

BOWLING.

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SYDNEY V. NEWMARKET.

At the Newmarket rinks on Saturday last a match, Sydney v. Newmarket, was played. The Sydney team, who had just returned from Rotorua, were without the services of two of their best men, yet they did not disgrace themselves against such a doughty team as Newmarket. There was a good attendance and advantage was taken of the occasion to unfurl the champion banner won at the late tournament. The sides being chosen the players and spectators assembled near the club house, where Mr C. G. Laurie addressed those present. He congratulated Newmarket on winning the shield and championship banner, a fine performance for so young a club. Its record was a very fine one—thirteen out of fourteen matches being won. He then called on Mrs Laurie to unfurl the handsome champion banner, which she did amid great applause.

Mr Fallick, on behalf of the Sydney players, said they were not hopeful of beating the champions, but they would do their best. He must thank the club and indeed all the bowlers in Auckland for their kindness and splendid hospitality during the teams stay in the city.

Play then began and ended in a victory for Newmarket by 21 points, the scores being Sydney 50 Newmarket 71.

No. 3 Rink: Sydney—Josephson, Sandilands, Fallick, Porter (skip), 14, v. Newmarket—H. C. Haselden, Cutler, Wilson, C. G. Laurie (skip), 21.

No. 3 Rink: Sydney—Josephson, Gordon, W. Lyons, Hannigan (skip)—20, v. Newmarket—A. Anderson, Spooner, A. Brookes, H. Brookes (skip)—21.

No. 4 Rink: Sydney—Elphinstone, Hardy, Giles, Rodgers (skip)—16, v. Newmarket—H. Kent, A. Holmes, Southwell, J. Kilgour (skip)—25. Totals: Sydney 50, v. Newmarket, 71.

At the close of the play the Sydneyites called for three cheers for their opponents, a compliment which the Newmarket men returned.

During the afternoon the handsome championship shield, recently held by Palmerston North, was on view in the club house. The following ordinary games were also played:—

No. 1 Rink: Wright, Sims, Collins, Culpin (skip), 17, v. Kent, Southworth, Garland, H. E. May (skip), 16. No. 5 Rink: Heron, G. M. Main, Cottle, Spreckley (skip), 17, v. Basley, Scott, Dr. Wilkins, Dr. Laishley (skip) 27.

During the afternoon Mrs C. G. Laurie, assisted by Mesdames G. Laurie, Cahill, Holmes, and Misses Laurie, Mackie (2), dispensed afternoon tea, which was greatly appreciated by the bowlers.

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No. 2 Rink: G. H. Webb, J. B. Massey, T. Usher, J. Newell (skip), 18, v. J. Hudson, J. Coutts, T. Watson, J. Becroft (skip), 24.

No. 3 Rink: J. McLeod, J. Greenhough, J. Blades, W. J. Rees (skip), 22, v. A. Sutherland, W. J. Massey, C. Blomfield, D. B. McDonald (skip), 20.

No. 4 Rink: D. J. Wright, J. Edmiston, A. Bartlett, A. J. Littler (skip), 9, v. H. Dickinson, J. Montague, A. J. Hurdall, J. Buchanan (skip), 25.

No. 5 Rink: J. Ayles, T. Brown (skip), 16, v. E. Dutton, T. Steadman (skip), 24.

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No. 6 Rink: J. Hutchison, J. Stichbury, A. Coutts, J. Court (skip), 26, v. G. Easton, J. J. Payne, J. Warren, R. Ballantyne (skip), 11.

AUCKLAND CLUB.

No. 1 Rink: Syme, Leser, Tudehope, Evans (skip), 29, v. H. King, Mackie, A. L. Edwards, W. Coleman (skip), 12.

No. 2 Rink: Lawson, Ziman, James, Carlaw (skip), 19, v. Mennie, Plummer, Shackelford, McCallum (skip), 18.

No. 3 Rink: Hosking, Gilmour, Lea, Gorrie (skip), 23, v. Lewis, Allen, Hegman, Allen (skip), 15.

No. 4 Rink: Kayll, W. S. Jones, Deniston, Kingswell (skip), 24, v. D. Ross, Milroy, Buttle, Holland (skip), 26.

No. 5 Rink: Elliott, Squirell,

Thornes, A. W. Thomson (skip), 22, v. Brigham, Moritzson, Woodhead, Dr. Hooper (skip), 16.

No. 6 Rink: Rankin, McMaster, Perrett, Towsey (skip), 19, v. Butts, Schischka, Mahoney, Lambert (skip), 17.

No. 7 Rink: Knight, Beebe, Steele, Crawford (skip), 22, v. Reid, J. McK. Geddes, Price, Haslett (skip), 18.

No. 8 Rink: Elliott, Hegman (skip), 22, v. Mackie, McCallum (skip), 13.

MOUNT EDEN CLUB.

No. 1 Rink: Owen, Gray, Pooley, Burnis (skip), 14, v. La Roche, Moran, Esam, Brimblecombe (skip), 21.

No. 2 Rink: Ferguson, J. Jones, H. O. Brown, Ross (skip), 28, v. Mahony, Benton, Newman, Coe (skip), 10.

No. 3 Rink: Francis, T. Jones (skip), 19, v. Watson, E. Jones (skip), 33.

Handicap Singles: L. G. Owen, 15, v. S. F. Benton, 22.

Prize Pairs: Pooley, Coe (skip), 16, v. T. Jones, Brimblecombe (skip), 20.

Afternoon tea was provided by Mrs Eady.

REMUERA CLUB.

No. Rink: J. Macky, F. Sanderson, G. Court, D. E. Clerk (skip), 33, v. D. L. Murdoch, G. Heron, R. A. Bodle, R. Hull (skip), 8.

No. 2 Rink: F. Hull, E. W. Burton, F. W. Court, J. M. Geddis (skip), 30, v. J. Hardie, G. Cozens, J. M. Laxton, H. S. Ruddock (skip), 20.

No. 3 Rink: W. Woolcott, N. Gamble, D. M. Dingwall, A. C. Stevenson (skip), 17, v. W. Sibbald, E. B. Valle, A. Rose, J. M. Lennox (skip), 21.

No. 4 Rink: C. Ranson, G. Bruce, R. B. Heriot (skip), 25, v. E. Parkins, Dr. Erson, Rev. Monro (skip), 29.

DEVONPORT CLUB.

No. 1 Rink: Phipps, J. Miller, Mitchell, Taylor (skip), 20, v. Larner, Ker, Harvey, Syms (skip), 16.

No. 2 Rink: Dacre, Creeth, Glenister, Engleton (skip), 16, v. Gardner, Armstrong, Montgomery, Stewart (skip), 18.

No. 3 Rink: Webster, Murchie, Entrican, M. Niccol (skip), 21, v. Bockaert, Twentyman, Best, H. Niccol (skip), 26.

Club Championship: Taylor, 24, v. Entrican, 13; Engleton, 30, v. Gardner, 9.

Club Pairs: Twentyman and Harry Niccol (skip), 17, v. Bockaert and Brooka (skip), 23. Kerr and Mitchell (skip), 33, v. J. Miller and Phipps (skip), 13.

CAMBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB.

No. 1 Rink: C. Roberts, W. Wright, M. McDermott (skip), 21, v. W. Poppie, F. O'Toole, W. F. Buckland (skip), 10.

No. 3 Rink: A. Wallace, W. Poppie, W. Wright, M. McDermott (skip), 21, v. W. N. Sturges, F. O'Toole, C. Roberts, H. Brookes (skip), 0.

BOWLING NOTES.

I gave last week a record team score for 21 heads between a Ponsonby team skipped by T. Brown and a Newmarket team skipped by J. Kilgour, but this has been beaten in a match for Stewart Dawson's clocks between teams skipped by Bunting, of Palmerston North, and a four skipped by A. Rhodes, of Auckland, the scores being 17 for the former and 9 for the latter, making a total of 26 points for the 21 heads, truly a record game.

Sydney bowlers defeated Remuera Club by 3 points in the aggregate, only one team of Remuera scoring a win—that skipped by Mr Geo. Court making 20 points to their opponents' 16. Fallick's team (Sydney) defeated Laxton's by 4 points, and Giles (Sydney) scored a win by 4 points against Dingwall's rink.

There is some talk in certain bowling circles to bring in a rule to penalise deadheads. There is no doubt this would shorten the play somewhat, but I venture to say that the measure is one that will never pass muster before the Northern Bowling Association.

Mr Porter, the Sydney skip, says the cotton dividing the rinks is a great improvement to the play, and intends suggesting its use to his Association when he returns home.

Remuera Club are determined never to have their green dry again, for at considerable expense and trouble, they have fixed a pump, worked by wind-power, which pumps the water into four large iron tanks, when it is then

distributed over the green by gravitation. The tanks are raised about 20 feet from the ground.

J. M. Lennox is not only a good leader, but showed on Saturday last on the Remuera rinks that he can also skip by beating a team captained by A. C. Stevenson by 21 points to 17.

Sydney bowlers were entertained by the Newmarket Club last Saturday, and the players expressed themselves very favourable in regard to the green, but found the rinks a bit too fast for them.

A. Stewart (Devonport) had the best of his club-mate, R. Engleton, in a full rink game by 2 points, the scores being 18 to 16.

Sydney bowlers left Auckland last evening—some for the South, others for home. They take with them the good wishes of all bowlers, and leave behind many friends made during their stay here.

G. Brimblecombe had a day out at Mt. Eden on Saturday; he skipped home a team in the fours with a majority of 7 points, and followed this up by winning a doubles against J. Coe by 20 to 16.

The Bartlett badges of the Ponsonby Club have again changed hands. The holders now are J. Hutchison, J. Stichbury, A. Coutts, J. Court (skip), having won from a team skipped by Ballantyne by 15 points.

Mr Taylor, of Hamilton, has formed a green in the township, but I was sorry to hear from him that the support expected was not forthcoming. This is a great pity, for what better change could visiting bowlers have than a run to Hamilton on Friday, returning in time for business on Monday. Rouse up, Hamilton.

A record game was played at Cambridge last Wednesday, when McDermott skipped a rink against H. Brookes, the scores being 21 to the latter's nil. The green, also, is a record one, it being difficult to know which side of the ball is going to take bias. The green has the prettiest surroundings of anything in the colony, and it is to be hoped that the Cambridge bowlers will strain every nerve next year to make the green a playable one.

Messrs Horrocks and Baines, two of Sydney's best bowlers, were not playing against Newmarket or Remuera, in the friendly matches, as they were enjoying their holiday at Rotorua.

At the close of the games on Saturday on the Newmarket green with the Sydney players, the teams skipped by Hannigan and Brookes changed positions by placing the skips leaders, the

seconds as thirds, and the thirds as skips. The result was that, the Sydneysites won by 17 to 2.

The Wellington team say they would sooner have annexed the banner than 20 clocks. So say all of us.

At the close of the final match for Stewart Dawson's clocks Mr Ballinger (Wellington's popular skip), telegraphed to Capt. Edwin thanking him for the rain of the previous night, saying "it won the clocks."

The Sydney bowlers say that when they return home they will practise the driving game more.

C. G. Laurie, the "don" leader, figured as a skip against Porter, of N.S.W., and got home to the tune of 21 to 14.

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