

had been taken out of the Gordon bowling when he came in, and this enabled him to score at the tremendous pace he did, but he batted confidently from the start and none of the bowling seemed to give him any trouble. United have now a lead of 141 runs, with six wickets in hand so there ought to be a really good finish to the match.

GORDON, first innings. Table with 5 columns: Player, Runs, Wickets, Extras, Total. Includes players like F. Clayton, D. Hay, W. Stenson, etc.

BOWLING ANALYSIS. Table with 5 columns: Player, Ovs., Mdns., Rns., Wkts. Includes Williams, McRae, Edwards.

UNITED.—Second Innings. Table with 5 columns: Player, Runs, Wickets, Extras, Total. Includes F. Clayton, Dug Hay, W. Stenson, etc.

BOWLING ANALYSIS. Table with 5 columns: Player, Ovs., Mdns., Rns., Wkts. Includes Edwards, Dr. Neill, Williams, Kyd, McRae, Kaldner.

PARNELL V. PONSONBY.

This match did not create a great amount of interest, and, taken right through, the play was not of a very high order. Parnell's last two wickets carried their first innings' score from 76 to 110 runs, Richards obtaining 20 (not out) by careful play, and Resteaux compiled 21 in free style. T. Elliott, the Northern Wairoa rep., who played for Auckland against Otago, batted for Parnell, but was bowled by W. Mills before he got fairly going. Ponsonby, in their second innings, did very little better than in their first attempt, their total only reaching 97 runs. H. Sanders (22) was top scorer, and he batted very carefully for his runs. The others to reach double figures were Kent (18), Wallace (16), Plummer (13) and White (11, not out). The remarks above about over-careful batting applies more especially to the Ponsonby team, almost every man of them trying to away many opportunities of scoring by playing high volleys, and other balls which should have been despatched to the boundary, and on more than one occasion batsmen were bowled in attempting to play a ball they ought to have hit. Requiring only 63 to win, Parnell knocked off 65 for the loss of 1 wicket, I. Mills (31, not out) and H. Lusk (28) doing the run getting.

PARNELL.—First Innings. Table with 5 columns: Player, Runs, Wickets, Extras, Total. Includes F. J. Ohlson, C. Langford, W. W. Mills, etc.

PONSONBY.—Second Innings. Table with 5 columns: Player, Runs, Wickets, Extras, Total. Includes H. Saunders, A. Kent, C. Mills, etc.

BOWLING ANALYSIS. Table with 5 columns: Player, Ovs., Mdns., Rns., Wkts. Includes H. B. Lusk, C. Resteaux, J. Gavin, etc.

PARNELL.—Second Innings. Table with 5 columns: Player, Runs, Wickets, Extras, Total. Includes H. B. Lusk, I. Mills, T. Elliott, etc.

ACKLAND V. NORTH SHORE. The last 5 wickets of the Auckland eleven only added 42 runs to the score of the previous week, the total being 252 runs. Nicholson was responsible

for 23 of this number, and he then had the misfortune to be run out. R. Neill, who was not out the previous Saturday with 77, only added a single and was then snuffed up in the slips off Denby. In their second attempt the Shore did not improve much on their first effort, and failed to avert an innings defeat. Their total reached 114 runs, Denby being top scorer with 50 (not out). As in the first innings, Neill and Beale captured the wickets, the former obtaining 6 for 67 and the latter 3 for 33.

NORTH SHORE, first Innings. Table with 5 columns: Player, Runs, Wickets, Extras, Total. Includes Clayton, T. Neill, R. Neill, etc.

BOWLING ANALYSIS. Table with 5 columns: Player, Ovs., Mdns., Rns., Wkts. Includes G. Mills, Ball, W. Wynyard, etc.

BOWLING ANALYSIS. Table with 5 columns: Player, Ovs., Mdns., Rns., Wkts. Includes R. Neill, Beale, Clayton.

SECOND GRADE.

Gordon v. Otahuhu.—Gordon 1st Innings, 44; Otahuhu 1st Innings, 133. For Gordon Moore-Jones (16) was the only one to make a stand, while for Otahuhu Selby (20), Whitley (39), Waddell (12), and White (12) batted well for their runs. Spursway got 5 wickets for 13 runs for Otahuhu, and Whitley 5 for 24.

Auckland v. Wanderers.—Auckland, 1st Innings, 106 (Thomson 39, Hill 15, Small 15); Wanderers 116 (Pritchard 52, S. Mills 28, Lavers 19, T. Mills 13); Auckland 2nd Innings, 5 wickets for 28 (Cossey 11). Bowling for Wanderers, S. Mills (seven for 49), performed best, while Cossey (four for 11) was the best of Auckland's trundlers.

Parnell v. Ponsonby.—Parnell scored 311 in their first innings, a record for junior cricket this season. R. Woods scored 112, C. Cooke 15, H. Totman 24, W. Thorpe 64, F. Murray 20, Gatland 29, Roberts 17 not out, and Lynch 11. Parnell were at the wickets all the afternoon.

Y.M.C.A. (A) v. North Shore.—North Shore 1st Innings (three men short), 25; Y.M.C.A. 1st Innings 117 (Steele 24, T. Clark 25, Bell 22, Gray 16, Jack 10).

North Shore 2nd Innings, 103 for 47 wickets (Cave 30, Goudie 27, Mackenzie, not out, G. Smith 12). Bowling Y.M.C.A.: G. Stephenson, 6 for 40; Southall, 4 for 35; Wheatley, 1 for 10.

Y.M.C.A. (B) v. United.—Y.M.C.A. (1st Innings), 68 (Wilkinson 12, Stephenson 11); United (1st Innings), 49 (Lichtenstein 11); Y.M.C.A. (2nd Innings), 4 wickets for 45 (Cowan 14). Bowling: Y.M.C.A.: Wilkinson, 5 for 31; Murdoch, 1 for 16; United: Anderson, 5 for 19; Lambert, 2 for 12.

THIRD GRADE.

St. Albans v. Wakefield.—St. Albans 1st Innings, 56 (Wilson 30, Nield 22, Blakey 10); Wakefield (1st Innings), 75 for 7 wickets (Walker 13, Hill 12, Preston 11).

Auckland v. Parnell.—Auckland won by default.

Y.M.C.A. v. United.—Y.M.C.A. 1st Innings, 95 (Gilmore 23, Shepherd 19, Scott 12); United 1st Innings, 43 (Lyell 10, Dunningham 10); Y.M.C.A. 2nd Innings, 2 wickets for 50 (De Haugh, not out, 42, H. Rountree, not out, 27). Y.M.C.A. bowling: Strange, 4 wickets for 2 runs; De Haugh, 4 for 12.

FOURTH GRADE.

Wakefield v. St. Albans.—Great interest was attached to this match as a win would give either side a lead. Wakefield won easily by an Innings and 20 runs on the day's play. St. Albans 1st Innings, 25; 2nd Innings, 53 (Gordon 13, Brighton 12); Wake-

field 1st Innings 104 (McGarry 34, Magee 28, Morrin 10). Bowling: St. Albans, Lunn, 5 for 32; Gordon, 1 for 12; Ashe, 1 for 34; Wakefield: Magee, 13 for 32; Robinson, 4 for 19; Higgins, 3 for 18.

Y.M.C.A. v. North Shore.—North Shore 1st Innings, 102 (Collis 21, Pitts 19, Froude 10); Y.M.C.A. 1st Innings, 100 (Webb 14, Langdale 20, Leonard 14, Holland 24).

Auckland v. Giles' College.—Auckland 1st Innings, 74 (McCoy 21, not out, Kent 10); Giles' College 1st Innings, 30; 2nd Innings, 23. Bowling: Auckland: McCoy, 6 for 23; Von der Hyde, 7 for 20; Giles' College: Harkin, 5 for 31; Spratt, 3 for 17.

TEAM FROM MELBOURNE.

PROPOSED N.Z. TOUR.

CHRISTCHURCH, Sunday.

At a meeting of the New Zealand Cricket Council, the committee appointed to draw up the programme of matches for the Melbourne Cricket Club's tour brought up their report. The team will be away from Australia about six weeks, leaving Sydney on February 7. They must return either by the Monowai leaving Dunedin on March 12 or the Waikare on March 19, arriving in Melbourne on either March 18 or 25. The committee framed the programme on the assumption that the latter date would be accepted. It was reported that guarantees had been received from seven associations, but owing to the intermittent steamer arrangements, it would be impossible to play more than five associations if the New Zealand match was to be played, which the committee thought should be done. The committee therefore submitted two programmes, the only difference being that either the Nelson or the Wanganui match must be abandoned. The first programme, via Wanganui, is as follows:—Play Auckland February 15, 16 and 17; Wanganui, February 21 and 22; Wellington, February 24, 26 and 27; Canterbury, March 2, 3 and 5; Otago, March 9, 10 and 12; New Zealand, at Christchurch, March 15, 16 and 17; leaving by steamer at the close of the match. Second programme, via Nelson:—Play Auckland February 15, 16 and 17; Wellington, February 22, 23 and 24; Nelson, February 26, 27 and 28; Canterbury, March 3, 5 and 6; Otago and New Zealand matches as arranged in first programme. The report was adopted, and it was decided to forward it to the Melbourne team in order that they might choose which programme they thought best. The Council by six to four, decided to have the New Zealand team chosen by one selector.

GOLF NOTES.

(By Bogey.)

Rain is very badly wanted on the links. The pond at the Long Wall hole is dry, and the creek will not hold any ball prisoner unless it fairly trickles into the trap. Any half-topped ball is perfectly safe to get over the hazard, provided it is hit with a fair amount of force. Even the foolzer may reasonably expect his ball to clear the "Long Wall" either on the first or second bounce. The grass is, however, very short, and the only thing necessary to put the links into beautiful order is a good soaking. For the man who can with his driver top his ball consistently the present is a glorious time, for a well-topped drive will leave one with a good carry far in the rear.

On Saturday I had the misfortune to be giving Mr Hogg a stroke at the first hole. My holing the ball in four was utterly useless, for my opponent holed in three. Now to expect the search man to hole in two in order to halve with his opponent is too severe altogether, considering the hole is a Bogey 5. Later on in the afternoon my partner and myself suffered exactly the same fate, for our opponents (Dr. Stuart Reid and Mr Hooper) holed a perfect three to our four.

The handicap committee might well observe Mr Hogg's handicap, which at present stands at 10. Now, a man who can do, and has done, the round in 92 certainly merits a lower place on the handicap list than "double figures," and apropos of this same subject, I might remark that there are several men who want re-handicapping. It is said that they will be reduced before next medal day, but as the Club does not play matches in the summer, they are meantime playing havoc with their opponents, and the committee should cut their claws as soon as possible.

Mr C. T. Musson, a member of the Richmond Golf Club, New South Wales, has been spending a large part of his Auckland holiday on the links. The improvement in his play has been most marked, and I shall expect to hear of his home club reducing his handicap very shortly. Mr Musson plays a very steady and consistent game, and if he continues to improve as of late he will come very near to the Sydney scratch mark.

Playing against Mr Hogg last week, he did a very excellent performance for the first nine holes, viz., 37, consisting of 8 successive fours, and a 5. Such play admits of no mistake, and it is hardly to be wondered at that he turned for home 6 up on his opponent, who had not won a single hole. Coming home Mr Hogg played really good golf, won six of the holes, and halved the rest, thus having a very extraordinary match. Query: Was Mr Musson in the second half impressed by the sense of his own good score for the first half? The totals for the round were: Mr Musson 89, Mr Hogg 92.

A new ball has made its appearance on the links, viz., the Helsby, and I can speak highly of its qualities, both as to flight and lasting power. The ball is beautifully nicked and painted, and the gutta is all that can be desired.

When are golfers going to get that long-looked-for sixpenny ball? The new Maponite ball seems to be a step in the right direction. Mr Horace Hutchinson has recently won two medal competitions when using the ball, and judging from his performances there seems to be no doubt that the ball is a good one.

BOWLING.

(By No Bias.)

Note.—Secretaries of Bowling Clubs throughout the colony are requested to forward notices of meetings and results of games played—in fact anything of interest to bowlers generally—to "No Bias," "Graphic" Office.

It is to be hoped that the same class of weather will prevail for the Tournament as the bowlers have had the pleasure to enjoy during the past week. The clubs who are blessed with a good water supply have not felt the drought in the least; in fact, they have benefited by being able to give the lawns just sufficient moisture, and no more, in order to use the roller to advantage. If Jupiter Pluvius will only be liberal for about 24 hours with his tears it will have the effect of freshening the whole of the lawns into perfect condition, and also ensure a chance of a fine week for the "event of all events"—the Tournament.

The following games were played on the different club greens on Saturday last:—

AUCKLAND CLUB.

- No. 1 Rink: Schischka, Porrin, King, A. W. Thomson (skip), 22, v. D. Ross, Mackie, Thornes, Dr. King (skip), 21.
No. 2 Rink: W. H. O. Johnston, Bell, J. S. Johnston, Edwards (skip), 19, v. Lewis, Squirell, Denniston, Kingswell (skip), 20.
No. 3 Rink: Moritzson, Allen, Prime, Perrett (skip), 29, v. Milroy, J. W. Jones, Miller, Towsey (skip), 19.
No. 4 Rink: Lee, Gilmour, Burtle, Tudhope (skip), 17, v. Soreckley, Kayll, Bridgman, McCallum (skip), 21.
No. 5 Rink: Butler, Beere, Rhodes, Dr. Hooper (skip), 19, v. H. Thompson, Lesser, Woodhead, Gorrie (skip), 17.
No. 6 Rink: Diggle, James, Handcock, Gorrie (skip), 17, v. Herman, Munnie, Lambert, Ledington (skip), 17.
No. 7 Rink: W. S. Jones, Plummer, Crawford, Holland (skip), 24, v. Lawson, McMasters, A. Myers, Coleman (skip), 17.
No. 8 Rink: Green, Garnde, Elliott (skip), 17, v. Tindall, McKenzie, Culpan (skip), 23.
No. 9 Rink: Lesser, Meente (skip), 18, v. Lewis, Towsey (skip), 21.

PONSONBY CLUB.

- No. 2 Rink: J. McLeod, T. Steadman, J. Warren, J. Newell (skip), 19, v. R. Quinn, J. Greenhough, H. Munro, J. Hutchison (skip), 22.
No. 2 Rink: J. Stubbins, A. J. Russell, A. Lattler, R. Ballantyne (skip), 28, v. D. Stewart, A. Coutts, J. Buchanan, J. Court (skip), 13.
No. 4 Rink: E. Dutton, J. Blades (skip), 15, v. T. Watson, D. B. McDonald (skip), 21.
No. 1 Rink: A. G. Bartlett, J. E. Robinson (sub. D. J. Wright), C. Blomfield, A. Stewart (skip), 16, v. J. C. Robinson, G. Johnston, A. Sutherland, J. Karker (skip), 25.
No. 5 Rink: J. Hudson, J. J. Payne, J. Beckett, W. J. Ross (skip), 30, v. J. Coutts, H. Smith, A. J. Burnell, J. Edmondson (skip), 17.
No. 6 Rink: H. B. Huckle, J. Stewart (sub. J. G. Robinson), A. Bartlett, T. Watson, J.