

25, but failed to hold their advantage, and the homesters, with a passing rush, Gillett to Francis, to Hayward, to Williams, to Sellars, put the yellow and blacks again on the defensive, but over-eagerness threw away a chance, and Taranaki got relief with a free kick, which was well followed up by Beamish and Sheahan, Wilson saving his side with a nice kick. Taranaki, aided by a kick by Dive, took play to the centre, where O'Leary sent the ball across to McGregor, and the Auckland three-quarter, out-pacing Beamish and Sheahan, looked like scoring, but unfortunately just went into touch, and a certain try was lost. Cameron was responsible for a couple of clever runs for the visitors, but the relief was only temporary, and Gillett made two splendid openings in succession, but faulty handling by O'Leary nullified his efforts. Auckland, however, was at length rewarded, Gillett making another opening, and shooting out to Murray, the latter dribbled past Beamish and Dixon and scored Auckland's second try. O'Leary's kick failed.

Auckland	6
Taranaki	0

Auckland returned to the attack from the kick-out, and O'Leary made some amends for his previous mistakes with a tricky run, which threatened the visitors, but the effort was not sustained, and the ball rang for half time with the score unchanged.

Francis set the ball rolling in the second half, T. Sheahan being unable to take his place in the Taranaki team, the vacancy being filled, by Swanson. The ball was twice recalled, but eventually from the kick play settled in Taranaki's twenty-five. The yellow-and-blacks relieved, and C. Sheahan kicked to the centre. Auckland were soon back, Webb finding the line in Taranaki's twenty-five. The yellow-and-blacks relieved, but the home team was soon back again, Dixon saving, and Taranaki rushed play over Auckland's line, where Wilson foolishly tried to run out instead of forcing his pass to McGregor being forward, and play settled on Auckland's line. The blue-and-whites broke away from the scrum, Gillett and Wilson, by combined play, taking the leather down the field. Taranaki retaliated with a passing run, Mynott to Dive, whose pass to Cameron was faulty, and a chance was lost. The yellow-and-blacks were still attacking, and Auckland were compelled to force. The visitors were making great efforts to score, McGregor giving his side relief, but Taranaki were soon back again. C. Sheahan made a dash for the line, and although he got over Renwick just succeeded in forcing him into touch a few yards from the line, the Auckland full back getting a nasty knock, and play was stopped for some time. Renwick had to be carried from the field, his place being taken by Miller. On re-summing, Taranaki again attacked, and Mynott, working the blind side, passed to Sheahan, who was thrown into touch in goal. Play was stopped for another few minutes, Francis getting a knock which incapacitated him for a few moments. Taranaki were keeping play in Auckland's 25, but were unable to break through. A free kick relieved Auckland, and Gillett kicking high, Dive secured, and running round the Auckland forwards, sent to Cameron, whose kick was weak, play settling in the centre. The visitors secured on the line out, but their passing run was straight across the field, and availed them nothing. Another passing run, Mynott, to Beamish to Cameron, saw the latter make a very feeble attempt to get through, and Wilson gave his side relief, and the forwards chipping in, carried play to Taranaki's 25, where Francis claimed a mark, which was not allowed, and Dixon kicked into touch near the 25. From the line out Herring secured, and sent to Hayward, who shot over the line with Tamu hanging on to him. Magee failed to convert.

Auckland	18
Taranaki	5

The bell rang shortly after with the score unaltered.

Inter-Varsity Match.

The second test football match between the Sydney University and a New Zealand University team was played at Wellington on Saturday, the New Zealanders winning by 17 points to 14.

Otago v. Wellington.

The interprovincial fixture between Otago and Wellington was played at Dunedin on Saturday, the Northerners winning by 13 points to 3.

The Australian Game.

The first representative match between Auckland and Canterbury (Australian rules) was played at Christchurch on Saturday. Auckland won by 7 goals and 8 behinds (50 points) to 6 goals and 17 behinds (47 points).

Manawatu Beats Wairarapa.

In fine weather and on a good ground, Manawatu proved much too good for Wairarapa, which did not play up to its old-time reputation. Owing to a misunderstanding on the part of two forwards, who thought the game started at three instead of 2.30, Manawatu played the first 15 minutes two short. Ford and Buchanan scored tries for Manawatu in the first spell. In the second spell M. Carroll scored a try, which Buchanan converted, and C. Carroll also scored. Then McKenzie scored for the Wairarapa. Ball converting. The game ended: Manawatu 13, Wairarapa 5.

Wanganui v. Taranaki Maoris.

In a Rugby match between Wanganui and the Taranaki Maori representatives, played here on Saturday afternoon, the visitors won by 20 points to nil.

Napier Matches.

A match between the Hastings Rovers and Aburiri to-day for the Hawke's Bay Rugby Union's championship challenge shield ended in a draw, each side scoring six points.

Wallabies Beat Kangaroos.

The Wallabies beat the Kangaroos by 15 points to 5 on Saturday.

HOCKEY.

Auckland Defeats Thames.

The match between the Auckland and the Thames representative teams ended in a win for Auckland by 4 goals to 1.

GOLF.

LADIES' GOLF UNION.

This paper has been appointed the official organ of the Ladies' Golf Union, New Zealand branch.

Secretaries of ladies' golf clubs are invited to forward official notices, handicaps and alterations, results of competitions, and other matters of interest, to reach the publishing office not later than the Saturday prior to date of publication.

Nga Motu.

In a match against a team from Wanganui, the home team won by six matches to one. Following were the scores:—

WANGANUI.		NGA MOTU.	
Miss Cave.....	0	Miss Stephenson	1
Miss O. Stanford	0	Miss Standish....	1
Miss G. Stanford	1	Miss Brewer.....	0
Mrs I. Saunders	0	Miss Percy Smith	1
Miss Gresson.....	0	Miss Read.....	1
Miss Anderson....	0	Miss Fitzherbert	1
Miss Parsons.....	0	Mrs Paton.....	1

The Nga Motu ladies were unfortunate in the days chosen for their first open meeting, and owing to the bad weather experienced, the scores were not good. The prize for the best gross score for 3 holes, made in the two days, Medal competitions of 18 holes each day, was won by Miss Stephenson—101 and 107.

The leading scores in the first day's Medal Handicap were:—

Miss Brewer	105—21—94
Mrs. Gray	121—37—94
Miss Orbell (Stratford).....	122—35—87
Miss Coutts (Hawera).....	111—23—88

SECOND DAY'S MEDAL HANDICAP.

Miss O. Stanford (Wang.)	112—21—91
Mrs. McLean (Hawera).....	123—29—94
Mrs. Haslam	138—40—98
Miss Standish	114—15—99

BOGEY HANDICAP.

Miss Stephenson (5)	9 down
Mrs. McLean (22)	9 down
Miss Standish (11)	10 down
Miss Fitzherbert (24).....	10 down

Approaching Competition.—First prize, Miss Brewster; second prize, Mrs. Jones. Driving Competition.—First prize, Miss Fitzherbert (154 yards 2 feet); second prize, Mrs. McLean (147 yards 2 feet).

Prizes for putting were won by Miss Brewster and Miss Fitzherbert.

The following is the result of the senior medal, played on Tuesday, 7th September:—Miss Mills, gross 98, handicap 11, net 87; Miss Graham, 100—91; Mrs Turnbull, 108—16—92; Miss Green, 108—11—97.

The following is the alteration in the L.G.U. for September:—Miss Gould, handicap 4.

Manawatu.

The Otaki Club sent a mixed team to play a match with the Manawatu Club on Saturday, September 4. The Manawatu men defeated the visitors by 10 1/2 games to 2 1/2, and the local ladies also beat the Otaki ladies by 4 games to 1. The ladies' games resulted as follows:—

Manawatu.		Otaki.	
Mrs Abraham ...	0	Mrs Bevan	1
Mrs Mellisop ...	1	Mrs Simcox	0
Mrs McBride ...	1	Miss Robinson ..	0
Miss McLennan ..	1	Mrs Winterbom ..	0
Miss Slack	1	Mrs Jennings ...	0

Seventeen entries have been received for the club championship. Two qualifying rounds of stroke play will decide who are the eight to finish the contest by match play.

Feilding.

A match was played between the ladies of the Kimbolton and Feilding Golf Clubs on Saturday, with the following results (Kimbolton players being mentioned first):—Mrs Baudley v. Mrs Stewart (1 up), Mrs Beedie (3 up) v. Miss Bruce, Miss Crabb (1 up) v. Miss Prior, Miss McBeth (2 up) v. Mrs Montgomery, Mrs McBeth (6 up) v. Mrs Fitzherbert, Mrs Pratt (3 up) v. Miss Haybittle.

Hawera.

At Hawera last Friday a match was played between the Wanganui and Hawera Ladies' Clubs, which resulted all square. Hawera were represented by Miss Coutts, Mrs O'Callaghan, Mrs Mc-

Lean, Mrs Hawken, Mrs Foyster, and Miss Douglas. Mrs R. McLean was the only successful Hawera golfer that competed in the Taranaki tournament. She succeeded in winning the Bogey Handicap, and came second in the Driving Competition.

Wellington.

At the championship tournament of the Miramar Golf Club, Miss Elsie Grey carried off the honours for the seniors, and Miss McKellar for the juniors. Mrs Froeth and Miss Steuart came next in order of merit.

Golf Tourney.

The golf championship tournament commenced at the Auckland Club's links at One Tree Hill on Monday. The conditions were all that could be desired—the weather was perfect, and the links have never been in better order for play. The putting greens were very smooth and closely cropped, and played very fast, and the ground was pleasantly dry, but not too hard for the long game. The course has been lengthened for the championship, and as it is now, it is the longest course that has yet been played on the Cornwall Park links. This morning the first round of the Open Championship, which is decided by four rounds of match play, was concluded.

For some reason or other it is not the habit of golfers to play their best games in bright weather, and taking this into consideration, the play was of a high standard and the scores low. The best card handed in was that of J. C. Clements, the present holder in the open championship, who showed a score of 80: Out—5, 4, 43, 6, 4, 3, 5—40; home—4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 5—40; total 80. Mr. Clements played a splendid round marred by one indifferent stroke, at the 17th hole. He finished five strokes ahead of Bogey on stroke play, and six holes up in match play. In view of the fact that Bogey has not been increased since the links were lengthened, the score was a very creditable one indeed. A good deal of interest centred round the game between A. D. S. Duncan, the brilliant Wellington amateur and erstwhile holder of the open championship, and F. G. Hood, the Auckland Club's professional. The players finished all square with a score of 82. Duncan's score read: Out—5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5—42; home—4, 6, 3, 3, 5, 4, 6, 4, 5—40; total 82. Hood's score was: Out—4, 5, 4, 6, 4, 5, 6, 3, 6—43; home—4, 5, 3, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5—39; total 82. It is generally admitted by those who witnessed the match that Hood was playing a sterling game rather better than his score indicates, while Duncan, who was playing perhaps a little below his best form, was favoured by very decent luck. H. C. Smith, the present amateur champion, played only a medium round in 90, three strokes worse than his opponent, David Hood, the Hagley Park professional. Hood played an indifferent game out, which included two sevens, in 48, but on the home journey put up the fine score of 39, thus finishing in 87. Another very fine round was played by J. Forbes, of the St. Clair Club, Dunedin, whose card showed the score of 83.

Following are the scores in the first round: A. D. S. Duncan 82, F. G. Hood 82, A. J. Abbott 83, J. Clements 80, J. C. Bidwill 82, J. Watt 93, H. C. Smith 90, D. Hood 87, B. B. Wood 88, J. MacCormick 91, H. B. Lusk 85, C. Martin 85, J. Harold 89, C. C. Holmes 89, J. R. Crowley 88, A. Strang 100, A. N. Barrard 94, A. B. Laurence 95, P. Upton 93, H. T. Gillies 87, A. M. Howden 104, Colonel Tuson 99, W. Reid 90, J. Forbes 83, H. D. Bamford 86, E. D. O'Rourke 96, W. B. Colbeck 89, C. K. Sams 89, J. C. Burns 84, K. D. Duncan 94, W. Strang 93, Kennedy 94, P. Trolowe 100, W. R. Barkes 99, N. K. Cox 88, E. A. Dargaville 101.

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The "Hammer Hurling Hoax."

(By HOLM GREENE.)

PROPOSITION.—The stroke should be of the nature of a swing rather than a hit.

This was one of those delightfully dogmatic axioms which our fathers used to regard as part of the golfer's "Shorter Catechism," and which a more sceptical generation has learned to look on with suspicion. Mr. P. A. Vails, supported, or, at least, countenanced, by so eminent a player as George Duncan, has declared the axiom to be a shibboleth, and hints that the idea has neither meaning nor sense.