

ment when selected. The first point was well illustrated by the selection of one of England's teams last season and the second is all too frequently illustrated. They overlap. Given a strong probability of a left-handers' wicket; one is selected along with the orthodox type of bowlers of whom are of no earthly use on such pitches. It is well known that in such cases the left-hander is the dominant factor; well-why not two!

The orthodox management, is a right hander at one end and a left at the other; the former provides the batting side with runs, the latter gets the wickets. Why not two left-handers and get wickets at both ends.

Next week "Cricket Sidelines," by P. F. Warner.

**ATHLETICS.**

**The Olympic Games.**

At the Olympic games, F. E. Beaurepaire (Victoria) finished fourth in the semi-final of the 100 metres swimming race. C. M. Daniels won the final in 65 3-5 secs., establishing a record and beating Z. M. de Halmay (Austria) by a yard.

Bacon (America) beat D. Murray (Dublin) in a heat of the 400 metres hurdles in 57 secs., an Olympic record.

Beaurepaire won his heat in the 1500 metres race. Battersby (England) beat Springfield (Queensland) in another heat.

At the Olympic games Melvin Sheppard (America) won the 800 metres championship in 1 min. 52 sec. Porter (America) won the running high jump, clearing 6 feet 3 inches.

Both of these performances are Olympic records.

At the Olympic games Kerr, a Canadian competitor, won the 200 metres race in 22 2-5 secs.

A great sensation arose over the final of the 400 metres championship. Carpenter, an American, bored and elbowed Lieutenant Halwell (Britain) almost off the track. The judges broke the tape and declared the race void.

Subsequently they disqualified Carpenter and ordered the other three to re-run the final on Saturday in tapes.

At the Olympic games, Taylor (England) beat Beaurepaire (Victoria) by 30 yards in the semi-final of the 1500 metres race, in 22 min. 54 secs.

In the Olympic games Australasia beat Denmark in the first heat of the 200 metres teams' running race. England won the final, with Hungary second and Australasia third.

In the Marathon race, the great event in connection with the Olympic games, Dorando finished first, Hayes, an American, second, and Hefferman (South Africa) third.

The race was awarded to Hayes because, within the Stadium, admirers helped Dorando, who fell thrice. Hefferman was awarded second, and Forshaw, an American, third. Dorando covered 26 miles in 2h. 54m. 46s., and Hayes in 2h. 57m. 46s.

The Queen has decided to personally present a cup to Dorando, whom the judges describe as the practical, though not the de facto winner.

Weldon, an American, was fourth, and Woods, Simpson, and Lawson, the Canadians, next.

Svanberg (Sweden) was eighth. Clark, the last of the Britishers, was twelfth, 20 minutes behind the winner.

Twenty-seven finished the course, the last one hour and 27 minutes behind the winner.

Dorando states that he felt all right until he reached the Stadium, when he was overcome by the cheering. He never lost consciousness, he said, and believed he could have finished unaided if the doctor had not ordered the attendants to pick him up.

There was a magnificent contest in the final of the 1500 metres (1639.5yds) swimming race. Taylor finished 4yds ahead of Battersby, who defeated Beaurepaire (the Victorian) by a yard. They swam shoulder to shoulder throughout. The winner's time was 22m. 48 2-5s. Battersby continued the swim, and beat the English mile record, covering the distance in 24m. 33s.

[The world's mile record is 23m. 16 4-5s., put up by the late B. Kieran at Sydney in March, 1905.]

Walker, a South African competitor, won the final of the 100 metres race in 10 4-5 secs.

Britain secured chief honours at the Olympic games, winning no less than 38

of a total of 83 events, and beating her nearest competitor, the United States, by sixteen wins. The points scored were:

Britain	38
United States	22
Sweden	7
France	4
Hungary	3
Germany	2
Canada	2
Italy	2
Belgium	1
South Africa	1
Finland	1

In the second running of the final of the 400 metres race, declared void by the action of Carpenter, an American competitor, in boring and elbowing Lieutenant Halwell (Britain) off the track, Halwell ran over the course, the other two who qualified for the final, both Americans, declining to re-run the event.

Smithson (America) won the 110 metres hurdles in 16 sec., establishing a record for the distance.

Cooke and Gilbert, both Americans, tied in the pole jump event, both clearing the record height of 12 feet 2 in.

**GOLF.**

**Australian Championships.**

The ladies' golf championship of Australia was won by Miss Wray, the present holder, with a score of 268. Miss Parbury was second with 280. Both ladies reside in New South Wales.

**SWIMMING.**

The eighth attempt made by the well-known swimmer, J. Wolfe, to cross the English Channel has ended in failure, although a distance considerably in excess of that between Calais and Dover was covered. This, in a direct line, is 21 miles, but it was impossible for the swimmer to take a direct course, owing to the influences of wind and tide.

After he had swum 36 miles the tide compelled Wolfe to give up. He was then quite close to the French coast.

**LAWN TENNIS.**

**The Davis Cup.**

The secretary of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association is officially advised that America has agreed to send a team to Australia to play England in the preliminary tie for the Davis Cup.

**RIFLE SHOOTING.**

**The Schumacher Cup.**

The shooting for the Schumacher Cup resulted in a win for the Seventh Australian Infantry team with a score of 3897.

The Witwatersrand Rifles were second with a score of 3774, and H.M.S. Excellent was third with 3689.

Private Gray, of the Fifth Scottish Rifles, aged 21, won the King's Prize with a score of 325. This was his first appearance at Biele. Sergeant Nosbury was second, with 321, and Ommundsen third, with 320.

Colonel Gibbs, of the Gloucester Royal Engineers, scored 67 successive bullseyes at the Eandco contest.

**The King's Prize.**

Lieutenant Battersley, New South Wales, made a score of 97 in the first stage of the King's Prize. Sergeant-Major Hootel, Australian engineers, scored 96. Both these qualified to shoot in the second stage.

**SCULLING.**

Many rowing men, including Barry and T. Sullivan, welcomed Geo. Towns on his arrival in London to race Barry for the Sculling Championship of England.

**BILLIARDS.**

Melbourne Inman continued his exhibition at the Royal Albert Hall on July 24, when he met two well known amateurs, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, conceding each 500 points in a game of 1000

up. In the afternoon Inman reached his points when his opponent was 897, while in the evening his performance was much better, the amateur only reaching 708 when game was called. Inman's largest breaks in the afternoon were 75, 68, 78, 122, 64, 128 (of which 87 were off the red), and 182; and in the evening 81, 76, 68, 191, 87, 72 and 92. The amateur playing in the afternoon was responsible for a 48, 29, three times 25 and 87, but the player of the evening made a very poor show, his best effort being 19. The exhibitions are given on a table specially erected by Messrs Barton and McGill. This afternoon and evening Inman plays Ford, conceding him 1600 in 2000 up.

**BOXING.**

**The Burns-Squires Fight.**

LONDON, June 19.

The return match between the redoubtable nigger-dodger "Tommy" Burns and Mr William Squires, of Australia, provided a much better contest than the cognoscenti expected. There were rumours in the air regarding the meeting of these two fighters in Paris last Saturday night, which it is not advisable to repeat. Some people are so suspicious. Really it was nothing wonderful—for these are most spacious days for pugilists—to find French sportsmen putting up a purse of £2500 (62,500 francs, to be exact), for a "Championship of the World" fight, even if one of the men to be engaged therein had whipped the other in "a spar and one punch," so to speak, less than a year ago, and the chances seemed again in favour of a very brief bout indeed. As it turned out, the Frenchmen got a great deal better value for money than the Irish "sports" did, who put up the big purse for the Burns v. Roche match, or the unfortunates who put up the money for the Burns and Palmer farce.

Whatever may be said of the Paris match, it was certainly a very genuine contest, and with a little luck Squires might easily have turned the tables on the Canadian champion. He gave Burns the hardest fight he has had since he left the States, and towards the close of the fifth round seemed to have taken the Canadian's measure, Burns being by no means strong on his pins when "time" put a temporary end to hostilities.

When the pair faced for the initial round it was seen that the Australian had an advantage in height, and he looked all over the bigger man. Burns was first to score with a right on the stomach, and he followed this up with a hard left dig over the heart. Squires grunted, but jumped in with a left to the mouth, but the blow was not disconcerting, and Burns paid it back a little later with a smash that must have made Squires' teeth ache. The round finished with a lot of manoeuvring, during which Squires got home one or two swings on Burns' head, and a very delfy upper-cut.

Burns opened the next bout in very aggressive fashion, but it was to find Squires quite at home, and ready to pay back all that came his way. In a mix-up, Burns got his right full on the Australian's nasal organ, and Squires sat down suddenly, only, however, to rebound to his feet and send in a heavy blow on Burns' face, which made Tommy's head rock.

Excitement was at fever pitch, when the men faced for the third round. Burns went after Squires, but didn't seem able to find him, until, after a lot of aimless sparring and dodging, Tommy managed to bring the left well home on Squires' mouth. The Australian resented this liberty, and took the opportunity of thumping Burns hard on the head with the right. Smart foot work rather than telling flat work characterised the balance of the round, but just on time Burns slipped in a nasty heart punch.

Squires opened the next scene with a left hand nose-ender, to which Burns replied with a stab on the mouth. William then got home two or three swings on Burns' neck and back, but the Canadian got his own back with a right-handed pile-driver, which took Squires just above the belt, and made him grunt hard. It was a nasty hit, and must have made Squires long for "time," but he stuck to his work gamely, and had the satisfaction of getting home heavily on Tommy's neck ere the call to corners came.

Thus far the Australian had been holding his end up in very creditable fashion, and there were no long odds on Burns on offer, and the fifth round saw Squires' star decidedly in the ascendant. Burns seemed a trifle worried, and not over-strong. He tried to get a little rest by sparring, but Squires was not indulging his enemy, and attacking strongly, got home sundry hooks and

swings, which did Burns a lot of damage. He was, however, clever enough to avoid Squires' desperate efforts to corner him, and put on the finishing touches.

During the interval Burns recovered in marvellous fashion, and, with Squires all the worse for his exertions in the fifth round, the Canadian had the opportunity of playing the game more in his own fashion. He took the initiative, and cleverly jabbed Squires in the mouth time after time. There didn't appear to be a great deal of power behind the blows, but they took a lot out of the recipient, who seemed unable either to stop them or to reply in any effectual fashion. The round was all Tommy's, and Squires was by no means in good shape when he went to his corner. He came up gamely for the next bout, and attacked Burns with "vim," but a couple of heavy upper-cuts and some vicious body punches left him very weak, and to the end of the round Burns was master man.

The eighth and final round opened in brisk fashion, and Burns, leaving himself open, nearly paid the penalty, the Australian just shaving the point with a vicious left. In turn, Squires left a fine opening, and Burns put in a full-bodied heart punch, which made the Australian shake like a leaf, and followed it up with a short hook to the chin. Squires dropped to his knees, as if shot, and then fell face down to the floor, to be counted out.

It was a fine fight, and the best man won, but Squires proved himself a very tough nut, and much cleverer than his bout with Jim Roche suggested him to be. Evidently he is improving, and he may yet justify his Australian friends' old faith in his pugilistic powers, and give us another Australian world's champion.

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