

ATHLETICS.

NOVICE CROSS-COUNTRY.

G. Keep Individual Champion.

TEAMS' RACE TO GOULBURN.

G Keep, of St. George Club, won from 91 other runners in the twentieth race for the five miles novice cross-country championship of New South Wales, at Kensington Racecourse, on Saturday, promoted by the East Sydney Club. Goulburn representatives showed prominently. A. Morgan, who finished third, also annexed the sealed handicap, in which the country runners filled the three places, and the Goulburn men also won the teams' race. Twelve clubs competed.

The runners started from the three furlongs post, and R. T. Dent, G. Keep, R. Batty, and C. A. Jeppesen were the leaders as they passed the stand for the first time. They then completed a circuit of the course proper, and Keep turned into the straight in advance of C. Cooper, Jeppesen, and Batty. Leaving the track, the competitors raced up the hill on the eastern side of the course, and Keep moved away from Cooper. The former increased his advantage as they passed the judge's box, and commenced another lap of the track. C McIntyre was then in third position, followed by Morgan. The leading trio remained unaltered, but Keep moved further away as they ascended the hill for the second time. At Anzac-parade, on the western side, Cooper passed Keep, and the former was still in front with a lap to complete the journey. Morgan was third, followed by Dent, and McIntyre had fallen back into sixth place. Cooper, Keep, and Morgan had an advantage of 100 yards from the fourth man, and before the straight was reached they had overlapped the field.

Cooper was unfortunate during the concluding stages in the straight. The overlapped runners were instructed to keep clear of the finishing men, and in endeavouring to pass a Western Suburbs man Cooper collided with him and received a spike injury to his knee. The mishap gave Keep his opportunity, and he crossed the line a couple of yards in advance of Cooper.

gave Keep his opportunity, and he crossed the line a couple of yards in advance of Cooper, Morgan finishing close up in third place. Keep's time was 28m 5s, and this was 15 seconds faster than T. E. Ballard's figures of last year. All three placed men showed superior time to the 1931 winner. The winner is 21 years of age, and finished eighth last year.

Results:—

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

G Keep (St. George), 28m 5s, 1; C. Cooper (Goulburn), 28m 6s, 2; A. Morgan (Goulburn), 28m 7s, 3; R. T. Dent (West. Subs.), 29m 4s, 4; C. McIntyre (Goulburn), 29m 32s, 5; O. Kuschert (Goulburn), 29m 34s, 6; W. Lawrence (St. George), 29m 40s, 7; H. Gibbons (St. George), 29m 45s, 8; W. Clarke (E. Syd.), 29m 46s, 9; H. V. Napier (E. Syd.), 29m 47s, 10; C. Jenner (Goulburn), 29m 50s, 11; C. Starke (St. Geo.), 29m 51s, 12; W. Prowse (Bot.), 30m 5s, 13; N. Selman (St. Geo.), 30m 9s, 14; G. W. Smith (Rand.-Kens.), 30m 24s, 15; E. McGuinness (South Syd.), 30m 32s, 16.

TEAMS' RACE.

Goulburn (C. Cooper 2, A. Morgan 3, C. McIntyre 5, O. Kuschert 6), 16 points, 1.

St. George (G. Keep 1, W. Lawrence 7, H. Gibbons 8, W. Stark 11), 27 points, 2.

East Sydney (W. Clarke 9, H. V. Napier 10, C. A. Jeppeson 17, C. Barrow 2), 58 points, 3.

Western Suburbs 61, Botany 73, Rydalmere and Newcastle also finished teams.

Sealed Handicap.—A. Morgan (Goulburn), 2m 30s, 25m 37s, 1; C. McIntyre (Goulburn), 3m 20s, 26m 2s, 2; O. Kuschert (Goulburn), 3m, 26m 34s, 3.