

ATHLETICS.

State Novice Title.

D. DICKINGS AND BOTANY.

A 17-years-old athlete, D. Dickings, won the five miles novice cross-country race at Ramsgate on Saturday. Dickings is the junior two miles cross-country champion, and has been among the fastest time men in open handicaps this season.

His club, Botany, had an easy win in the teams' race, securing the necessary four places in the first 11. It was Botany's fourth consecutive win and its 12th in the history of the race.

Of the 54 entered, 45 runners started, 13 less than last year. Shortly after half the journey had been completed, Dickings went to the front, and was not afterwards troubled. He won in 27m 53s by 11 seconds, from his clubmate, E. Gould. The time was 27 seconds slower than that recorded by O. Pawson at Kensington last year.

Individual Title.—D. Dickings (Botany), 27m 53s, 1; E. Gould (Botany), 28.4s, 2; A. W. Litter (Western Suburbs), 28m 5s, 3; J. Dowling (St. George), 28m 39s, 4; C. Bradley (Newcastle), 28m 43s, 5; J. T. Trimble (Western Suburbs), 28m 51s, 5.

Teams' race.—Botany (D. Dickings 1, E. Gould 2, L. T. Adams 7, A. Reilly 11), 21 points, 1; St. George (4, 10, 13, 14), 41 points, 2; Western Suburbs (3, 5, 18, 19), 45 points, 3.

Senior five miles scratch race.—R. T. Mettam (Western Suburbs), 27m 28s, 1; A. Shipp (Wollongong), 28m 9s, 2; A. Gainsford (St. George), 28m 28s, 3; O. Pawson (South Sydney), 28m 29s, 4.

CLUB RACES.

N.S.W. WALKING.—Eight miles' road handicap, Centennial Park: J. Stannett (13 min.), 1h 17m 5s, 1; J. Gentle (10m 30s), 2; G. Gosling (5m), 3.

SOUTH SYDNEY.—Five miles' sealed handicap, Ramsgate: E. Gaunt (4m 20s), 31m 26s, 1; A. Watson (3m 30s), 2; O. Pawson (40s), 28m 31s, 3.

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SYDNEY UNIVERSITY.—Five miles sealed handicap: D. B. Woods (3m 30s), 27m 58s, 1; R. J. Goldacre (40s), 2; D. E. Yates (scr.), 3.

WESTERN SUBURBS.—Five miles' sealed handicap: J. Trimble (3m 15s), 25m 38s, 1; H. G. O'Donnell (5m 10s), D. P. Farnhill (2m 15s), dead-heat, 2; fastest, R. T. Mettam (scr.), 27m 26s.

ROBERT TUCK MEMORIAL.

The Botany Harriers will promote the open five miles cross-country handicap for the Robert Tuck Memorial Cup on July 27. Entries will close with the Amateur Athletic Association on Monday.

SCRATCH DISTANCE RACES.

Scratch races will replace the State long-distance championships, which have been abandoned for the duration of the war by the Amateur Athletic Association.

On August 3 the Coombes Memorial 10,000 metres cross-country individual and teams race will be held at Randwick Racecourse. Entries for this event and the metropolitan junior two miles cross-country championship, to be decided on the same day, will close on July 20. The Alexander Memorial 10 miles track race is set down for August 17 at Rosebery Racecourse. Entries close on August 12.
