

Sports and Pastimes.

WITH SAIL and MOTOR NEWS FROM THE WATER

(Special to "Graphic.")

FIXTURES.

April 8 - North Shore Yacht Club Open Championship.
April 19 - Ponsonby Cruising Club Harbour Race.

THE weather on Saturday and Sunday was of the best from a yachtman's point of view, there being a light breeze blowing from north-north-east on Saturday, changing into the south-east on Sunday, with a calm sea. There was a large fleet of boats, both sail and power, out to the usual cruising grounds.

The easterly gale of last week gave owners of yachts on both shores of the Waitemata some anxiety for a while, as the gale was of exceptional violence, and it is a wonder that more damage to the yachts did not take place. The yacht should not be without its lesson to boatowners, to see that their boats are properly secured against all possible changes of wind and weather.

The Waitemata presented one of the "fairly" class of pictures from an aquatic point of view on Saturday afternoon, owing to the large number of yachts of all classes which were about. From the upper reaches of the harbour right down below Brown's Island it was a continual procession of yachts, as besides those engaged in the races of the North Shore Yacht Club and the Victoria Cruising Club there were sail and power yachts innumerable, bound off for the weekend cruise.

The oil launch Alice, which was recently sold by Mr. C. Bailey, jun., of Auckland, to a gentleman at Tonga, has proved herself very satisfactory to her new owner, who, in a private letter to friends in Auckland, states that the Alice has far exceeded his expectations.

The 25-foot power launch Stevedore Von, formerly owned by Mr. Dormer, has recently been purchased by Messrs. S. Garlick, R. Dillon, and L. Eady. During the Easter holidays the crew of the boat had a most enjoyable cruise round Waikite.

A very handsome looking rowing skill of 16 feet has just been built by Mr. G. Bailey, jun., for the Misses Cato, of Napier, and will be shipped to that port this week. The skill is built of cedar, and is completely fitted throughout.

Heart-ase, the big North Shore yacht, which returned from an extended cruise to the North last week, was one of the worst sufferers by the easterly gale. The steam-yacht Rebuti got foul of the sailer during the height of the gale, and did a considerable amount of damage to her.

Considerable interest is being taken at the present time in a proposal for the appointment of handicappers for the various yachting and sailing clubs. It has been mooted that a meeting should be held of delegates from all the clubs during the close season, and see if something definite on the subject cannot be arranged. So far as I can learn it is proposed that three of four yachtmen who understand "the business" should be engaged to handicap the yachts of all the clubs engaged in races, each club contributing its quota for the arrangement for the services of the handicappers.

I have had to express my opinion on several occasions that some of our younger yachtmen should "go to school" and take a few lessons from their elders as to how to handle a yacht. This is more particularly the case as to "the rule of the road," which a very large number of those in charge of yachts only seem to have the smallest idea of. On the night of March 21, when the harbour was full of yachts of all classes, hastening away for the Easter cruise, this lack of knowledge was largely in evidence; in fact, so much so that disaster was only averted by the superior knowledge of yachtman-ship of "the older fellow." I hope that during the close season this year, the young yachtman will take advantage of the opportunity afforded them to take a few lessons.

The behaviour of some local yachtmen who were away for the Easter cruise in the Gulf, will, I understand, be the subject of a very searching inquiry by the officers of the club to which they belong. Some years ago this was a very common complaint, but owing to very strong measures being taken, the trouble was done away with. Lately, however, I am sorry to say, the grievance has again come into evidence, but I trust that the matter will be "handled without gloves" by the officials. Some young fellows who go away in a yacht appear to have the notion that once they are clear of the harbour they are quite out of control. Well, all I hope is that they will be shown that their notion is decidedly on the wrong side.

CRICKET.

Auckland.

WINS FOR PARNELL, GRAFTON AND NORTH SHORE.

The cricket championships were advanced another stage on Saturday, at Eden Park. Parnell scored a 3-point win over University, and North Shore and Grafton each had two-point victories over Eden and Ponsonby respectively. The result of the day's play gives Parnell a lead of two points for the championship. Particulars are:—

SENIOR GRADE.

MONSONBY V. GRAFTON.

The match, Monsonby v. Grafton, was concluded at Victoria Park. Monsonby continued their first innings, which closed for 95, as against the 140 compiled by Grafton. In their second innings, Grafton declared, with two wickets down for 96, but were unable to dismiss Monsonby in the time available, the western suburb having 31 on the board for four wickets when stumps were drawn.

NORTH SHORE V. EDEN.

The match between Eden and North Shore was concluded at Devonport on Saturday. With five wickets down, Eden continued their first innings, and were getting dangerously near the North Shore total, with three wickets in hand, when Townsend went on to bowl, and took the three wickets in a few minutes. Eden made 122 runs, eight less than Shore had made in their innings. Shore went in to bat, and after 113 runs had been knocked off fairly smartly, the innings closed with seven wickets down. Eden made ready to go in to bat, but just as Shore were taking the 8th, rain commenced to fall, and as the last half hour of play would probably not affect the result, the two skippers agreed to draw stumps.

PARNELL V. UNIVERSITY.

The match between Parnell and University ended, as everybody expected it would, in a three-point win for Parnell. Continuing their first innings, Parnell declared with the score at 178. University, with a deficit of 121 runs on the first innings score, failed badly again, and were all disposed of for 96. Parnell, therefore, won by an innings and 35 runs.

The Second Test.

The second Test match between the Australians and New Zealand ended in a defeat for the Dominion representatives by 164 runs. Batting first, the visitors made 260, of which Smith was responsible for 102. New Zealand followed with 177, of which Reese made 69, not out. After scoring 232 in their second venture for the loss of five wickets, Mayo scoring 90 before he was run out, the Australians sent New Zealand in again and put them out for the poor total of 151.

CYCLING.

Centaur Road Race.

The Centaur road race took place at Levin on March 3, in favourable weather and on fair roads. The course was from the "Byku" corner, Levin, to Otaki, and back, a distance of about twenty-seven miles. Thirty-two riders took part in the race, and the first batch were dispatched at 2.45. The race resulted thus: W. A. O'Donnell (10min) 1
A. Smart (9min 45sec) 2
E. Schraunka (10min) 3
W. Cooper (10min) 4
Time: 1hr 28min.

Also started: Williams, Jones, Musgrove, Kennedy, Gleeson, Anderson, R. George, Brown, A. George, Martin, Laurie, Devonshire, Bevan, Randall, Bridle, Livingstone, McInnes, Bailey, Finlayson, Southwood, Whippehana, Pollard, Hawkins, Scott, Gerry, Noble, Stucky, and Munro.

FOOTBALL.

Wanganui Union.

The annual meeting of the Wanganui Rugby Union was held last week, and the following officers elected: President, Rev. J. Dore; president, Mr. G. Spriggins; vice-presidents, Dr. Wall, Messrs G. Simpson, L. Bassett; secretary, L. Dunkley; treasurer, L. Craig; vice-president to the New Zealand Rugby Union, Mr. G. Spriggins.

The following motion, having for its object the prevention of rough play, was carried, after some discussion:—"For each player warned by the referee and reported to the Management Committee in a cup contest, one point shall be deducted from the cup contest points of the team playing the offending member, and for each player ordered off the field by the referee two points shall be deducted likewise. Two points' deduction to be full penalty for any one player in same match."

ATHLETICS.

Auckland Amateur Sports.

The 55th athletic carnival of the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club took place on the Domain Cricket Ground on Saturday last. The weather was fine and just before the last three events were decided. Both events created great excitement. Wilson being carried off the field shoulder high by his supporters, while Kerr also got a great reception. Mr. F. W. Coombes, recently of Auckland, and now of Wellington, officiated as judge. Later details are:—

1000 YARDS HANDICAP.

G. N. Hill, ser. 1; C. P. Reid, 25yds.; A. Ornstein, 55yds.; 3. Also started: J. Moller, 85yds.; C. Roscoe, 55yds.; J. Giametti, 50yds.; H. G. Chevis, 50yds.; P. J. Lynch, 55yds.; E. C. Barnes, 55yds.; H. C. Burns, 60yds. The limit man, Burns, led for the first lap, when Ornstein took charge and showed the lead. Hill caught Reid on the second lap, where Reid headed him. Hill was some distance away, and looked to have a hopeless task. Entering the straight, however, Hill put in a marvellous run, and in a sensational finish, he caught Reid on the straight, and won by a breast. Ornstein was 15 yards away, third. Time 2:24 1/2. The last half-mile was run in 2:8.

INVITATION TWO-MILE WALK. H. KERR (WELLINGTON) V. D. WILSON (AUCKLAND).

Kerr kept Wilson waiting for about 10 minutes, but after shaking hands, they lost no time on the mark, although both were a goodly nervous. Wilson led for a few minutes, but when Kerr took the lead and maintained an advantage of two to three yards till they were fairly in the straight, where Wilson spurred, and just ahead of Kerr, but the judge called him off. The exciting finish was spoilt. Kerr walking in alone. After the race, Mr Coombes, the judge, stated that he cautioned Wilson in the sixth round for hitting, while in his spurt he mixed it very hotly, and he was compelled to disqualify him. Kerr received a great reception. The time for the various stages of the race were: Quarter-mile, 1:50; half-mile, 3:45 1/2; three-quarters, 5:31; mile, 7:21 1/2; mile and a quarter, 9:10; mile and a half, 10:58; mile and three-quarters, 12:46; two miles, 14:21 3/4. Seen after the race, Wilson said he did not dispute the judge's decision, but he thought that when he was warned that he was walking absolutely fair. He was going well at the time and was confident of victory.

120 YARDS HANDICAP HURDLES.

Final heat: J. Walker, owes 12yds.; G. D. E. Kerr Taylor, owes 6 yards; 2; G. J. Moore, owes 4yds.; 3. Kerr Taylor led for the first hurdle, where Walker caught him, and finishing fast, won by a yard. Kedell fell at the seventh hurdle. Time 1:15 1/2.

ONE MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP.

Final heat: A. V. Docherty, 25yds.; A. Flewellyn, ser. 2; G. C. Herring, 1yds.; 3. Flewellyn took charge in the last lap, but three hundred yards from home, Docherty shot into the lead, and eventually won easily by ten yards. Time 2:47 2/5.

50 YARDS LADIES' BRACELET.

Final heat: C. F. Burns, 15yds.; G. Williams, 15yds.; 2; J. P. Kietly, 15yds.; 3. Also started: G. St. V. Kedell, 11 yds.; D. Kennedy, 15yds.; E. Carolan, 18 yds. Won easily. Time 33 1/5. Second heat: D. G. Cowan, 15yds.; 1; McNair, 15yds.; 2; G. C. Herring, 15yds.; 3. Also started: W. O. McIndoe, 5yds.; W. J. Glass, 15yds.; A. G. Roe, race by a yard. Time 33 1/5. Third heat: A. W. Taylor, 15yds.; H. G. Chevis, 15yds.; 2; M. Taylor, 15yds.; 3. Also started: H. Winstone, 12yds.; C. Newitt, 16yds.; W. R. Hogg, 15yds.; R. R. Hamilton, 15yds.; H. Rowland, 15yds. Won easily. Time 33 2/5. Final heat: C. F. Burns, nominated by Miss Burns, 15yds.; 1; A. Twinnane, nominated by Miss R. V. Matlock, 15yds.; 2; J. P. Kietly, nominated by Miss Kietly, 15yds.; 3. A good race. Won by a yard and a half, with Kietly close up, third. Time, 33 3/5.

QUARTERSTAFF DISPLAY, BY ROY SCOUTS UNDER MR TOM BROWN.
An interesting display of quarterstaff was given by a squad of ten boys, under the patronage of Mr Tom Brown, the lads showing considerable cleverness. In the competition, Bishop, of Epsom, was first; Turner, of Horeport, second; and Carter, of Northcote, third.

ONE MILE WALK HANDICAP.

In addition to Kerr and Wilson there were two other competitors, J. Maud, 100 yards, and H. Wilson, 150yds. All interest, however, centred in the meeting of the champions, and after the first mile Wilson was the only one with a chance. As in the invitation race, Kerr made the pace, keeping a couple of yards in front of Wilson. A hundred yards from home, Wilson spurred, and outpacing Kerr, beat him by three yards, amidst tremendous excitement. H. Wilson was a long way back third. After the race, Mr Coombes stated that he was slightly doubtful of Wilson in the concluding stages, but there was not sufficient break to justify him in calling him off.

MILITARY DISPLAY.

A military display was given by the King's College Cadets, the track cadet corps, which consisted of an attack on a force located on the hill at the Newmarket end. The lads showed a fine knowledge of the manoeuvres, and the display was highly appreciated.

TWO MILE RUN.

C. P. Reid, 120yds.; 1; C. O. Roscoe, 220yds.; 2; C. F. G. Ornstein, 170yds.; 3. Also started: P. Thomas, 180yds.; H. C. Burns, 200yds.; A. Ornstein, 200yds.; G. C. Burns, 200yds. Burns led for a mile, when Roscoe took charge, Reid, the virtual scratch man, running into second place. With three laps to go, Reid went to the front, and drawing away from the field, won by 150yds. Time, 10:2.

HIGH JUMP HANDICAP.

A. G. Marshall, scratch, and C. C. Laurie, 2in, dead heat; 1; G. J. Munro, ser. 2, Height, 5ft 3in, Munro's jump being 5ft 4in.

TWO MILES BICYCLE HANDICAP.

A. V. Docherty, 45yds.; 1; G. Herring, 80yds.; 2; K. W. Somers, 100yds.; 3. Also started: A. Flewellyn, scratch; N. Wadman, 5yds.; H. Bailey, 120yds.; W. F. Houston, 15yds.; W. H. Matthews, 120yds.; H. S. Oakes, 145yds.; H. T. Doyle, 220yds.; A. J. McInnes, 20yds. Docherty took charge, after a mile and a half had been covered, and won easily. A great race, witnessed for several hours, Herring winning by inches. Time, 6:20 2/5.

400YDS HANDICAP.

H. C. Burns, 50yds.; 1; O. A. Darby, 22yds.; 2; C. D. Cowan, 15yds.; 3. Also started: H. Winstone, 15yds.; C. P. Reid, 35yds.; A. Twinnane, 20yds.; J. H. Edwards, 20yds.; F. J. Lynch, 20yds.; H. G. Chevis, 20yds.; C. F. Burns, 25yds.; H. S. Oakes, 25yds.; H. T. Doyle, 25yds.; A. J. McInnes, 20yds. Docherty took charge, after a mile and a half had been covered, and won easily. A great race, witnessed for several hours, Herring winning by inches. Time, 6:20 2/5. G. St. Kedell, who was competing at the sports, is a younger brother to G. P. Kedell, the present Australasian hurdle champion.

Victoria Championships.

MELBOURNE, April 3.

The Victorian Athletic championships resulted as follows:—Rous, 30ft, 1. One-mile Walk—Morgan, 1. Time, 7:5 1/2. Half-mile Run—Wheatley, 1. Time, 2:7. 100yds. Hurdles—Davis, 1. Time, 1:34. 120yds. Hurdles—Davis, 1. Time, 1:10 1/2. This is a Victorian record. High Jump—Kelly, 5ft 5 1/2 in. One-mile Run—Borton, 1. Time, 4:39. 200yds. Hurdles—E. H. Herring, 1. Time, 2:4. Three-mile Run—Blake, 1. Time, 15:55. Pole Vault—Brake and Walker (dead heat), 1. Height, 9ft 7in. 440yds.—Paterson, 1. Time, 53 4/5. Throwing the Hammer—Rose, 80ft 7in. 1. 440yds Hurdles—Davis, 1. Time 62 1/2. Three-mile Walk—Ryan, 1. Time, 24:30 3/5. Long Jump—Davis, 20ft 6in, 1.

Sport in Wairarapa.

Hockey gives promise of booming in the Wairarapa this season. More interest is being taken in the game, and a large number of players intend taking part than ever before in the history of local hockey. To show how the game has caught on, it may be stated that a number of footballers intend forsaking New Zealand's national game in order to play hockey. Each of the senior clubs has nominated ten players towards the expenses in connection with

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