

then going on in front, followed by Marine and Tairua to the back of the course, where Miss Drury again went to the head of affairs, and was leading at the cutting, where she fell, Tangahoe, who was running last, also coming down at the same hurdle. Tip went on in front, but Boxer finishing well got within half a length; a poor third. Time 3m. 59s. Dividend, 24/9/6, and £37/3.

OTAHUHU TROTTLING CLUB'S MEETING.

The following acceptances were received last night in connection with the first day's racing of the Otahuhu Trotting Club's meeting, which takes place on Saturday next at Alexandra Park:—

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

Mr Knight has declared the following handicaps for the Takapuna Jockey Club's Spring Meeting on November 30 and December 4:—

COLLECTIVE INVESTIGATION.—The expenditure of millions of people in all quarters of the habitable globe, during the last quarter of a century, has confirmed the value of Raynald's lance as the best and most natural aperient, invaluable to diarrhoea.

Athletic Sports.

LAWN TENNIS.

(By VANTAGE.)

Saturday last was the first bit of real tennis weather players have enjoyed this season, and full advantage was taken of it. There was a good attendance at all the lawns, and some very enjoyable games were played.

I have not heard anything yet about the continuation of the boys' and girls' championships, inaugurated last season. This was regarded as a distinct step in the right direction, and gold medals were presented by Messrs. Vaile and A. E. D'Arcy for the boys' and girls' events respectively. The contests aroused a lot of interest, and brought to light two promising players in Hector Morpeth and Miss Daisy Udy, who won their respective events. I trust that the event will not be allowed to fall through. We have so few young players of promise that it behoves those who have the good of the game at heart to encourage our juvenile talent as much as possible.

I am told that Miss Nicholson and Mrs. Chapman intend to play together in the championship doubles. They should prove a good combination, as Mrs. Chapman, besides playing a very steady game off the ground, volleys very well.

Quite a number of our rising lady players are adopting the overhead service, with good results. Miss Daisy Udy and Miss Stella Rice being notable examples. Miss Udy's first service is, when it comes off, as severe as most men's, and it would come off much more frequently if she would hit the ball higher up in the air.

Speaking of the overhead service reminds me of the subject of ladies' volleying. In an account of the Chiswick tournament in England, the Chiswick Park if I remember right, I saw the following:—"Ladies' Doubles: The final of this event was an unusually interesting game, and the tennis of a high order. It is not a popular event, as a rule, but it became evident soon after the commencement that something good was to be seen. On one side Mrs Sterry played the man's part, as in a Mixed Doubles, and on the other Miss Douglas played a similar part. A duel naturally would go on between Miss Moseley and Miss Bell until either of the volleyers considered it time to nip across for a smash; then the fun commenced. The smash was often returned by the volleyer, and some beautiful rests of real good volleying were seen, in which Miss Douglas was more often than not came off best. She never failed over the loose returns, and her smashes were most creditable. It is wonderful the progress she has made this year with her volleying, and she will be in the first flight when her back-hand improves, for she knows the game, and plays it. Miss Moseley was excellent, too, but unsteady, making first-class returns off some of Mrs Sterry's best shots, but throwing away points on some of the easiest ones. She failed badly in getting to the short ones. Miss Bell used her head admirably, and chiefly played to get Mrs Sterry a winning stroke." Would that our ladies would go and do likewise, then we should no longer have ladies' doubles what so many of them are, mere dollying matches. No wonder the English scribe says, "It is not a popular event as a rule," but there is no reason why it should not be. If Miss Udy or Miss Rice would take a turn at the net and hit all loose ones exactly as they do the ball when serving, their example would soon be followed, and the game rendered more attractive both to the players and the spectators.

Miss Nunneley, who has for years past carried all before her in the ladies' events, can neither volley nor lob well, both accomplishments quite within the reach of our rising players, although they are both sadly neglected. A lady who cannot lob can play a really good combined player.

The following have been chosen to represent Mount Eden against North Shore:—Men 1st, Messrs Vaile and C. Heather; 2nd, Messrs Mair and Billing; Ladies 1st, Mrs Chapman and Miss Gortie; 2nd, Miss Rice and Miss Biss. Combined, Turner and Miss Stewart, and Cooke and Miss Rice. Vaile has strained his leg, and may be unable to play, but it is hoped that Eric Rice, who plays well with Heather, will be here in time to take his place if necessary.

The handicaps are out for the Parnell Lawn Tennis Club's annual handicap singles. The first draw is as follows: Ladies—Miss Cuff (owe 1-6) v. Miss Steele (owe 3-6); Miss M. Atkinson (owe 2-6) v. Miss E. Atkinson (owe 3-6); Miss Dargaville (owe 2-6) v. Miss Basley (owe 15); Miss Precece (owe 3-6) v. Mrs. Goss (owe 15 3-6); Miss B. Atkinson (owe 15) v. Miss Kenderline (receive 3-6); Miss Mowbray (owe 30) v. Miss Davy (owe 15 3-6); Mrs. Holmes (receive 2-6) v. Miss Scherrf (owe 30); Mrs. Philson (owe 15) v. Miss Hull (owe 15).

Gentlemen: Thompson (owe 3-6) v. Newton (owe 15); Biss (receive 15) v. Dargaville (owe 3-6); Morris (owe 4-6) v. Brown (owe 15); Rev. McWilliam (owe 30) v. Dawson (owe 15); Rich (owe 15 2-6) v. Cozens (receive 4-6); Stevenson (owe 30) v. Uphill (owe 15 5-6); McCormick (owe 3-6) v. Ridings (owe 30); Simpson (owe 15 3-6) v. Segar (owe 15).

The first round has to be played within a fortnight, and after that a week will be allowed for each round. These events promise to provide very interesting matches. The team chosen to represent the Parnell Lawn Tennis Club against West End on Saturday next is as follows: First Gentlemen's Doubles: Uphill and Scherrf. First Combined: Stevenson and Miss Mowbray. First Ladies' Doubles: Misses Scherrf and Davy. Second Gentlemen's Doubles: Newton and Segar. Second Combined: Simpson and Miss Hull. Second Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. Goss and Miss Basley.

CRICKET.

AUCKLAND CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES.

Cricketers were again favoured with fine weather on Saturday, when the third series of the Association championship matches were commenced. Bowling in the senior matches on the Domain was poor both Auckland and Gordon being dismissed for small totals. At Devonport United put up 246 against North Shore, D. Hay scoring 82.

FARNELL V. GORDON. Gordon batted first but was disposed of for the poor total of 106. Fish was poor for the rest of the day, but he was not merrily for 20 not out, but could not get anybody to stay with him. Resteaux carried off the bowling honours, taking five wickets for 24 runs. Farnell had lost five wickets for 82 runs when the stumps were drawn, Olison being the top scorer with 20.

AUCKLAND V. PONSONBY. As usual, Auckland won the toss, and started badly, four wickets being down for less than 30. Hemus and McCormick took 12 wickets, the only day on which cricketers, but no one else did anything, and the innings closed for 113. As usual, W. Mills was the mainstay of the Ponsonby bowling, taking nine wickets for 52 runs. A splendid one-hand catch by which he dismissed Neil also deserves mention. Ponsonby had scored 70 for the loss of five wickets before time was called. Landon (27 not out) and Harris (21) hitting out freely. St. Paul captured each of the five wickets.

UNITED V. NORTH SHORE. United journeyed to Devonport and put up 246 against North Shore. D. Hay showed good form for 82, while Robinson and Walker (51) and Gordon (30) being the only North Shore have lost three wickets for three runs in their first innings.

DUNEDIN, Saturday. The weather overhead was fine and the wickets were in good order this morning for the only day on which a cold north-west wind. At the Cauldron ground Carisbrook hit Dunedin; the latter, getting first strike, notched 104, Mackenzie leading the way with a capital played innings for 2, Hamann

14 and Latham 13 being the other double figures contributors. Fisher tramped excellently, bagging six wickets for 22 runs. When the stumps were drawn Carisbrook had 117 to his credit for the loss of four wickets, and something had an excellent chance of securing their third successive win. Butler was to the fore with 48, obtained by free batting; and Burt 41, Mel-drum 20 not out, and Harraway 24 not out were the other run-getters. Howden and Thomson were credited with ducks.

MACLAUREN'S AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

The general opinion as to the defeat of MacLaren's English team in their first Australian match at Adelaide seems to be that the men were somewhat off-colour after their sea voyage. Whatever the reason, the victory of the South Australians did a good deal to lower the prestige of the Englishmen.

In the match with Victoria, which commenced on Friday, at Melbourne, the visitors turned the tables. In the first innings they put up a total of 166, Quaife (not out) heading the scores with 36 to his credit. The Victorians made 131. In the second innings the Englishmen added 174 to their 166, and in reply Victoria only managed 89, thus losing the match by 118.

BOWLING.

AUCKLAND CLUB.

The team holding the gold buckles, viz., Menne, McCallum, Perrett, and Culpan, were challenged by Thomson, Buttle, Haest, and Lambert. The latter defeated Culpan's team, and are now the holders of these trophies. These have been challenged by Donald, Garland, Butts, and Carlaw.

DEVONPORT CLUB.

The following players were selected to represent the club in the pennant matches:—McNeill, H. Nicol, Halc, Glenister, Mitchell, Eyre, Gardner, and Entrican.

PONSONBY CLUB.

An exciting match was played for the challenge buckles, the visiting side on the last head. In the play off the holders went down by two points. The result of the play is as follows:—

W. Swales, C. Robinson, J. J. Payne, W. Swales, J. Kirker (skip), H. Holders, A. Couits, A. Bartlett, J. Montague, G. Webb (skip), H.

WHANGAREI.

The Whangarei Bowling Club's green was opened on Thursday afternoon. The green measures 120 ft by 100 ft, and is in splendid order for a new green. Mr. A. D. Weaver gave the use of the green gratis this year and for the remainder of the term of 10 years at a nominal rental. About 21 Auckland bowlers were present at the opening, and a match, President v. Vice-president, was played. After Mr R. Thompson, M.H.R. had declared the green open for play in the usual manner. The visitors were heartily welcomed on arrival, and were driven to Kaimo, returning to the township in time for play.

AQUATICS.

The opening of the Manukau Yacht Club's season took place on Saturday afternoon. There was a good muster of yachts, and fine weather prevailed. A prize for the best-kept yacht was awarded to Mr. W. Smith's Victoria. After the inspection Captain Neil (judge) and the committee led the procession down to the Bluff and back to the wharf. The fleet then split into two divisions, and manoeuvred by signals from the flagship. The manoeuvres were executed exceedingly well. Afternoon tea was provided for visitors in Mr. Brown's boatshed.

The North Shore Rowing Club will hold trial fours on Saturday next for trophies presented by Mr. G. M. Reid, vice-president. The following are the crews: F. Burgess (stroke), W. Macindoe (3), W. de Renzy (2), T. Farr (bow); W. Oliver (stroke), W. Swinerton (3), S. Cave (2), H. Praceock (bow); L. Bakewell (stroke), H. Burgess (3), H. Hall (2), S. Logie (bow); R. Cave (stroke), D. Richardson (3), G. Macindoe (2), A. Orpwood (bow); J. Gerrard (stroke), P. Burgess (3), E. Wilkinson (2), C. Dunnett (bow); G. Wynyard (stroke), A. Patterson (3), P. Cleghorn (2), F. Drew (bow); W. Logan (stroke), J. Garrett (3), W. Bowler (2), W. Wynyard (bow).

The following crews of the Auckland Rowing Club have been selected to row in the trial fours to be held at the picnic at Pine Island: (1) Bach, Carpenter, Hemingway and Guro; (2) Wade, Stevens, Brash, Mollay; (3) Fort, Benjamin, Tapper, Clark; (4) Lavett, Tucker, Brabant, Jowitt; (5) Fooks, Kerr, Beckend, Buddie; (6) McKnight, Brown, Bill, Muir; (7) Tucker, Diamond, Page, Brully; (8) Brown, Nevill, Diamond, Markwick; (9) Negus, Griffin, Bridgens, Jerram.