

Lawn Tennis.

WELLINGTON.

(By ROMULUS.)

North Island Tournaments.

NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.—Hastings, 26th, 27th, and 28th December. Entries close 17th December, at Wellington.

RANGITIKEI CHAMPIONSHIPS AND HANDICAPS.—Marton, 26th, 27th, and 28th December. Entries close 19th December.

AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.—Hastings, 30th and 31st December and 1st January. Entries close 17th December, at Wellington.

HASTINGS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND HANDICAPS.—Hastings, to follow Australasian Meeting. Probably 1st, 2nd, and 3rd January. Entries close 21st December.

AUCKLAND ASSOCIATION'S HANDICAP TOURNAMENT.—Temuera Courts, 1st, 2nd, and 4th January.

PALMISTON CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND HANDICAPS.—Palamiston, 1st and 2nd January.

HAWKES BAY CHAMPIONSHIPS AND DANNEVIKIE CLUB'S HANDICAPS.—Dannevirke, 4th, 6th, and 7th January. Entries close 28th December.

TARANAKI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AND HANDICAP TOURNAMENT.—New Plymouth, January 10, 17 and 18.

WAIRARAPA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MASTERTON CLUB'S HANDICAPS.—Masterton, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th January. Entries close 15th January.

WELLINGTON PALMERSTON NORTH CLUB'S HANDICAPS.—Palmerston N., March 22, 21 and 23.

Civil Service Tournament.

The concluding matches in the various events of the second annual Civil Service Lawn Tennis Carnival resulted:—

MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES.

Fourth round.—E. F. J. Reeves (12), v. C. Williams (14). 50—38. J. C. Bridges (33), v. R. Tryer (22), 50—36. Semi-finals.—F. Williams (30), v. J. M. Power (7), 50—40. E. F. J. Reeves (12), v. J. C. Bridges (33), 50—42.

Final.—E. F. J. Reeves, Public Trust Office, 12, v. F. Williams, Post and Telegraph Department (30), 50—46.

Despite the fact that Bridges and F. Williams had very big handicaps (nearly 50 from the back-marker, E. Y. Redwards) the Men's Singles was won by Reeves (12), who, however, was also leniently dealt with by the handicappers. He put up two fine performances in the semi-final and final respectively against the above mentioned players, catching Bridges at 33, and Williams at 41. The "point" game is not as a rule conducive to good tennis, but in this tournament the winner's play was first class all through.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.

Semi-finals.—Reeves and Bamfield (14), v. Hamer and Chamberlain (12), by default. Ponanga and Allen (15), v. Power and Pratt (12), 50—42.

Final.—E. F. J. Reeves and O. W. Bamfield (14), Public Trust Office, v. H. Ponanga and T. R. Allen (15), Public Trust Office, 50—41.

Ponanga worked hard in the last two matches of the doubles, but unfortunately, his partner played much below his usual form (Power had much the same experience with his man Friday). Reeves and Bamfield were too solid, the latter playing very steadily and placing well too, while Reeves made most of the winning shots, both at the net and with a fine drive from the back of the court.

LADIES' HANDICAP DOUBLES.

First round.—Misses Buchan and Gray (9), v. Misses Jack and Fallows (28), 43—41. Misses Horrel and Clyde (7), v. Misses Hill and Henderson (15), 40—38. Misses Wilson and Tyerman (22), v. Misses K. McIntosh and Warren (2), 40—20. Misses Sheldon and Kirker (ser.), v. Misses Brown and Lear (17), 40—38.

Semi-finals.—Misses Buchan and Gray (9), v. Misses Horrel and Clyde (7), 40—34.

Senior Competitions (December 7).

There were no men's matches in the senior grade as the first rounds had been completed, with the exception of the Wellington-Victoria College match. As Stranger has been playing in junior matches, Wellington A is certain to be a stronger team for the fixture against

the champions, with A. J. Fernie, W. Fraser, S. J. Sampson, T. L. Ward eligible. In the event of Wellington winning there will be three teams level for first place in the championship table, with two wins and one loss apiece: Brougham Hill, Victoria College, and Wellington A.

THE LADIES.

Wellington A defeated B by six rubbers to 0, 12 sets to 0, 72 games to 13. Miss Travers v. Mrs. Grady, 6—1, 6—2. Miss Williams v. Miss Webb, 6—1, 6—0. Mrs. Goldie v. Miss Grey, 6—0, 6—0. Miss Hindmarsh v. Miss Francis, 6—3, 6—2. Miss Travers and Mrs. Goldie v. Mrs. Grady and Miss Webb, 6—0, 6—1. Misses Williams and Hindmarsh v. Misses Gray and Francis, 6—1, 6—2.

By its six-rubber victory in this match, Wellington A has completed the first round of the championship without loss of a rubber. In fact, only three sets have been scored against the team, Misses Davis (B.H.), and Tennent (V.C.) singles, and Misses Davis and Archer (B.H.) doubles. Wellington A's record for the round makes interesting reading: Matches played 4, won 4, lost 0; rubbers for, 24; against, 0; sets for, 44; against, 3; games for 301, against 111.

Victoria College defeated Brougham Hill by 3 rubbers to 3, 8 sets to 6, 69 games to 56. Miss Van Stavren v. Miss Davis, 6—4, 6—3. Miss Atmore v. Mrs. W. E. Howe, 6—0, 6—4. Miss Tennent, v. Miss Morgan, 3—6, 4—6; Miss K. McIntosh v. Miss Archer, 6—2, 3—6, 4—6; Misses Van Stavren and McIntosh v. Misses Davis and Archer, 5—6, 6—5, 2—6; Misses Atmore and Tennent v. Miss Morgan and Mrs. Howe, 6—0, 6—2.

Marton Club's Tournament.

The fifth annual Rangitikei championship meeting is set down for decision on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 26th, 27th, and 28th December, 1912, at Marton, when five first-class grass courts will be available for play. There are eleven events on the programme—five championships and six handicaps (including two grades in the men's singles), in the former of which advantage sets and the latter advantage points will be played. This tournament always draws a large number of visiting players, particularly from Palmerston North, Feilding, Wangarua, and Taranaki. Entries close with Mr. K. G. Smith, hon. secretary, Marton, on Thursday, 19th December.

New South Wales Defeated.

In the recent match played at Sydney, British Isles (the victorious Davis Cup team) defeated New South Wales by 6 rubbers to 2, 13 sets to 8, and 123 games to 112.

Singles: J. C. Parke v. A. B. Jones, 6—4, 6—4; C. P. Dixon v. H. Rice, 5—7, 6—2, 6—4; A. E. Beamish v. G. Wright, 4—6, 8—6, 6—3; F. G. Lowe v. E. L. Jones, 6—4, 6—8, 6—2.

Summary.—British Isles, rubbers, 4; sets, 8; games 65. New South Wales; rubbers, 0; sets, 3; games, 50.

Doubles: J. C. Parke and F. G. Lowe v. A. B. Jones and G. Wright, 7—5, 0—9—11, 6—4. J. C. Parke and F. G. Lowe, v. H. Rice and E. L. Jones, 8—6, 3—6, 4—6. C. P. Dixon and A. E.

Beamish, v. A. B. Jones and G. Wright, 5—7, 1—6. C. P. Dixon and A. E. Beamish, v. H. Rice and E. L. Jones, 9—7, 6—4.

Summary.—British Isles; rubbers, 2; sets, 6; games 58. New South Wales; rubbers, 2; sets, 5, games, 62.

AUCKLAND.

Inter-club Matches.

The third round of the inter-club matches was played on Saturday last, and the form shown was distinctly in advance of the two previous rounds.

In the Remuera I. v. Auckland I. match, Webster deserves credit for his win against K. Duffie, the latter player being looked upon as a promising champion. In the ladies' matches Remuera was too strong for Auckland.

Parnell I. had a very easy win from West End, the latter club only showing a win in Dr. Keith's single and Miss Gray.

The results in the A Grade to date show Remuera 3 wins 0 losses; Eden and Epsom, 2 wins, 0 losses; Parnell, 1 win and 2 losses; West End and Auckland, 2 losses each. There are two more rounds to play, and the result will probably lie between Remuera and Eden and Epsom, and will be a close finish.

First Grade—A Section.

PARNELL V. WEST END.

Men's Singles.—Hannu, 3, v. Keith, 0; Mowbray, 6, v. Upton, 3; Coates, 9, v. Snelling, 6; Ralph, 9, v. Fee, 3. Men's Doubles.—Mowbray and Coates, 9, v. Keith and Upton, 6; Hanna and Ralph, 9, v. Fee and Lyttleton, 6; Baker and Duffie, 9, v. Snelling and Goldie, 6.

Ladies' Singles.—Miss Steele, 5, v. Miss Gray, 7; Miss MacCormick, 7, v. Miss Moore, 3.

Ladies' Doubles.—Misses Steele and MacCormick, 7, v. Miss Gray and Mrs. Fee, 6; Misses Frater and N. MacCormick, 7, v. Misses J. and A. Moore, 4.

Combined Doubles.—Duffie and Miss Frater, 7, v. Lyttleton and Mrs. Fee, 4; Baker and Miss N. MacCormick, 7, v. Goldie and Miss A. Moore, 4.

Parnell Club won by 11 matches to 2.

REMUEIRA V. AUCKLAND.

Men's Singles.—McIntosh 9, v. Snelling, 4; Duffie 8, v. Webster 9; Touks 7, v. Milnes 9; Larner 9, v. Johns 6.

Ladies' Doubles.—McIntosh and Longuet 9, v. Milnes and Webster, 6; Duffie and S. Longuet 5, v. Snelling and Saunders 9; Touks and Larner 9, v. Johns and Andrew, 2.

Ladies' Singles.—Miss Crowther, 7, v. Miss F. Woodroffe, 3; Miss Barstow, 7, v. Miss Marc, 3.

Ladies' Doubles.—Misses Crowther and Barstow, 7, v. Misses F. Woodroffe and M. G. M. Kerr-Taylor and Walker, 7, v. Misses Chivers and W. Woodroffe, 3.

Combined Doubles.—L. Longuet and Miss Kerr-Taylor, 7, v. Andrew and Miss Calvert, 3; S. Longuet and Miss Walker, 7, v. Saunders and Miss W. Woodroffe, 6.

Remuera Club won by 10 matches to 3.

B section.

EDEN AND EPSOM (I. V. PARNELL II. Men's Singles.—Henderson 0 v. Simpson 8; Cooke 9, v. Cooke 6; Frater 9, v. Ward 2; Thompson 5, v. Herd 9.

Men's Doubles.—Cooke and Frater 9, v. Abbott and Reid 8; Henderson and Thompson 9 v. Ward and Cooke 2; Bull and Campbell 9, v. Simpson and Alderton 3.

Ladies' Singles.—Miss Walker, 3, v. Miss Wood 7; Mrs. Gold Smith 7, v. Miss Scott 3.

Ladies' Doubles.—Miss Walker and Mrs. Gold Smith 7, v. Misses Ward and Scott 4; Miss Nicholson and Mrs. Mueller 7, v. Misses Metcalfe and Abbott 6.

Combined Doubles.—Bull and Miss Nicholson 4 v. Abbott and Miss Metcalfe 7; Campbell and Mrs. Mueller 7, v. Alderton and Miss Abbott 1.

Eden and Epsom Club won by 10 matches to 3.

ONEIUNGA V. WEST END.

Men's Singles.—R. E. Taylor, 9, v. J. V. Macky, 7; G. L. Taylor, 9, v. A. G. Cooke, 8; R. O. Gardner, 9, v. R. Angus, 6; A. Richardson, 9, v. S. C. Thorne, 6.

Men's Doubles.—Richardson and G. L.

Taylor, 9, v. Wyman and Macky, 8; Gardner and T. K. Clark, 9, v. Angus and A. G. Cooke, 4; R. E. Taylor and M. Robb, 9, v. Thorne and M. J. Allison, 0.

Ladies' Singles.—Miss Carnahan, 7, v. Mrs. Keith, 3; Miss Worrall, 7, v. Mrs. Manning, 0.

Ladies' Doubles.—Misses Carnahan and Worrall, 7, v. Misses Manning and Miss Nelson, 1; Mesdames Colley and Taylor, 7, v. Mrs. Keith and Miss V. Bagnall, 4.

Combined Doubles.—Robb and Mrs. Colley, 5, v. Wyman and Miss Nelson, 7; Clark and Mrs. Taylor, 7, v. Alison and Miss V. Bagnall, 8.

Ouchunga won by 12 matches to 1.

Second Grade—A Section.

EDEN AND EPSOM III. V. WEST END II. Men's Singles.—Gorrie 9, v. McNair 5; Whitaker 9, v. Whiteley 4; Hill 9, v. Murphy 9; Hanna 8, v. Stewart 9.

Men's Doubles.—Whitaker and Hill 9, v. McNair and Whiteley 3; Gorrie and Isham 9, v. Murphy and Stewart 5; Newhook and Reynolds 8, v. Halley and Dickeson 3.

Ladies' Singles.—Mrs. Stewart 7, v. Miss Worrack 2; Mrs. Grierson 1, v. Miss Hunt 7.

Ladies' Doubles.—Mesdames Stewart and Grierson 4, v. Miss Worrack and Mrs. Colson 7; Mesdames Whitaker and Young 3, v. Miss Hunt and Mrs. Bernard 7.

Combined Doubles.—Newhook and Mrs. Whitaker 7, v. Halley and Mrs. Colson 6; Reynolds and Mrs. Young 7, v. Dickeson and Mrs. Bernard 4.

Eden and Epsom Club won by 9 matches to 4.

OTAHIUNU I. V. AUCKLAND II.

Men's Singles.—Morrin, 8, v. McKay, 9; I. Sheppard, 9, v. Matthews, 1; Todd, 9, v. Coppard, 8; W. Sheppard, 9, v. Valle, 4.

Men's Doubles.—Morrin and I. Sheppard, 9, v. McKay and Matthews, 4; Todd and W. Sheppard, 9, v. Tuke and Johns, 7; Tago and Rev. Rowe, 9, v. Conard and Valle, 7.

Ladies' Singles.—Miss Wilson, 2, v. Miss Moses, 7; Miss Witley, 7, v. Miss McLoughlin, 6.

Ladies' Doubles.—Misses Wilson and Witley, 2, v. Misses Scott and McLoughlin, 7; Miss Morrin and Mrs. Whiteley, 2, v. Misses Moses and Aickin, 7.

Combined Doubles.—Mrs. Whiteley and Page, 4, v. Miss Scott and Tuke, 7; Miss Morrin and Rev. Rowe, 6, v. Miss Aickin and Johnson, 7.

Otauhunu Club won by 7 matches to 6.

B Section.

DOMINION ROAD V. DEVONPORT.

Men's Singles.—Bilson, 7, v. Hobbs, 0; Bartlett, 9, v. B. Macky, 4; G. Garrett, 3, v. B. Macky, 9; Garrett, 9, v. Jeffrey, 5.

Ladies' Singles.—Miss Booth, absent, v. Miss M. Bennett, 7; Miss Booth, absent, v. Miss E. Whitaker, win.

Ladies' Doubles.—Misses Booth, absent, v. Misses N. Bennett and Whitaker, win; Misses Campbell and Weoo, 2, v. Misses M. Bennett and Mison, 7.

Combined Doubles.—Drower and Miss Webb, 3, v. Kallinder and Miss N. Bennett, 7; Fowler and Miss Campbell, 7, v. Irving and Miss Mason, 5.

Devonport Club won by 5 matches to 5.

Notes.

The association has everything in good running order for the English team's match on Saturday next, and the bookings for seats for the grandstand show that the public are enthusiastic.

An Irish Rugby Captain.

PARKES—TENNIS CHAMPION.

THE "ALL-BLACK" VETO.

When J. C. Parke goes into the battle of sport he does so as a two-handed fighter, like Osman Pasha at Plevna, who carried a revolver in one hand and a sword in the other. In fine, Parke, the brilliant Irish tennis player, who has been mainly instrumental in taking the Davis Cup from Australia, is also a brilliant international Rugby football player.

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