thirty-two senior athletes competed in a five-miles scratch cross-country race, as the first of a series of tests to select the team to represent New South Wales in the Australian biennial cross-country championship in Adelaide next month. The times of the first six men were faster than the novice championship winner. R. Mettam won in 26m 22s. A teams' race held in conjunction was won by the St. George Club.

R. Mettam (St. George), 26m 22s. 1; J. Patterson (Botany), 26m 25s. 2; B. Doyle (South Sydney), 26m 33s. 3; D. Farnhill (West. Subs.), 26m 39s. 4; C. Cummins (South Syd.), 26m 51s. 5; R. T. Brady (Rand.-Kens.), 27m 4s. 6; A. Blyth (St. George), 27m 10s. 7; M. Hickson (Rand.-Kens.), 27m 11s. 8; H. Fernyhough (Manly), 27m 12s. 9; H. Gibbons (St. George), 27m 14s. 10; F. Warren (Sth. Syd.), 27m 17s. 11; A. Gainsford (St. George), 27m 18s. 12.

Teams' Race.—St. George (R. Mettam, A. Blyth, H. Gibbons, A. Gainsford), 1h 48m. 4s. 1; South Sydney (B. Doyle, C. Cummins, F. Warren, W. Henderson), 1h 49m 1s. 2; Randwick-Kensington (R. T. Brady, M. Hickson, C. D. Bartley, D. G. Gallon), 1h 49s. 47s. 3.

CLUB RACES.

EASTERN SUBURBS.—Five miles sealed handicap in conjunction with championship. Kensington: T. Menzies (2m 50s), 27m 49s. 1; C. Markham (3m), 27m 56s. 2; A. McPherson (35s), 28m 5s. 3; A. J. Stubbs (2m), 28m 10s. 4; J. E. Couldwell (1m 25s), 28m 59s. 5; F. Packwood (scr.), 30m. 6.

N.S.W. WALKING.—Five miles road handicap (Saw Cup). Allawah: R. McGee (8m 50s), 55m 17s. 1; C. N. Smith (9min), 55m 28s. 2; R. Williamson (5m 20s), 52m 10s. 3; W. Silversides

17s, 1; C. N. Smith (9min), 55m 28s, 2; R. Williamson (5m 20s), 52m 10s, 3; W. Silversides (3m 40s), 51m 27s, 4; S. Sheedy (30s), 48m 25s, 5, and fastest; E. Harvey (6m), 55m 15s, 6.

RANDWICK-KENSINGTON.—Five miles novice championship, Kensington: J. Stephens, 27m 35s, 1; A. Devlin, 2; M. Siddons, 3. (Club record).

WESTERN SUBURBS.—Five miles novice championship, Kensington: T. Baker, 27m 3s, 1; D. Shipway, 29m 25s, 2; J. W. Holme, 29m 55s, 3; R. Clifford, 30m 38s, 4. Sealed handicap: T. Baker (1m 55s), 25m 8s, 1; F. T. Barnes (6m 35s), 25m 29s, 2; D. Shipway (3m 45s), 25m 40s, 3; V. I. Smith (2m 30s), 25m 46s, 4.

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE.

Messrs. R. H. Boyan, B. C. Button, and A. J. Hodsdon, who have been appointed to choose the course for the 10,000 metres cross-country championship of New South Wales on July 31, selected the route at Randwick Racecourse yesterday. Although the course will be simplified, it will be more severe than last year. It will include five laps on the flat of the old steeplechase and present magpie tracks, and the athletes will also negotiate fences and brush hurdles. During the second lap the men will ascend the hill on the eastern side, and in the fourth lap they will travel on the old steeplechase hill. The course proper will not be used.

SCHOOLBOYS' COACHING CLASS.

There was an increased attendance at the Western Suburbs club's schoolboys' coaching classes at Concord Oval on Saturday morning, when 70 boys engaged in sectional training in exercises, sprints, and practising the broad jump, high jump, hop, step and jump, and shot putt. Next Saturday morning trials will be held in short distance running and jumps.