

ATHLETICS.

Novice Title Race.

E. EVANS'S RECORD.

BOTANY RETAINS TEAMS TITLE.

E. Evans, a young St. George runner, won the five miles novice cross country championship of New South Wales, in 26m 23s, the fastest time in the history of the race, at the Kensington racecourse, on Saturday.

Botany Harriers retained the team honours, and registered their ninth victory.

Evans, who is 20 years of age, made his first appearance with the St. George club in track races last year. This is his first cross country season, and he signalled his entry last month by winning his club's four mile open road handicap. A week before the novice championship he won his clubs' title in such impressive style that he was expected to win the State race.

Gleeson, who finished second, is well known as a track athlete, and he is the holder of the State junior 880yds and one mile championships. He has not had the advantage of previously competing in winter races.

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competition in the teams' race, for which four men from each club were counted. Botany won last year, with 31 points, but on Saturday the teams' success was much easier, as, with the necessary fourth man in seventh position, Botany scored 19 points, beating St. George by 19. Western Suburbs and South Sydney were equal, with 52 points, in third place, but, as Western Suburbs' fourth man was in before the last South Sydney runner, Western Suburbs was awarded the place.

RACE DESCRIBED.

From an entry of 77 there were 14 withdrawals. The start was on the course proper in front of the judge's box, and after running 150 yards along the straight the athletes retraced their steps and completed a circuit of the seven furlongs track. O. Pawson moved away from V. Millington, J. Standen, E. Evans, A. O. Smith, and D. A. Shipway. Pawson fell back as the athletes ascended the hill on the eastern side of the course, and when they reached the straight Evans was in front of H. F. Hood, R. Woods, C. Patterson, and Shipway. Hood and Evans were together when they had completed another lap of the course, followed by Gleeson and F. Flanagan. The last-named fell on the hill and lost his position, and as they began the final circuit of the course Evans was leading Gleeson, followed by Woods, Flanagan, and A. Devlin.

At the back of the course Evans and Gleeson were engaged in a strenuous battle for the leading position, and they entered the straight together. Approaching the stands Evans moved away and won by 50 yards from Gleeson, who beat Woods by 15 yards. Evans's time was 37 seconds better than that recorded by W. Hamilton (Botany), who made the fastest time of 27m last year on the Kensington track, where the race has been held annually since 1929. In 1915, another Botany man, P. Bland, set the previous record, but as the race was held over open country at Rose Bay there is doubt regarding the correctness of the distance, particularly when his time is compared with other championships decided in that locality.

J. K. Stephens (Randwick-Kensington) won the senior open five miles scratch race in 25m 15s, but it was later discovered that the runners were 300 yards short of the prescribed distance.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP. E. Evans (St. George), 26m 23s. 1; J. P. Gleeson (Botany), 26m 35s. 2; R. Woods (St. George), 26m 39s. 3; F. Flanagan (Botany), 26m 43s. 4; A. Devlin (Randwick-Kensington), 27m 5s. 5; H. F. Hood (Botany), 27m 7s. 6; J. E. Prowse (Botany), 27m 19s. 7;

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TEAMS' RACE: Botany (J. P. Gleeson 2, F. Flanagan 4, H. F. Hood 6, J. E. Prowse 7), 19 points, 1; St. George (E. Evans 1, R. Woods 3, L. Williams 16, S. Hillman 18), 38 points, 2; Western Suburbs (D. A. Shipway 10, A. D. Smith 11, R. J. Clifford 14, R. L. Powell 17), 52 points, 3; South Sydney (8, 12, 13, 19), 52 points, 4; Randwick-Kensington (5, 9, 20, 21), 55 points, 5; Eastern Suburbs (15, 19, 22, 23), 79 points, 6.

Five Miles Senior Scratch Race.—J. K. Stephens (Randwick-Kensington), 25m 15s. 1; J. Patterson (Botany), 25m 30s. 2; C. D. Hensley (Botany), 25m 32s. 3; W. Hamilton (Botany), 25m 34s. 4; B. Doyle (Sth. Sydney), 25m 38s. 5; F. S. Warren (Sth. Sydney), 25m 39s. 6; D. F. Farnhill (West. Suburbs), 25m 49s. 7; A. Hayes (Botany), 25m 55s. 8; H. Gibbons (St. George), 25m 56s. 9; C. Cummings (Sth. Sydney), 25m 58s. 10. (Course short.)

Teams' Race.—On aggregate times: Botany (C. Patterson, C. D. Hensley, W. Hamilton, A. Hayes), 102m 31s. 1; South Sydney (B. Doyle, F. S. Warren, C. Cummings, D. White), 104m 36s. 2; St. George (H. Gibbons, J. Hayes, A. Gainsford, R. Young), 104m 57s. 3; Western Suburbs, 113m 57s. 4.

CLUB RACES.

BOTANY. Five miles novice cross-country championship, Kensington: J. P. Gleeson, 26m 35s. 1; F. Flanagan, 2; H. F. Hood, 3; J. E. Prowse, 4; C. Patterson, 5; H. E. Duncan, 6.

EASTERN SUBURBS.—Five miles novice cross-country championship: A. McPherson, 28m 6s. 1; K. Apps, 2; F. Hudson, 3; E. Barnard, 4; J. Clegg, 5; H. Keys, 6.

N.S.W. WALKING.—Seven miles road walk handicap, Centennial Park: D. Stead (9m 30s), 1h 0m 15s. 1; P. Harris (14m), 1h 5m, 2; S. Sheedy (2m 30s), 53m 45s. 3 and fastest: E. Harvey (9m 30s), 1h 0m 54s. 4; W. Hall (10m), 1h 1m 40s. 5; F. Gentle (13m), 1h 6m, 6.

SOUTH SYDNEY.—Five miles novice cross-country championship, Kensington: O. Pawson, 27m 29s. 1; G. Francis, 2; F. Ferguson, 3; G. McCabe, 4.

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45s), 24m 52s, 1; B. K. Dunkley (4m 10s), 25m
24s, 2; D. F. Farnhill (50s), 25m 29s, 3; A. O. Smith
(2m), 25m 37s, 4; R. L. Powell (2m 30s), 25m 42s,
5; A. J. Clifford (2m), 25m 54s, 6. Novice cross-
country championship: D. A. Shipway, 27m 37s, 1;
A. O. Smith, 2; R. J. Clifford, 3; R. L. Powell, 4;
A. B. Llewellyn, 5; B. K. Dunkley, 6.
