

## **EAST SYDNEY A.A.C.**

### **FIVE MILES NOVICE CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.**

It was a splendid idea on the part of the committee of the promoting club to institute an event of this nature. An annual race, at the commencement of the distance running season, will do much for the runners termed "novices"—men who have never won a race in open competition of two miles and over. It will give them experience and confidence to meet their more seasoned and successful fellow athletes

later on in the season in the more classical events. This, the first novice cross-country championship, was held on Saturday, starting and finishing at Rose Bay. The course, a rather severe one, comprised sandhills, creeks, fences, and bush, but withal an ideal cross-country test. The start was one lap round Naval Reserve, Lyne Park, thence across country generally, encircling the Royal Sydney Golf Links, to tram line at New South Head-road, near the Rose Bay convent, thence back to Farmer's Baths, Rose Bay. Out of 56 entries received 41 faced the starter (Mr. D. H. Scott), who sent the men on their journey at 3.45. On leaving the park the men were all bunched together, but by the time the men were seen in the far distance negotiating a big hill they had tailed out considerably. Foster and Browne, both of the East Sydney Club, were making play in front until about half-way, when Browne, who was not well on the day, dropped back. Foster, continuing to run strongly, came in an easy winner by about 150yds. from F. Colbert (Cumberland), who, in turn, just got in in front of C. Bonham (South Sydney), at the finish. The race was successful in every way. Starter, Mr. D. H. Scott; referee, Mr. A. Wood; judges, Messrs. W. B. Alexander, W. Jones, S. J. Jackson, G. P. Parke, J. P. Grinton, G. H. Matthews, J. M. Taylor; time-keepers, Messrs. H. A. Westhoff, D. M'Donald, E. Foster, E. J. Coote; and a number of track stewards.

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| C. Foster (E.S.A.A.C.), running time 33min 26sec | 1 |
| F. Colbert (Cumberland H.), 33min 52sec .. ..    | 2 |
| C. Bonham (South Sydney H.), 34min 14sec .. ..   | 3 |
| S. Mortimer (E.S.A.A.C.), 34min 17sec .. ..      | 4 |

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| S. Mortimer (E.S.A.A.C.), 34min 17sec .. .. .   | 4  |
| C. W. Gibson (E.S.A.A.C.), 34min 55sec. .. .. . | 5  |
| E. E. Austen (Redfern H.), 35min 5sec .. .. .   | 6  |
| E. Wake (E.S.A.A.C.), 35min 25sec .. .. .       | 7  |
| T. Hynes (Redfern H.), 35min 38sec .. .. .      | 8  |
| R. Fazakerley (Botany H.), 35min 58sec .. .. .  | 9  |
| G. H. McGill (E.S.A.A.C.), 36min 11sec .. .. .  | 10 |

Other starters were : R. Chapple, W. Manson, D. Walsh (Birchgrove Rozelle), J. R. Bosley, A. Hanley, V. Simmons, A. Simmons (Botany), J. D. Vernon, W. Arundale, F. H. Terry, K. Foster, R. Lecchi, O. E. Milne, R. P. Warner, J. H. McKinnon, W. Browne, C. Griffiths, J. W. Morgan, S. Foran (East Sydney), T. W. Carling (Hunter's Hill), L. C. Brown (Marrickville), F. McManus, G. Musgrove, S. Heatus, G. McInerney (Newtown), G. Bowen, H. Thomas, A. Symons (Redfern), L. Goldstein, T. Frazer, A. Dolson, A. Geddes, J. Mewkill (South Sydney), and W. H. Coombes (Y.M.C.A.).

The "sealed" handicap run in conjunction with the championship, was, on adjustment, by a re-

markable coincidence, found to be almost identical with the result of the placings, viz.:—

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| C. Foster (East Sydney A.A.C.), 55sec .. .. .    | 1  |
| F. Colbert (Cumberland H.), 70sec .. .. .        | 2  |
| C. Bonham (South Sydney A.A.C.), 55sec .. .. .   | 3  |
| S. Mortimer (East Sydney A.A.C.), 55sec .. .. .  | 4  |
| C. W. Gibson (East Sydney A.A.C.), 65sec .. .. . | 5  |
| E. E. Austen (Redfern H.), 75sec .. .. .         | 6  |
| E. Wake (East Sydney A.A.C.), 80sec .. .. .      | 7  |
| T. Hynes (Redfern H.), 70sec .. .. .             | 8  |
| G. H. McGill (East Sydney A.A.C.), 80sec .. .. . | 9  |
| R. Fazakerley, (Botany H.), 55sec .. .. .        | 10 |





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