

CRICKET

ACKLAND ASSOCIATION MATCHES.

On Saturday afternoon the weather was perfect for the popular summer game, a pleasant breeze tempering the heat of the sun. The wickets were also in first-rate condition, and in consequence the scoring was heavier than usual in most matches, the bowlers only coming off second best. The most noteworthy performance was that of D. Hay who, playing for United against North Shore, carried his bat right through the innings for 143 runs. This is by far the largest individual score recorded in senior matches this season, and great credit is due to D. Hay for his fine display. He gave a really good exhibition, executing some splendid strokes all round the wicket. "Dug" seems to be in good form this season with the bat, having scored consistently in every match. He is one of the certainties for the "rep" team to play against Otago at Christmas. United's total was 267, batting one man short. In the Parnell-Gordon match the latter going in first remained at the wickets the whole afternoon, and when stumps were drawn for the day had lost 9 wickets for 321 runs, the biggest total put up so far this season. Most cricketers were very pleased to see Gordon make such a splendid stand, as this club has apparently been out of form for a considerable time. It is to be hoped that now they will emulate some of the performances put up by the club in years gone by. The Auckland-Ponsonby match was the only contest in which the bowlers held their own, the scoring on both sides being small considering the nature of the wicket upon which the game was played. In the second grade matches the Y.M.C.A. team look like going through the season without a defeat. This team desired to enter for the senior grade, and to that end they recruited strongly and got a number of new members. However their application to play as seniors could not be entertained, and it looks as if they were rather heavy metal for the other juniors.

FIRST GRADE.

GORDON V. PARNELL.

Gordon won the toss and elected to bat on a really good wicket. Williams and Anseune started proceedings and with the score at 67 the latter was joined at the wickets for 11. Pabst joined Williams, who was batting very freely, and a splendid stand was made. The latter did most of the scoring. Pabst being severely handicapped through straining his leg, necessitating his having a man to run for him, and it also hampered him considerably in the execution of his strokes. Williams was finally stumped when his total had reached 77, obtained by free batting. One or two of his strokes were rather uppish, but his innings as a whole was a really good one. Kallander, who followed, knocked up 23 runs, in which were included five boundaries, and was then caught in the slips. A. Secombe signalled his first appearance this season by scoring 32 in nice style, and Lusk, who followed, hit out freely for 28. During all this time Pabst had been pegging away, and he was finally caught by Resteaux off his own bowling for 68. Neil quickly scored 10, and at the call of time Moore-Jones and Edwards were batting, the former with 27 to his credit, and the latter with 11.

GORDON.—First Innings.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes N. Williams (77), J. Anseune (11), J. C. Pabst (68), J. A. Kallander (23), A. Secombe (32), R. H. Lusk (28), J. H. Neil (10), W. Moore-Jones (27), A. Edwards (11).

Extras

Total for nine wickets

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Table with 4 columns: Player Name, Ovs., Mdns., Rns., Wkts. Includes H. B. Lusk (10/0/46/1), C. Resteaux (24/4/25/4), J. Young (13/3/15/0), W. Lawson (13/2/22/0), J. A. Kallander (16/1/31/2), R. Woodley (16/4/1/1), J. Young bowled four wickets, and W. Lawson one no ball.

ACKLAND V. PONSONBY.

Ponsonby batted first and made a very poor stand against the bowling of R. Neill and A. Beale, being all disposed of for 83 runs. W. Mills was

top scorer with 28, obtained by free hitting, and F. Sanders (13) was the only other batsman to obtain double figures. R. Neill, 3 wickets for 23 runs, and A. Beale, 6 for 51, were in good form with the ball, and bowled unchanged throughout the innings. Auckland in their first attempt have lost 8 wickets for 151 runs. F. Clayton, who went in first, showed good form, hitting very freely all over the field, his contribution being 67 runs. Of the others Holland (27) and Nicholson (18) showed the best form. W. Mills was the only Ponsonby bowler to meet with much success, capturing 7 wickets at a cost of 53 runs, a really good performance.

PONSONBY.—First Innings.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes F. Sanders (13), R. Saunders (4), R. Sims (4), W. Mills (23), Noton at Stewart (4), Kump (6), Plummer (6), Robertson at Stewart (4), Wallace (4), Extras (1).

Total for eleven wickets

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

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ACKLAND.—First Innings.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes D. Clayton (67), T. Neill (27), F. Nicholson (18), A. Holland (27), R. Neill (27), E. G. Greville (11), M. Hicks (8), W. Hawkins (8), A. M. Beale (6), Extras (2).

Total for eight wickets

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Table with 4 columns: Player Name, Ovs., Mdns., Rns., Wkts. Includes Wallace (13/3/41/1), Landon (9/1/42/1), Mills (14/1/55/7), White (5/1/11/1).

UNITED V. NORTH SHORE.

United batted first, and ran up the good total of 267 runs before the last wicket fell. They batted a man short, Stimson not having yet recovered from his attack of influenza. D. Hay's performance in this match has been noted above, and of the others C. Hay obtained 29 in nice style, and D. Clayton 22 by steady play. A. E. Sloman, a recruit for the second, showed really good form for his 28 runs, and in addition he bowled G. Mills, the Shore's crack bat. At the close of play North Shore had lost 5 wickets for 83 runs, T. Hall 24 (not out) being the highest scorer.

UNITED.—First Innings.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes D. Hay (not out), C. Hay (29), P. Marshall (4), H. Dalton (1), F. H. C. Mills (1), J. H. Watts (10), A. Brown (1), A. E. Sloman (28), T. Todd (1), Extras (12).

Total for nine wickets

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Table with 4 columns: Player Name, Ovs., Mdns., Rns., Wkts. Includes Porter (17/2/95/2), Mills (20/2/95/2), Wynyard (8/2/39/3), Smith (2/1/12/1).

NORTH SHORE.—First Innings.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Runs. Includes G. Mills (12), H. Buddle (14), W. Wynyard (17), P. Ball (24), A. Sutton (13), Extras (13).

Total for three wickets

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SECOND GRADE.

Gordon v. Parnell.—Parnell, batting one man short, scored 57. Brown (31) played a patient sound innings, though often beaten by the bowling. Thorpe (21), in attempting to cut a ball, was unlucky enough to put it on to his wicket. Tomman (10) and G. Mills (10) were the only other double-figure scorers for Parnell. Gordon, whose fielding and batting showed an all-round improvement, scored 83 for 6 wickets. Colborne 17, E. Kessling 10, C. Kissing 20, Ward 10. Ward was run out through a misunderstanding. Bowling for Gordon, Kissing took 3 wickets for 34. Dutton 4 for 12. For Parnell Lynch took 2 wickets for 22. Roberts 2 for 9, Gatland 1 for 22.

Y.M.C.A. (A) v. Otahuhu.—Y.M.C.A. 1st Innings, 167 (St. Stephenson 95, G. Stephenson 25, E. H. E. H. Whitley 15, G. Brown 11). Otahuhu 1st Innings, 65. Bowling for Otahuhu, Whitley took 5 for 58. For Y.M.C.A., G. Stephenson took 6 for 20. T. E. Southall 3 for 16. United v. Ponsonby.—United, 1st Innings, 74 (Long 11, Foster 26, Dunningham 11). Ponsonby, 1st Innings, 83 (S. White 35, J. Clarke 26, F. Sutherland 15). Bowling for Ponsonby, Edmonds took 6 wickets for 35, and also did the "hat trick." Fearon, for United, took 3 for 19, Walton 4 for 34.

Auckland v. Y.M.C.A. (B).—Auckland, 1st Innings, 157 (Beane 56, McCormick 31, Small 24, St. Paul 10). Y.M.C.A. 1st Innings, 79 for 6 wickets (Horsley 25 not

out). Cash 15 not out, Scott 11. Bowling for Y.M.C.A., Cowan took three wickets for 84 runs, Wilkinson 2 for 21, Scott 5 for 25. For Auckland, St. Paul took 6 wickets for 48 runs.

THIRD GRADE.

Ponsonby v. North Shore.—Ponsonby, batting two men short, scored 21 in the first Innings (Gillespie 2, G. Saunders 19, McKillop 14). North Shore replied with 53 (Sutherland 11). In their second Innings Ponsonby made 111 (Hyslop 40, Young 37). Shore in their second venture have 2 wickets down for 38 (A. T. Johnson not out 16, Sutherland not out 7). Ponsonby were holding five men short in the second Innings. Bowling for Ponsonby, Harris took 7 for 13, Braund 3 for 21. For Shore, Inglis took 2 for 12, and 4 for 29.

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THAMES CRICKET.

The only game in the Association Championship to-day was Taranu Seniors v. Foundry Seniors, which was continued, resulting in a victory for Taranu by 23 runs. Foundry's first Innings closed for 75. Watson not out 11, Buckland 18 and Newick 11 being the only double figures scorers. Taranu in their second Innings scored 80, Nicoll making 17, Graham 13, R. McGregor 12, Gee and Wiggins not out 21, being the most successful. With 124 to make Foundry only put together 84. Darrow 31 and Rudkin 15 being the only men to get double figures. For Foundry Darrow took 4 wickets for 53 runs, Chester 5 for 29. For Taranu Nicoll took 3 wickets for 16 runs, Newton 5 for 48, Graham 5 for 51, R. McGregor 3 for 24, Carter 2 for 20.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

The difficulty between the New South Wales and South Australia Cricket Associations has been compromised by South Australia agreeing to accept one-third of the net proceeds of the Sydney match.

On the first day of the fourth round of first grade matches which commenced in Sydney on December 3rd the scoring was phenomenal, centuries apparently being the rule rather than the exception. In the match North Sydney v. Redfern the former at the close of play had lost 4 wickets for 401 runs, three batsmen obtaining centuries, viz., A. J. Hopkins (103), R. A. Duff (113), and S. Redgrave (108, not out). The Paddington team playing against Glebe lost 4 wickets for 380 runs—A. C. K. Mackenzie 166, V. Trumper 119, and M. A. Noble 71 not out. South Sydney playing against Burwood also lost only four wickets, the total being 357. C. Gregory obtaining 176. Waverley lost 9 wickets for 357 against East Sydney, F. A. Iredale topping the century with 104. Central Cumberland met Leichhardt and put up the smallest total of the day, being all disposed of for 239, E. Waddy, (133) being the highest scorer. Altogether December 3rd must have been rather a trying day for the bowlers and fieldsmen in Sydney.

Both New South Wales and Victoria have apparently unearthed a new and promising bowler. The former's find is Howard, who bowled splendidly against Queensland, and it is stated he can make the ball "do" more than any bowler of recent times with the exception of McKibben. Collins is the new recruit for Victoria, and he put up a brilliant performance against South Australia. He is only nineteen years of age, and if he gains stamina as he grows older he should have a great future as a bowler.

The Christchurch veteran, F. Wilding, seems to be gifted with perennial youth. Quite recently he scored over a century in a cup contest, and on Saturday week playing for Lancaster Park against the Midland Club he captured 8 wickets for 69 runs, and a local writer states that he never bowled better in his life.

DUNEDIN CRICKET.

DUNEDIN, Saturday.

The senior championship matches began on Wednesday were continued to-day. Carisbrook A. completed their second Innings for 80. This left Dunedin 65 to get to win, which they obtained for the loss of six wickets. Will made the winning hit for 4, and 2 more were run for an overthrow. Albion's first Innings was 88 (Cunningham 17, Black 17), second, 52 (Williams 27). Carisbrook in their second Innings responded with 43 (Stables 12), second 35 (Ratray 11).

DUNEDIN NOTES.

Opoho on Saturday had a lead of 27 on the first Innings against Grange. With three hours to play Grange went in, making 88 for nine wickets at five o'clock. Opoho then wanted 79 to win or play out time in an hour and a half. The brothers Downes' bowling was so effective that they were got rid of for 35, with a quarter of an hour to spare. The first round of the Senior Championship is now completed. Grange, Carisbrook and Dunedin all being for the lead. The second round commences after the return of the Otago team from their Northern tour.

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