

NOVICE CROSS-COUNTRY

EAST SYDNEY BEST TEAM

Individual Placings Dispute

The ninth race for the novice cross-country championship of New South Wales was held this afternoon, with the starting and finishing point at Lyne Park, Rose Bay. The original trail was over five miles, but the buildings which have been erected in the vicinity have obliterated a great part of the old course.

The promoting body, the East Sydney A.A.C., has made every effort to preserve the true distance. As a cross-country course it is ideal, possessing fences, sand, grassed land, road work, and even a creek.

The rules governing the contest were stringent. Any man who had gained a trophy in an open event of two miles or over was debarred from the race. These regulations militated against a larger entry, and since the inception of the race in 1911 the largest nomination received was in 1914, when 76 sent along their names.

To-day's race attracted 60 runners, representatives of seven clubs—Botany (holders), East Sydney, Redfern, South Sydney, St. George, Western Suburbs, and N.M.C.A.

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

D. Swinbourne (Botany), 29min. 3sec.	1
M. J. McKenzie (South Sydney), 29min. 5sec.	2
D. Quinn (East Sydney), 30min. 28sec.	3
E. J. Best (Botany), 30min. 45sec.	4
A. Gainsford (St. George), 30min. 48sec.	5

TEAMS' RESULTS

East Sydney (Quinn 3, McLelland 6, Linane 8, Chapman 10), 27 points	1
St. George (Gainsford 5, Martin 7, Warton 9, Vaughan 15), 36 points	2
Botany Harriers (Swinbourne 1, Best 4, Lynch 16, Osborne 17), 38 points	3

Swinbourne and McKenzie led throughout. About half a mile from home Swinbourne obtained a slight lead, eventually winning by 10 yards.

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A protest has been lodged by McKenzie, and will be dealt with by the committee on Monday next.