

and the innings closed for 114 runs, 31 behind their opponents' total. United made none too good a start with their second venture, their champion, D. Hay, being out in the first over. Stenson then joined Clayton and a good stand was made, the former scoring forty-seven by free hitting, though he should have been caught early in his innings. Watts (19) and Clayton (12) played carefully for their runs. P. and C. Hay then got together and made a prolonged stand. The former was rather shaky at starting, and should have been stumped, but subsequently settled down and showed some good cricket for his score of 38. C. Hay was very lucky in compiling his 33 (not out), as he was badly missed a couple of times. The later batsmen gave very little trouble, and the total was 182. At one stage United had four wickets down for 138 runs, and then Williams, who had been bowling from the pavilion end, and had been taken off, went on at the opposite end and signalled his return to the bowling crease by performing the hat trick, clean bowling P. Hay and Marshall and getting Hawkins caught off three successive balls. Curiously enough the three balls were almost exactly similar ones, pitching on the same spot, just outside the off stump and coming back enough to take the centre. Having to score 214 runs to win, Gordon started with Ansenne and Secombe, but the latter failed to make a long stay, and Kyd, who followed, ran himself out in the most foolish fashion just as he had apparently got well set. Ansenne and Gillies then played out time, the score standing at 56 for the loss of two wickets. United's fielding was, taken all round, very good, though one or two of their players were hardly up to their usual standard. On the other hand, Gordon fielded disgracefully, and gave such a poor exhibition in this respect that one would almost have to see it to believe how bad it was.

UNITED.—Second Innings.

Table showing batting and bowling statistics for United's second innings, including D. Hay, W. Stenson, P. Hay, and W. Hawkins.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Table showing bowling statistics for United's second innings, including N. T. Williams, W. McRae, and J. B. Kyd.

GORDON.—First Innings.

Table showing batting and bowling statistics for Gordon's first innings, including J. A. Ansenne, J. A. Kallender, and H. Gillies.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Table showing bowling statistics for Gordon's first innings, including W. Stenson, P. Hay, and W. Hawkins.

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PARNELL V. PONSONBY.

This match being looked upon as a foregone conclusion for Parnell, attracted but little attention. In their first innings, thanks chiefly to the good form shown by P. White and Sims, who scored 23 and 32 respectively, Ponsonby managed to exceed the hundred, their total being 109. In their second attempt, however, a complete rut set in, and the whole team was dismissed for the miserable total of 89, Sims (13) and W. Mills (13) being the only batsmen to reach double figures. Parnell thus won by an in-

nings and 94 runs. I. Mills and Lawson were the most successful trundle for Parnell, the former capturing 7 wickets for 34 runs, and the latter 4 for 19, whilst Rexteau also performed well, taking 6 for 41.

PARNELL, first Innings.

Table showing batting and bowling statistics for Parnell's first innings, including A. Kemp, F. White, N. Sims, and W. T. Fitzherbert.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Table showing bowling statistics for Parnell's first innings, including C. Rexteau, I. Mills, and H. B. Lusk.

PONSONBY.—Second Innings.

Table showing batting and bowling statistics for Ponsonby's second innings, including Wallace, S. White, and London.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Table showing bowling statistics for Ponsonby's second innings, including G. Gavin, Mills, Rexteau, and Lusk.

AUCKLAND V. NORTH SHORE.

With 4 wickets down for 443, Auckland continued batting, and after scoring 59 runs for the loss of three additional wickets, the innings was declared closed. Stone obtained 12 runs, and Hicks 19, whilst McCormick added 21 to his previous total, bringing his score to 173, and he was still not out. McNeill was the most successful bowler for the Shore, capturing 5 wickets for 119 runs, a really fine performance under the circumstances. The locals made a very fair stand in their first innings, their total being 223. H. H. Smith (59) and W. Wynyard (50) were the principal contributors, and both showed good form in compiling their runs. Three other batsmen succeeded in reaching double figures, namely, Gouldie (30), Fitzherbert (25), and Dalry (21), not out. H. Neill was by far the most successful trundler for Auckland, capturing 7 wickets for a cost of 104 runs. In their second attempt North Shore failed to repeat their first performance, and at the close of play had lost 5 wickets for 66 runs, Gouldie being the highest scorer with 53, obtained by free cricket. B. Neill was again to the fore with the ball, bagging the whole 5 wickets at a cost of only 27 runs. From present appearances, Auckland have a very strong lien on this game.

AUCKLAND.—First Innings.

Table showing batting and bowling statistics for Auckland's first innings, including J. A. Nicholson, W. G. Quentery, and R. Neill.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Table showing bowling statistics for Auckland's first innings, including McNeill, Mills, and Dalry.

NORTH SHORE.—First Innings.

Table showing batting and bowling statistics for North Shore's first innings, including C. Jenby, H. H. Smith, and H. Neill.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Table showing bowling statistics for North Shore's first innings, including Neill, Stone, and MacCormick.

NORTH SHORE.—Second Innings.

Table showing batting and bowling statistics for North Shore's second innings, including Dalry, C. Jenby, W. R. Goude, and M. S. Hicks.

Total for five wickets.

Table showing bowling analysis for North Shore's second innings, including Neill, MacCormick, and Stone.

THE REP. TEAM.

On Saturday evening the selectors (Messrs R. Neill, D. Hay, and F. J. Gibson) chose the following team to represent Auckland in the Southern tour:—

Messrs F. J. Gibson, I. Mills, C. Rexteau, H. B. Lusk, T. Elliot (Parnell), D. Hay, W. Stenson, N. B. Lusk, P. Marshall (United), E. MacCormick (Auckland), W. Mills (Ponsonby), and A. Stephens (Northern Wairarapa).

Taken all round the team is a fairly strong one, and not much fault can be found with its composition. I think, however, it might have been slightly strengthened. It is useless to discuss the absence of H. Neill, but had he been able to proceed South he would have strengthened the team in a remarkable manner. I hardly think that W. Mills should have been included, and his play this season and in big matches last year hardly justifies his selection. The inclusion of E. MacCormick must be looked upon as rather an experiment. He undoubtedly gives promise of a brilliant future, but still I am doubtful as to the advisability of putting him in a travelling rep. team. When in form, N. B. Lusk is without question the best wicketkeeper we have, but this season he has had absolutely no practice, and he has to be taken altogether upon trust. Had the committee included, say, Quentery, W. Wynyard, and P. Hay, I think the team would have been stronger than as at present constituted.

BOWLING.

The ordinary play took place on all the Auckland greens last Saturday. The Newmarket Club starts the matches for the single-handed championship soon. Entries will close on Saturday next. In addition to the championship there will be matches for novices and also for members who have never won a prize, and an open handicap for a pair of bowls presented by the president. A pair of gold medals have been presented by Stewart Dawson and Co. to be competed for on Anniversary Day (January 29) by pairs. The Devonport Club have made the draws for the first round in the matches (handicap singles, pairs, and championship singles), and play is to start at once. The second round will commence on January 5th.

GOLF NOTES.

There was a fair attendance of members at the meeting of the Auckland Ladies' Golf Club on Thursday last, when the question of increasing the entrance and annual subscriptions was discussed. Mrs. Arch. Clark was in the chair. The recommendation of the committee that the entrance fee be two guineas, and the annual subscription one guinea, was adopted. The subject of choosing the Club costume and colours was brought up, when it was agreed that a green skirt and white blouse should be worn during interclub matches, and, if possible, on all ordinary occasions. A committee of three, consisting of Mrs. George Bloomfield, Mr. Walker and Miss Barstow were appointed to arrange about the ties and hat bands.

The December number of that bright little quarterly written exclusively by the girls of the Mighty Atom Club, Auckland, has just been issued. It is double the size of the ordinary number, and abounds in interesting contributions from the members of the Club. The fine work illustrations are capital, and the short articles display a great deal of real literary taste. A musical supplement is issued with the number. The editor, Miss Dara E. Moor, is to be congratulated on the excellence of the publication.

AQUATICS.

PONSONBY ANNUAL REGATTA.

The following are the entries received:— Open Handicap Yacht Race.—Thetis, Thelma, Ida, Heartsease, Lady Wilma, Kotiria. Non-fish Cruisers' Race.—May Ball, Mavis, Racer, Spray, Mabel, Corinna, Inlycon, Coocoe, Peri, Iluui, Isarfruel, Mshaki. Yachts (24ft. lineal rating).—Matua, Maka, Maile, Yulalie, Bona, Miro, Speedwell, Mahor. Yachts (26ft. or under).—Flora, Shamrock, Konene, Kotiro, Pastime, Ofa. Yachts (22ft. and under).—Kate Keys, Etta, Waimoa, Antipas, Seahorse, Mascotte, Huru, a Who'd-a-thought-it. Yachts (one and a-half rating or under).—Rose, Dellbird, Alma, Myra. Dingy Race (for youths under 20 years).—D. V. Hanna, George Whitehouse, E. E. George. Man-o-war and Naval Cutters' Handicap.—Auckland Naval Artillery, Devonport Navals, No. 2 Service Company, Ponsonby Naval Artillery (two crews). Ladies' Pair-oar Handicap.—Misses Olive Bloomfield and R. E. Hanna. Dingy Race (all-comers).—George Whitehouse, P. H. Hughes, R. F. Hanna. Stump Outriggers.—T. Richards, C. W. Pirie, W. H. Oliver.

A STORY CONCERNING TWINS.

At the foot of Cherry Tree Hill, Ilford, near Mudgee (N.S.W.) is the residence of Mr and Mrs Cosier and family. Mrs Cosier is 36 years of age and the mother of seven children, the youngest a fine pair of twin girls—Annie and Bella—now fifteen months old. The story told by Mrs Cosier to a "Mudgee Guardian" representative will no doubt prove interesting to Australian mothers.

"Some time ago," said Mrs Cosier, "I had to sit up night after night with one of the twins, as she was very ill. The strain of constant nursing proved too much for me, and when she recovered I seemed to have no blood in my veins and no strength in my body; I became so weak and ill that I had to be carried from room to room. At last I was so paralysed that I could not turn in bed without assistance, and when I was moved I suffered almost unendurable pain. I could not turn my head owing to the stiffness of my neck, and the nerves of my face were so drawn up that it was a torture to speak a few words. Despite remedies I remained in this state until I commenced Dr. Williams' pink pills. I followed the directions carefully, and after taking two boxes my appetite slowly improved and the pains were not so severe. I continued with the pills until I used a few more boxes by which time I was up and about. I am now strong and active and quite free from any of my former troubles. Dr. Williams' pink pills are alone responsible for my complete recovery."

The above is no unusual experience. Dr. Williams' pink pills give new blood in every dose, and with this new blood, which is new life, coming through the veins, all weakness and disease disappears; the fortified system throws off rheumatism, sciatica, St. Vitus' dance, fits and nervous disorders; liver sluggishness, indigestion, backache, and the ailments of ladies vanish; paralysis and locomotor ataxia are kept at bay. Dr. Williams' pink pills are sold by chemists and storekeepers, and by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Wellington, three shillings per box, six boxes sixteen and six, post free. Write for fresh instruction about your case.

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