

ATHLETICS

Novice C.C. Championship

WON BY BOTANY HARRIERS

DENNETT FIRST MAN HOME

The 6th annual race for the novice cross-country championship of N.S.W. was decided over a five miles course at Rose Bay yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the East Sydney A.A.C. The weather was delightfully fine, although a cold westerly was in evidence. There was a fair attendance, chiefly of club enthusiasts.

Last year the Botany Harriers won with 7 points in hand from the East Sydney Club, P. Bland (Botany) being first home in 30min 55sec, the course being evidently short. This year it was longer and, owing to its hilly nature in parts, quite a severe test of endurance.

Yesterday the holders of the title won again, and with ease, five out of the first six to finish being Botany Harriers. Results:—

* NOVICE C.C.C.

Open to teams, unlimited in number, comprised of runners who have not won any prize in an open race of two miles or over; the first four men of each team to finish to count. Distance, five miles, partly country and partly road.

C. Bennett (Botany Harriers) 1
 H. Sheaves (East Sydney A.A.C.) 2
 M. Grandemange (Botany Harriers) 3

Others to finish prominently were: E. N. Smith (Botany) 4, N. Seoble and D. Grandemange (both Botany) a tie for 5th place, W. Deane (Woolfern) 7, L. Dale (Botany) 8, F. Feridus (East Sydney) 9, R. E. Stokes (East Sydney) 10, G. May (East Sydney) 11, and F. Earnell (East Sydney) 12. There were 22 starters.

Sheaves led for some distance, with Bennett handy. These two were always in the van, but a mile from home Bennett began to edge away, and he finally won by about 30 yards in 32min 32sec.

TEAM PLACINGS.

Botany Harriers (1, 3, 4, 5—13 points) 1
 East Sydney A.A.C. (2, 9, 10, 11—32 points) 2
 The other two Harriers did not finish a team.

SYDNEY JUNIOR HARRIERS.

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The Sydney Junior Harriers held a half-mile scratch race at the Leathers Bay Oval yesterday afternoon. Result:—L. Punch, 1; T. O'Riarty, 2; L. Nelson, 3; W. Gobling, 4.