OUTDOOR SPORTS.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

CRICKET.

TARANAKI RESULTS.

HAWERA, Monday.

Kaponga beat Eltham on Thursday on the first innings by 21 runs. Kaponga made 59, of which Cole contributed 32, and Eltham 38 (Glasgow 17). Cole and Glasgow were also the most successful bowlers.

The Midland team travelled to Manaia, where the local team effected a surprise by beating the visitors by three wickets and 12 runs. Midlands in their first essay scored 74, of which Pratt accounted for 30, Tissiman 13. Manaia replied with 60. Gorringe played a not-out innings for 23, McCurrie scored 11. With a lead of 14 runs Hawera went in for second innings, but could practically make no stand against the bowling of Foran (who got 5 wickets for 7), and Gorringe (who got 4 for 12), and were all out for 20. Manaia secured the necessary runs for the loss of seven wickets, thus winning the game by three wickets. Pratt, Whittaker, and O'Callaghan divided the bowling honours of the Midland team.

NEW PLYMOUTH, Monday.

In the first grade match, Inglewood v. Urenui, played at Inglewood on Thursday, Inglewood won by an innings and 147 runs. The home team's innings realised 211—M. J. Crombie 62, Clegg 41, E. Nicholls 24, Fowler 17, Hayward 16, Balgent 12, T. Nicholls 11. Urenui's first essay only produced 41, and, following on, they were only able to add 23 runs, Stower's 12 being the only double figures on the list. Gudgeon took six wickets for 20 runs, Hayward two for 11, O'Byrne one for 3, E. Nicholls four for 14, O'Byrne three for 5, and Reeve two for 4.

In the second grade Carrington-road juniors met New Plymouth B on the Carrington-road ground. Going in first Carrington-road ran up a score of 235, which concluded their innings, and stumps were then drawn. The match will be finished at the conclusion of the first round of fixtures.

WANGANUI SENIORS.

WANGANUI, Monday.

The cricketers were favoured with good weather on Saturday. In the senior matches Reginas beat Aramoho, and Britannias defeated College.

HAWKE'S BAY RESULTS.

NAPIER, Monday.

Good weather again favoured the cricketers, although a gusty wind blowing across the field at times made matters rather uncomfortable. Excellent wickets were provided, and there was a distinct all-round improvement in all departments of the game.

SENIOR GRADE.

In the Senior Cup matches United compiled 133 against High School. C. H. Cato and Cotterill made a fair stand, the latter notching 29 and Cato 13. Spackman, who played nicely for 20, and J. Cato, who showed confidence and was unbeaten for 10, were the only other batsmen to stand up to the bowling of Fenton, who took eight for 59, and D. Numond, who took eight for 35. High School had four wickets down for 66 at the close of the afternoon's play. Fenton, upon whom the hopes of the team were largely centred, started briskly and ran up to 21, and Drummond played steadily for 24. Cotterill and MacAssey equally divided the wickets.

Scinde made rather a poor opening against the bowling of the United XI. All the principal wickets fell for a small return, only 73 being up when the seventh wicket was down. Bailey and Ashcroft then became associated. They changed the whole aspect of the game, and carried the total to 193 before Reaney got Bailey lbw. This young batsman gave a fine display for his score of 51. Ashcroft, who hit freely, carried his bat out for a meritorious 65. The innings realised 292. Hawke 21, Walker 17, Fulton 15, G. White 10 figured as the double scorers in the Scinde score sheets. The most successful bowlers for United were Monro (five for 40) and Reaney (three for 19). United did not make a promising effort to overtake their opponents' total. Three wickets fell for seven runs, and when play ceased five were down for 56, Hughes being not out with 25 to his credit, and Young having 16 to his credit. O'Brien was credited with two of the wickets and Fulton and Ramsden one apiece.

THE JUNIORS.

Junior Cup: Railway had a day out against Scinde II., running up 254 before all were disposed of. Smyth, who went in first, carried his bat for a vigorously played 130. His was the first century of the season in local Cup matches. F. Hawke 30, Dickenson 28, Paterson 21 also batted well. Hindmarsh had the best bowling figures (seven for 60) of the eight bowlers tried. When stumps were drawn Scinde had compiled 97 for the loss of four wickets—J. Hawke (not out) 23 Forde (not out) 24, Smith 23.

The Poritites journeyed to Hastings and had a day's leather-hunting, their opponents running up 234, whilst Aburiri had four wickets down for 24 when play ceased.

In the Port Ahuriri B v. High School fifteen match, the former team played shorthanded at the start, having five men absent, and the school secured a strong lead.

FROM THE WAIRARAPA.

MASTERTON, Monday.

The Masterton II. v. Carterton II. Junior Championship match was commenced on the Park Oval on Saturday, and at the close of the day's play the scores were as follows:—Carterton, first innings, 58—Mercer 14, Jago 13, Welch 18. Carterton, second innings, 42 for four wickets—Bunny (not out) 15, Welch 13. Masterton, first innings, 82—Truscott 33, Coradine 17. Robertson, who took five wickets for 10 runs for Masterton, and Welch, who took eight wickets for 27 runs for Carterton, figured most successfully in the bowling averages.

WELLINGTON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The second heats of the first round of the senior championship were started on Saturday. A warm sun shone, but a boisterous northerly wind somewhat interfered with the pleasure of the game. The wickets were soft at first, but improved during the afternoon. Some excitement was provided in the beginning of each game by the expected collapses of the batsmen. On the whole play during the afternoon was as dull as dull could be. The heats will not be resumed for a fortnight as the Basin Reserve is engaged for a sports meeting next Saturday.

SENIOR RESULTS.

The Old Boys v. Newton senior heat was not marked by play of a first class quality on either side. Four wickets had fallen for 17 runs, when C. P. Blacklock and Staples saved the position for Old Boys, whose innings realised 107 (C. Blacklock 47, Staples 24, McKenzie 14). Alpe, who took five wickets for 33 runs, and Miller, who took four for 39, bowled best for the Newtown team, which was "upended" for 95 (Alpe 19, Spraggon 16, Caroline 15, Day 10). Tucker captured six wickets for 41 runs.

Wellington played its first match of the season, being opposed to the Phoenix team. Both teams should have made more runs than were scored, as the wicket was fairly good, and the bowling not so good. The fielding was unworthy of senior players. Phoenix, which had first strike, made a bad start, five wickets falling for 13. The innings ultimately finished at 76, Hickey 28, McLennon 19, being the only double figure contributors. Gibbes three for 12, Richardson two for 11, and Luckie three for 30 were the most successful trundlers for Wellington, which had compiled 128 when the last wicket fell, Weybourn 41, Hickson 30, Richardson 17, Latham 17, being the leading scorers. Barton, who took four wickets for 33 runs, achieved most success with the ball for Phoenix.

Much interest was taken in the Australs-Midland heat, played on Athletic Park. Several surprise packets were opened during the course of play, as the wicket was not too good for the batsmen. The Australs collapsed in their first innings, the captain being the only batsman to make a stand against Upham and Mitchell, but the Midlanders fared even more disastrously in the opening of their innings, four wickets being down for two runs, and five for 11, when Upham and Hickson saved an utter rout, the former, particularly, playing with great heart. Bartlett bowled well, getting three wickets for no runs in his first three overs. The scores were: Australs, 49 (Wylan 18) and 36 for one wicket (Hull, not out, 16, Dakin, not out, 11); Midland 118 (Upham 50, Robinson 26, Hickson 11, Stephenson 11). For Midland Upham, who took five for 14, and for Australs Bartlett, who secured five for 20, were the most successful bowlers.

AMONG THE JUNIORS.

The junior championship results were:—Australs 35 v. Phoenix 231; Wellington College 307 (Collins 122) v. Rovers seven for 23; Old Boys 117 v. Johnsonville 101; Thorndon 142 v. Wellington (last season's champions) 74; Waiwetu 67 and 64 v. St. Patrick's College 27; Midland 135 v Newtown 65.

THIRD CLASS.

Old Boys 190 v. Karori 107 for seven wickets; Rovers beat Y.M.C.A. by 41 runs; Newtown won by default against St. Patrick's College; Johnsonville beat Wellington by 45 runs; Australs made 103 and 23 for two wickets v. Phoenix 148; Gas Company 80 and 41 for one wicket v. Thorndon 103; College "A" was defeated by Midland by three wickets (Midland wanted 29 to win, but lost seven wickets in the effort); College "B" beat Wadestown by an innings and 134 runs.

FOURTH CLASS.

Johnsonville beat Midland by an innings and 17 runs; Old Boys beat Wellington by eight wickets.

JUNIOR ASSOCIATION.

Albion "A" 114 and 22 for one wicket v. Railway "B" 47; Harbour Board beat Albion "B" by three wickets; Y.M.C.A. 48 and 107 v. Wanderers 93; Express Company 41 and 34 for six wickets v. Woollen Company 66.

HUTT VALLEY ASSOCIATION.

In the senior grade United beat St. Augustine by an innings and 87 runs, and Hutt v. Old Boys resulted in a tie.

In the junior match Rivals beat Old Boys by 50.

AQUATICS.

WATER SPORTS AT NAPIER.

NAPIER, Monday.

The first aquatic sports meeting of the recently formed Port Ahuriri Swimming Club was held in the Iron Pot on Saturday. There was a very large crowd of spectators. The water was very choppy, and this interfered to some extent with the competitors, and prevented anything like fast times being recorded. The results were as follows:—Boys' race, over 13, 80 yards: S. Simmons. Boys' race, under 13, 20 yards: W. Merrit. Maiden race, 75 yards: J. McKinley 1. Time 1.17. Port Ahuriri handicap (75, 220 and 440 yards)—First distance, 220 yards: J. Knowles, scr., 1; J. McKinley, 24s, 2. Won easily. Time, 14.47. Second distance, 75 yards: E. W. Johnson, scr., 1; J. McKinley, 8s, 2. Won easily. Third distance, 440 yards (reduced by consent to 300 yards): J. Knowles, scr., 1; J. McKinley, 48s, 2. Won very easily. Knowles won the event with 10 points, J. McKinley being second with 6 points, E. W. Johnson third with 5 points. Youths' handicap, 75 yards: S. Forne, scr. Clothes race, 50 yards, fully dressed: F. Saunders. By winning the boys' race over 13 years, Master Sid. Simmonds became the champion athlete of the Port Ahuriri School for the year.

TRIAL FOURS AT NAPIER.

NAPIER, Monday.

The trial fours of the Napier Rowing Club, rowed over a mile course on the new cut on Saturday in smooth water, were all fairly well contested. The following were the results:—First heat: A. St. Paul beat R. C. Magill. Second heat: C. Bisson beat L. Hay. Third heat: H. Dowes beat G. Steward. R. Cuthbert won from C. Smith by default. In the semi-finals St. Paul beat Cuthbert, and Dowes beat Bisson. In the final A. St. Paul (stroke), P. Weon (3), D. Anderson (2), and H. Brannon (bow) beat H. Dowes (stroke), H. Kershaw (3), D. D. Max (2), and Goldsbury (bow) by a length and a-half. On the form shown in these races it is proposed to select crews, probably three, for the regatta to be held at the Wanganui carnival during Christmas week.

BOWLING.

SHIELD MATCH AT NAPIER.

NAPIER, Monday.

The second game in the first round of the Shield match was played on the Napier Club's Green between Napier and Bluff Hill clubs. The weather was fine, and the green was in good order. On the twenty-first head Bluff Hill were lying one, both skips having delivered one bowl each, when Laing with his last bowl, in trying to guard the lying shot, played a little narrow in the fore hand, nicked off a Napier bowl in the draw, and put it in. Lucas, then, of course, lying game, threw his bowl away. This was very bad luck for Laing, for barring accidents the last head would have resulted in a tie, and another head would have had to be played. Thus Napier won in three rinks, the scores being 82 to 50. With their win against Hastings on Wednesday last they have a lead of six points at this period of the games. Last season Laing's rink was the only winning rink in the same match, the result being Napier 5 points, Bluff Hill 1 point.

WANGANUI MATCHES.

WANGANUI, Monday.

Full rink games were played on Saturday, and every rink was required to accommodate the players. On rink 1, a match for the Perrott trophies was played, the holders having to meet a strong combination from Durietown. Messrs Miller, Gray, G. Paterson, and Beadle (skip) retained the trophies after a close game against D. Macfarlane, Hutton, Rodwell, and A. Macfarlane (skip). Until the 18th head there were repeated ties, there being seldom more than a one point difference. Ultimately Beadle won by 21 points to 18.

FROM THE EMPIRE CITY.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Three games for the junior pennant were played on Saturday. Newtown beat Victoria, Wellington beat Thorndon, and Petone beat Karori, the scores being: Newtown, 28, v. Victoria, 17; Wellington, 11, v. Thorndon, 10; and Petone, 30, v. Karori, 17.

The Newtown Club was successful in taking the Feathers from Petone. The game was close and interesting throughout. Newtown won at the finish by a narrow margin of two points, the scores being: Newtown 23, Petone 21.

In a singles game for the Petone Club's star, Coles (holder) defeated Wylie (the challenger) by one point, the scores being 22 to 21.

CYCLING.

ROAD RACE AT NEW PLYMOUTH.

NEW PLYMOUTH, Monday.

Considerable interest was shown last week in the cycling race from New Plymouth to Waitara and back, organised by the local cycling Brus. The winner, McPhail, of Eltham, did the journey in 67 minutes, and was closely followed by Andreson (Parikl) 2, and Skipper 3. Then followed Blanchett, Scott, J. Kibby, A. Kibby, Drake, Chong, and Rowan. McPhail, besides his first prize of £3, takes the gold medal awarded for fastest time, and Scott (67m 5sec) receives the silver medal for fastest time unplaced. Andreson and Skipper receive £1 and 10/ respectively.

LAWN TENNIS.

WELLINGTON COMPETITIONS.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

In the senior matches Victoria College met Brougham Hill on the latter's courts, and were defeated, the games being 102 to 59. Wellington played Newtown on the latter's courts, and won by 7 sets to 6, the games being 87 to 60. Thorndon won on its own courts from Petone by 12 sets to 1, the games being 103 to 47.

On the junior contests Brougham Hill "A" beat Brougham Hill "B" by 9 sets to 4, the games being 100 to 81; Victoria College II. beat Taita I. on the former's court by 8 sets to 5; and Khandallah had a bye.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

WELLINGTON COMPETITIONS.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

A tricky wind baffled the best marksmen on the Trentham range on Saturday, and the scoring on the whole was very poor. The Guards defeated the Petone Rifle Club by 28 points in a match ten men aside, nine shots at 200 and 600 yards ranges. At the first range (500 yards), the riflemen obtained a lead of ten points, but they lacked the staying power at the longer distance, scoring 32 points less than the volunteers, and thus losing the match by 22 points. W. Ballinger made the highest score for Petone (73), while Private Lacey made a similar total for the Guards. The respective totals were 606 and 584.

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