

ATHLETICS

St. George. Athletic Club

(By "Runner")

Saturday, July 2, brought all clubs to Ramsgate to watch and compete in the N.S.W. novice championship over five miles. Conditions were not very pleasant as a very strong southerly was blowing right down the finish. The results are as follows:—

Five Mile Novice Championship

This was the main event of the day with 70 runners competing. The winner of the race was Ken Mitchell of Botany with Barry Toovey of St. Geo. second and Stan Charlton of R.K., third. Times were 1st, 27m.40s., 2nd, 27m.42s., 3rd, 27m. 57s.

This was one of the best races ever witnessed at Ramsgate with only two seconds between first and second. Owen Lewis of St. George was seventh in 28m.59s. Much more will be heard of Lewis over the longer distances in the near future.

St. George was third in the teams' race.

5 Miles Open Event

This was another win for Botany with L. Wakefield taking the honours in 25m.56s. with K. Ollernshaw (W.S.) second in 25m.58s., and J. Pierce (W.S.) third in 25m.59s.

This race was the same as the novice only a lot faster there being only three seconds separating the first three runners.

Albert Thomas (St. George) was fifth in 26m.10s. which is about his best time over the Ramsgate course.

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Junior 2 Miles

G. Stephenson of Norths was first in 11m.14s. J. Hagen of Wests was second in 11m.19s. Third came N. Gaffney of R.H. in 11m.30s. Reg Murphy of Norths gained fastest time in 10m.39s.

St. George junior Ed Gentle ran a good race and was not far behind the fastest time.

Sub-Junior 1 Mile

St. George had its only winner in this race, Ron Merrick, his time being 5m.21s. Second was B. Williams (R.H.) and third was K. Bell (St. George). Fastest time honours went to V. Ivantsoff of St. George in 4m.49s. which is very close to the course record.

Juvenile 1 Mile

P. Stenner of Fairfield A.C., won this event in 5.47 with G. Weaving of Camden second in 5.28 and R. Kirkby (St. Geo.) 3rd in 5.58. Len Jolliffe was fourth in 6.18. Fastest time went to Kevin Taylor of St. George in 5m.12s. Kevin is a cousin of one of St. George's best hurdlers and sprinters, Keith Short.

Coming Events

Saturday, 9th July: Botany and St. George at Botany.

Saturday, 16th July: State 10 mile at Randwick Racecourse.