

# CENTRAL GROUND SPORTS

**D**ESPITE the bad turn which the weather did for the cycling and athletic sports, held at the Central Ground under the auspices of the Hastings Warrior Cycling Club on Thursday night, all the events went off to schedule.

The wet ground naturally affected the times, and a number of intending competitors scratched, but notwithstanding this about 100 young athletes took part, coming from as far afield as London, Brighton and Maidstone.

Ivan Buckland, of the Warriors Cycling Club, again showed himself to be a champion in the making when he won three of the four cycling events in which he was entered. His track craft was outstanding, and he fully deserved the cheers he received when he sped home to victory in the 880 yds. N.C.U. championships (Sussex Centre), the E.S.C.A. 1,000 yds. championship—both of which he has held for three years—and the 880 yds. handicap.

In a class of his own in the senior mile race was Alan Pearson, of Blackheath Harriers, whose training at the hands of that great-hearted runner, Sydney Wooderson, can be quickly seen in the style he adopts.

Special mention must be made of the excellent organisation of the sports, which, under the leadership of Mr. G. W. Jenkins, went off smoothly from start to finish. The Carnival Queen distributed the prizes.

Results were:—

Women.—100 yds. flat: 1, D. Oakley, Brighton Ladies A.C.; 2, I. Pond, London Olympiads; 3, M. Gunter, unattached, Hastings; time, 11 2-5sec. 220 yds. flat: 1, D. Oakley, Brighton Ladies A.C.; 2, I. Pond, London Olympiads; 3, M. Bridgeford, Brighton Ladies A.C.; time, 27 1-5sec. 660 yds. relay: 1, Bexhill A.A.C.; 2, Hastings Unattached; 3, Tonbridge A.C.; time, 1min. 23 1-5sec. Invitation Australian pursuit race: 1, P. Didden, Eastbourne Rovers; 2, S. Till, Eastbourne Rovers; distance, 895 yds.

Men.—100 yds. flat: 1, J. Carter, Tonbridge A.C.; 2, J. R. Southern, Eastbourne Rovers; 3, A. Goodwin, unattached (Hastings); time, 10 4-5 sec. 300 yds. flat: 1, J. R. Southern, Eastbourne Rovers; 2, A. R. Goodbun, Camberwell Police; 3, E. V. Amey, Eastbourne Rovers; time, 35 2-5sec. 880 yds. flat: 1, D. Weekes, Bexhill A.A.C.; 2, A. R. Goodbun, Camberwell Police; 3, D. W. Wells, Kent A.C.; time, 2min. 2 3-5sec. Mile junior invitation flat: 1, E. B. Willard, Bexhill A.A.C.; 2, J. R. Harris, Eastbourne Rovers; 3, J. Turner, Kent Athletic; time, 4min. 35 2-5sec. Mile senior flat: 1, A. Pearson, Blackheath Harriers; 2, P. Webb, R.A.F., Weston-super-Mare; 3, P. Chantler, Eastbourne Rovers; time, 4min. 31 3-5sec.

Cycling.—One lap novices' scratch race: 1, M. Stoten, Hastings Warriors C.C.; 2, I. David, Rye Wheelers; 3, D. Neaves, Hastings Warriors C.C.; time, 32sec. Sussex Centre N.C.U. ¼-mile championship: 1, I. Buckland, Hastings Warriors; 2, P. E. Riddleston, Brighton and Hove Wheelers; 3, R. E. Salvage, Brighton and Hove Wheelers; time, 1min. 21 1-5sec. Half-mile handicap: 1, I. Buckland, Warriors; 2, P. E. Riddleston, Brighton and Hove Wheelers; 3, J. Thatcher, Seniac Road Club; time, 1min. 16sec. E.S.C.A. 1,000 yds. championship: 1, I. Buckland, Hastings Warriors C.C.; 2, J. Thatcher, Seniac Road Club; 3, M. Stoten, Warriors; time, 1min. 34 3-5sec. E.S.C.A. 2½-mile team pursuit championship, semi-final: 1, Royal Tunbridge Wells Albion C.C.; 2, Hastings Cycling and Athletic Club; times, Tunbridge Wells, 7min. 2-5sec.; Hastings, 7min. 5 2-5sec. Devil take the hindmost: 1, F. Higgins, Brighton Stanley C.C.; 2, T. Baldwin, Hastings C. and A.C.; 3, B. Booth, Brighton Mitre.