

OUT-DOOR SPORTS.

CRICKET.

Auckland Championships.

Two first-grade and four second-grade matches were played on the Domain on Saturday afternoon. The wicket was wet and gross, and play was interrupted by showers of rain. In the first-grade matches Eden Colts and Varsity secured two-point wins.

CITY V. EDEN COLTS.

City, first innings	85
EDEN COLTS.—First Innings.	
Hines, c Stenson, b Cobb	14
Yates, c McCormick, b Stenson	18
Giamilton, run out	8
Thorpe, c and b Stenson	3
Francis, c Cobb, b Stenson	6
Gilmour, c Cobb	29
Murray, b Stenson	16
Neubit, b Stenson	6
Fluter, b Stenson	9
Beach, c Cobb, b Stenson	9
Beale, not out	0
Extras	20
Total	128
Bowling analysis: Stenson, 7 for 22; Cobb, 2 for 20; Harvey, 0 for 11; Coffey, 0 for 4; Archer, 0 for 5.	

CITY.—Second Innings.

Archer, b Beach	6
Lambert, c and b Beale	24
Stenson, c Neubit, b Gilmour	24
Coffey, c Slatyer, b Beale	9
Rose, b Gordon	40
McCormick, not out	33
Honey, not out	0
Extras	3
Total for 6 wickets	139

Bowling analysis.—Beach 1 for 35, Gordon 1 for 11, Beale 2 for 13, Gilmour 1 for 42.

Eden Colts thus won by 42 runs on the first innings.

PARNELL V. UNIVERSITY.

PARNELL, 1st Innings, 80.	
UNIVERSITY.—First Innings.	
Ellis, b O'Hif	1
Graban, b O'Hif	0
Wallace, c Wright, b Fairburn	37
Jacobsen, c Fairburn, b Hutchings	68
Grey, run out	22
Fawcett, c Barry, b Hutchings	2
Fluter, b O'Hif	2
Wilkes, b Fairburn	2
Swain, b Fairburn	5
Dettman, b Fairburn	8
Wolcott, not out	2
Extras	22
Total	186

Bowling analysis.—Fairburn 4 for 4, O'Hif 8 for 37, Hutchings 2 for 28, Barry 0 for 8, Mascroft 0 for 11, Wright 0 for 11.

PARNELL.—Second Innings.

Barry, b Bottrell	10
Lusk, c Fluter, b Hottel	2
Wright, b Bottrell	5
Hutchings, not out	47
Sale, b Jacobsen	12
Jackson, not out	23
Extras	18
Total for 4 wickets	115

Bowling analysis.—Jacobsen 1 for 24, Bottrell 5 for 30.

Varsity thus won by 100 runs on the first innings.

EDEN V. PONSONBY.

The match Eden v. Ponsonby was concluded at Victoria Park.

PONSONBY.—First Innings.

EDEN.—First Innings.	
Strook-Smith, c Robinson, b Gavin	82
Cummings, lbw White	57
Elliot, run out	62
Braithwaite, c Kemp, b White	23
Bedgwe, c White, b Gavin	9
B. Mills, b Gavin	6
B. Mills, not out	24
Extras	11
Total for six wickets	218

Bowling Analysis.—White, two wickets for 68 runs; Clement, all for 37; Gavin, 3 for 28; Gibson, all for 20; Kavanagh, all for 7; Woods, all for 11.

PONSONBY.—Second Innings.

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Woods, c Elliott, b Smith	8
Kemp, c b Cummings	5
Gibson, c Braithwaite, b Smith	22
Robinson, b Cummings	0
Gavin, c Hayward, b Smith	2
Hobson, b Cummings	0
Kavanagh, c Braithwaite, b Robinson	5
McLellan, c Elliott, b Robinson	0
White, c Cummings, b Robinson	0
Francis, not out	19
Extras	4
Total for nine wickets	51

Bowling Average.—Strook-Smith, 8 wickets for 25 runs; Cummings, 3 for 27; Robinson, 3 for 1.

NORTH SHORE V. GRAFTON.

WIN FOR SHORE.

The senior grade match North Shore v. Grafton was continued on the Deronport ground.

Following were the scores:—

GRAFTON.—First Innings	100
NORTH SHORE.—First Innings.	
Woodward, lbw b Mason	15
Hollingshead, c Sloman, b Hay	42
Kullendar, b D. Hay	11
H. Eden, c and b Mason	6
Palson, b D. Hay	4
Walker, b D. Hay	1
Hendon, c Mason, b Howell	24
Hugh, c and b D. Hay	81
McMahon, not out	84
L. Irvine, not out	13
Extras	12
Total for 8 wickets	223

Bowling analysis.—Mason 2 for 64, Howell 1 for 63, D. Hay 5 for 48, E. Horspool, 0 for 25, Hill 0 for 7.

GRAFTON.—Second Innings.

Jones, not out	8
Horspool, not out	12
Total	20

LAWN TENNIS.

The following is the draw for the inter-club matches for the season:—

NOVEMBER 21.

DEVONPORT V. PARNELL.

A men, B ladies, E combined, on Devonport lawns.
B men, A ladies, A combined on Parnell lawns.

WEST END V. EDEN AND EPSOM.

B men, A ladies, A combined on West End lawns.
A men, B ladies, B combined, on Eden and Epsom lawns.

ONEHUNGA V. AUCKLAND.

A men, B ladies, B combined, on Onehunga lawns.
B men, A ladies, A combined, on Auckland lawns.

DECEMBER 5.

DEVONPORT V. WEST END.

B men, A ladies, A combined, on Devonport lawns.
A men, B ladies, B combined, on West End lawns.

PARNELL V. ONEHUNGA.

A men, B ladies, B combined, on Parnell lawns.
B men, A ladies, A combined, on Onehunga lawns.

AUCKLAND V. EDEN AND EPSOM.

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B men, A ladies, B combined, on Onehunga lawns.

AUCKLAND V. PARNELL.

B men, A ladies, B combined, on Auckland lawns.
A men, B ladies, A combined, on Parnell lawns.

JANUARY 16.

DEVONPORT V. ONEHUNGA.

B men, A ladies, B combined, on Devonport lawns.
A men, B ladies, A combined, on Onehunga lawns.

WEST END V. AUCKLAND.

B men, A ladies, B combined, on West End lawns.
A men, B ladies, A combined, on Auckland lawns.

EDEN AND EPSOM V. PARNELL.

B men, A ladies, B combined, on Parnell lawns.
A men, B ladies, A combined, on Eden and Epsom lawns.

JANUARY 20.

DEVONPORT V. AUCKLAND.

B men, B ladies, A combined, on Devonport lawns.
A men, A ladies, B combined, on Auckland lawns.

WEST END V. PARNELL.

B men, B ladies, A combined, on West End lawns.
A men, A ladies, B combined, on Parnell lawns.

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BOWLING.

A CHEQUERED AFTERNOON.

Several more bowling clubs in and about the city began operations for the season on Saturday afternoon, opening functions taking place on the Auckland, Ponsonby, Mount Eden, and Devonport greens. The day, however, did not bring forth the variety of weather that bowlers and those who go to bowls love, the games being varied by occasional hurried descensions of the risks for shelter, while the fair portion of the visitors who had come unprovided for contingencies had their cup of joy considerably marred by participations of a wet home-going. In spite of such adverse chances, a full satisfaction, however, the best was made of what sunshine there was, and other conditions being propitious, a generally successful afternoon was wrested from the enemy, thanks to hard-working officials, excellent arrangements, and festive decks, if somewhat heavy, playing greens.

ROWING.

It is now eleven years since the regatta to decide the championship rowing events of New Zealand has been allotted to Auckland, and it is very gratifying that the claims of Auckland in this respect have been again recognised, after all these years. It is all the more gratifying because of the unanimity of delegates to the N.Z.A.R.A. on the subject, 18 voting for it and only 7 against.

The most important point to be considered is, of course, where it is to be held. At the first meeting of the Auckland Rowing Association Executive, held on Monday night, the matter was thoroughly gone into, and eventually it was decided to hold it on the Auckland Harbour.

Mr. B. S. Finn urged that Mercer would be more suitable. Mercer, he said, was a place where we could row all our races with the greatest ease. There was easy transit, the course was absolutely certain; no matter what the tide or weather, the races could be started punctually, and there was not the slightest doubt there was absolutely no favour as regards the course; everyone had an equal course.

Mr. Marriner said that most of those who came from the South would want to come up and train in the water they were going to row in, and it was their intention to be here a week or ten days. The difficulty that he foresaw as regards Mercer was the lack of accommodation. Of course, they could make a tent camp, but that would mean an expense of at least £25. Then, again, he urged, the Southern rowers did not like a fast stream like there was in the Waikato. Another point was that they could not get two clear miles.

As regards a "gate," he thought it quite probable that at any of the country places they would get a good "gate." No doubt they would get a "gate" of £100 at Mercer.

Mr. Huddleston suggested that the course selected should be Huntly, where, he explained, they could get a better course. The majority of the Southern men, he argued, were accustomed to race in fresh water, and it would not be fair to ask them to row in the harbour, where the wind was never in the same quarter.

Mr. Benjamin thought that if they were to go to the public for money, it was only a right thing to afford those people who subscribed to the funds the opportunity and pleasure of seeing the races rowed, and they could do that best by holding the regatta somewhere in the Auckland Harbour.

Eventually, it was decided to hold the regatta in the Auckland Harbour, and the date was left open until Monday next.

There is a strong probability that the middle of February will be the date decided upon. I am very doubtful indeed as to the wisdom of holding the regatta on the so very uncertain waters of the Waitemata. Of course, we can always get a course, if not on the southern side, on the northern side of the harbour; but that is by no means the only thing. The boats have to be housed at the various sheds of clubs, and experience has shown us over and over again that it is the rule rather than the exception for quite a number of boats to get swamped in going to the starting post. Last year was, of course, a remarkably favourable season as regards weather, yet not one single regatta was held on the harbour without one or more boats swamping either during the race or going up to the starting point. However, as it has been definitely decided to row the races in the harbour, as good object can be served by growing, though I certainly think that Mercer would have been far and away the better course, and would

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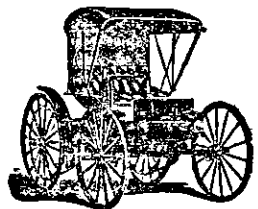


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