

Lawn Tennis.

Preliminary List of Tournaments.

- NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS**—Hastings, 30th, 27th, and 28th December.
- AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**—Hastings, 30th and 31st December and 1st January.
- HASTINGS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND HANDICAPS**—Hastings, to follow Australasian Meeting.
- PAHIATUA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND HANDICAPS**—Pahiatua, 1st and 2nd January.
- MANAWATU CHAMPIONSHIPS AND HANDICAPS**—Palmerston North, 29th and 22nd January.
- HAWKES BAY CHAMPIONSHIPS AND DANNEVIKKE CLUB'S HANDICAPS**—Dannevirke, middle of January.
- WAIKARARA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MASTERTON CLUB'S HANDICAPS**—Masterton, middle of January.

NOTE—The above dates may not be absolutely correct, but are as near as can be ascertained (unofficially) at present.

AUCKLAND.

Association Meeting.

On Thursday last there was a meeting of the Auckland Lawn Tennis Association, at which Mr. H. R. Cooke presided, and the following delegates were present:—Messrs. Shepherd (Otahuhu), Martin (Parnell), Hickson (Remuera), Andrew (Auckland), Longuet (Remuera), Hanna (Parnell), Taylor (Onehunga), Russell (Eden and Epsom), Goldie (vice-president) and Palethorpe (secretary).

An application by the Hamilton Club to hold a championship and handicap tournament at Easter, 1913, was approved, and the balls to be used at this tournament are the Jacques balls.

It was decided not to hold a handicap tournament in Auckland during the Christmas vacation, owing to other attractions in the tennis world, but the local championships will take place on Saturday, 25th January, Wednesday, 29th January, and Saturday, 1st February, for which events entries close with the secretary on 11th January, at 8 p.m. The trophies and events will be on the same lines as last season.

Suggested Test Match.

With regard to the suggested test match between the English team (Davis Cup) and a New Zealand team, the Association decided to guarantee the £50 asked for by the New Zealand Association provided the test match was arranged, the dates being Monday and Tuesday, 23rd and 24th December. Only one court will be required, and the offer of the Eden and Epsom Club for this purpose was accepted. A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Martin, Goldie, Gibson, Cooke, and Fee, with the secretary, was appointed to make all necessary arrangements, with a recommendation to this committee to arrange for a grandstand to be erected, and to have a box-plan for booking seats. There is no question that this match will be fully appreciated by all lawn tennis players, and, in fact, the public generally, and the Association is to be congratulated upon taking all the risks attending such a meeting.

Better Seaming Wanted.

A complaint was received from the Parnell Club with regard to the Dunlop ball, and the secretary was instructed to write to the manufacturers pointing out the lack of uniformity in the size of these balls and the unsatisfactory nature of the seaming. A majority of the delegates present seemed to consider that, while there was certainly room for some complaint, still the new ball was a decided improvement upon the ball adopted last season.

N.Z.L.T.A. Championship Meeting.

The official programme of the New Zealand Lawn Tennis Association's annual championship meeting, to be held at Hastings, Hawke's Bay, on December 26, 27, and 28, and the Australasian championships to be held at the same place on December 30 and 31 and January 1, has just come to hand. Six courts will be available, and Ayres' championship balls will be used. Entry forms can be obtained from club secretaries, and must be forwarded to the secretary (Mr. A. J. Petherick, Nathan's Buildings, Grey

street, Wellington, through club secretaries, not later than December 17.

Auckland Interclub Matches.

The following is the draw for the Auckland Association's series of inter-club matches:—

First Grade.

Two sections (winners of each section to play off when and where decided by Match Committee).

A SECTION.

November 23.—Eden and Epsom I v. Auckland I (Auckland); Parnell I v. Remuera I (Remuera); West End, a bye.

December 7.—West End I v. Remuera I (West End); Eden and Epsom I v. Parnell I (Eden and Epsom); Auckland, a bye.

December 14.—West End I v. Parnell I (Parnell); Remuera I v. Auckland I (Remuera); Eden and Epsom, a bye.

February 8.—West End I v. Auckland I (Auckland); Eden and Epsom I v. Remuera I (Eden and Epsom); Parnell, a bye.

February 22.—Eden and Epsom I v. West End I (West End); Parnell I v. Auckland I (Parnell); Remuera, a bye.

B SECTION.

November 24.—Eden and Epsom II v. Devonport I (Eden and Epsom); Parnell II v. Onehunga I (Parnell); West End, a bye.

December 7.—West End II v. Devonport I (Devonport); Eden and Epsom II v. Onehunga I (Onehunga); Parnell II, a bye.

December 14.—West End II v. Onehunga I (West End); Eden and Epsom II v. Parnell II (Parnell); Devonport I, a bye.

February 8.—West End II v. Parnell II (West End); Onehunga I v. Devonport I (Onehunga); Eden and Epsom, a bye.

February 22.—Eden and Epsom II v. West End II (Eden and Epsom); Parnell II v. Devonport I (Devonport); Onehunga, a bye.

Second Grade.

Two sections (winners of each section to play off when and where decided by Match Committee).

A SECTION.

November 23.—West End III v. Auckland II (West End); Remuera II v. Eden and Epsom III (Eden and Epsom); Otahuhu I, a bye.

December 7.—Remuera II v. Otahuhu I (Otahuhu); Eden and Epsom III v. Auckland II (Auckland); West End III, a bye.

December 14.—West End III v. Eden and Epsom III (Eden and Epsom); Otahuhu I v. Auckland II (Auckland); Remuera II, a bye.

February 8.—West End III v. Otahuhu I (Otahuhu); Remuera II v. Auckland II (Remuera); Eden and Epsom III, a bye.

February 22.—West End III v. Remuera II (Remuera); Eden and Epsom III v. Otahuhu I (Otahuhu); Auckland II, a bye.

B SECTION.

November 23.—Devonport II v. Otahuhu II (Otahuhu); Birkenhead v. Onehunga II (Onehunga); Dominion Road, a bye.

December 7.—Dominion Road v. Onehunga II (Dominion Road); Devonport II v. Birkenhead (Birkenhead); Otahuhu II, a bye.

December 14.—Dominion Road v. Birkenhead (Birkenhead); Otahuhu II v. Onehunga II (Otahuhu); Devonport II, a bye.

February 8.—Dominion Road v. Otahuhu II (Dominion Road); Devonport II v. Onehunga II (Onehunga); Birkenhead, a bye.

February 22.—Dominion Road v. Devonport II (Dominion Road); Birkenhead v. Otahuhu II (Birkenhead); Onehunga II, a bye.

General Notes.

Before the close of the meeting, Mr. Martin referred to Mr. Hickson's resignation from the Association, on account of his leaving Auckland for Taranaki, and spoke in warm terms of the great interest Mr. Hickson had always taken in regard to tennis matters, and the loss the Association and the club he represented would feel at his leaving the district. Mr. Longuet and Mr. Cooke supported these

remarks, and the meeting unanimously carried a vote of thanks to Mr. Hickson for his past services, and wished him success in his future undertakings.

Mr. Goldie was appointed to the sub-committee in charge of the Dunlop Shield trophy, on Mr. Hickson's resignation, and the other members being Dr. Keith and Mr. Martin.

The inter-club matches will begin on Saturday, 23rd November.

WELLINGTON.

(By ROMULUS.)

N.Z. Lawn Tennis Association.

At the annual general meeting of the governing body, held on Thursday week, the following office-bearers were elected for the season 1912-13:—Patron, His Excellency Lord Islington; president, Mr. G. N. Pharazyn (Hawke's Bay); vice-presidents, Messrs W. R. Holmes (Auckland), C. J. W. Griffiths (Marlborough), C. H. Broad (Nelson), R. C. Tennent (Southland), Dr. H. B. Leatham (Taranaki), Mr. C. M. Strouts (Wanganui), Mr. H. M. Gore (Wellington), Dr. Teichelmann (West Coast), Mr. G. W. Gibson (Otago), Mr. W. Goss (Christchurch); vice-president, Mr. G. N. Pharazyn; delegate to the Lawn Tennis Association of Australasia, Mr. G. H. Schofield; delegates to the Lawn Tennis Association of Australasia, Messrs V. H. Baxter, H. Y. Braddon, C. T. Metcalfe, A. E. Wetherly; management committee, Messrs F. M. B. Fisher, H. M. Gore, A. J. Berry, E. P. Wilson, P. White-Parsons, R. St. J. Beere, J. S. Barton; hon. auditor, Mr. H. G. Diddury; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Arthur J. Petherick; delegates to Olympic Council of New Zealand, Messrs B. Keesing and R. St. J. Beere.

Thorndon's Opening (Nov. 2).

The official opening of the Thorndon Club's courts took place at Halswell Street on Saturday week, when the weather conditions were all that could be desired. Attracted by the fine weather many visitors availed themselves of the hospitality of the club, and together with the members and their friends made quite a large gathering. The courts were in splendid condition, and the players expressed their satisfaction at the excellent preparation bestowed upon them by the groundsman, Mr. W. Horswood. Afternoon tea was dispensed by the lady members, and was very much enjoyed. One and all agreed that the opening was a good augury for a successful season.

Mr. R. M. Simpson, president, attended during the afternoon and took a keen interest in the tennis. Notable players on the courts were: Misses K. M. Nimbley (provincial champion ladies) and E. Travers (N.Z. lady champion, 1910), Messrs J. C. Peacock (provincial champion men's singles), R. N. K. Swainston, E. Salmon, G. F. Smythe, and P. White-Parsons. The arrangements were excellently carried out by Mr. A. L. Berry and the club's executive, consisting of Misses W. Hamay and I. Tennent, Messrs G. H. Fell, G. F. Smythe and A. Young.

Mr. G. A. Hurley Retires.

At the annual meeting of delegates to the N.Z.L.T.A. held in Wellington recently, it was decided to place on record the invaluable services performed on behalf of lawn tennis by Mr. G. A.

Hurley, who announced during the evening that he would not be further participating in the control of the game, and to express regret at his retirement from work on the governing bodies. Members testified in flattering terms to the very fine services rendered wholeheartedly to the sport, and the various eulogistic references were punctuated with hearty applause.

Annual Meeting Muritai L.T.C.

The annual report of the Muritai Club presented to members on Saturday week, revealed the fact that the club's finances were very satisfactory, there being a credit balance of something like £32. About 15 new members were elected, though the club records with regret the loss of many of its leading playing members in Messrs. C. R. Disher, B. F. and E. P. Kelly, T. Lawless, J. Madden, W. E. Hay-McKenzie ("Scobie"), Geo. Shand and M. C. Stranger.

The following officers were elected for the current season:—Patron, Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P.; president, Mr. R. T. Turnbull, and numerous vice-presidents; committee of management, Messrs. G. L. Aickin, J. S. Fleming, H. Marsden, J. F. O'Leary, W. Perry, H. W. Shortt, and K. D. Wheelan; hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Huenan; hon. auditor, Mr. Geo. Shand; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Howden; delegates to W.P.L.T.A., Messrs. J. F. O'Leary and W. Perry.

Davis Cup Team Selected.

Norman Brookes has made a commendably early selection of his team to defend the Davis Cup against the redoubtable Britishers at Melbourne on the 28th, 29th and 30th inst. His choice of four players consists of:

- N. F. BROOKES, A
- A. W. DUNLOP, B
- R. W. LIBBY, C
- A. B. JONES, D

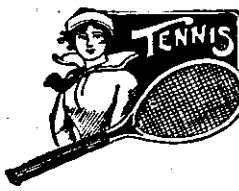
The first three players are Victorians, and were the actual contestants in the successful repulse of the American invaders at Christchurch last January. The only new man is A. B. Jones (repeating Horace Rice), who has been showing such consistently fine form that he played himself right into favour; and it is expected that when the final choice is made Brookes will rely on the New South Welshman as his second string in the singles. The writer will be surprised, if he is supplied by Heath, and thinks that G. Olivier should have been selected if Jones can't beat Heath, because Olivier can.

At any rate, Alf. Dunlop is certain to partner the great Brookes in the doubles, on which will depend the fate of the match, as Heath, Jones or Olivier would probably lose both singles in any case.

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