

# Lawn Tennis.

**North Island Tournaments.**  
**WAIRARAPA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MASTERTON CLUB'S HANDICAPS**—Masterton, 22nd, 23rd, 24th January.  
**AUCKLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS, EDEN AND EPSOM COURTS**—End of January.  
**NORTH ISLAND INTERPROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT**—New Plymouth, Easter.  
**WANGANUI EASTER TOURNAMENT, CHAMPIONSHIPS AND HANDICAPS**—Wanganui, March 21, 22, and 23.  
**WELLINGTON PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, PALMERSTON NORTH CLUB'S HANDICAPS**, Palmerston N., March 22, 24 and 25.  
**N.Z. UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS**—Wellington, March 22 and 25.

**WELLINGTON.**

(By ROMULUS.)

**Intra-department Match.**

THE annual outing of two most important State Departments was held this year at Lower Hutt, instead of Day's Bay, the cricket match and sports coming off on the Recreation Ground, while the Hatt Bowling and Tennis Club kindly made arrangements for the bowling and tennis fixtures. Treasury had a day out, and won all along the line, the only surprise being the defeat of the Audit's tennis representatives, who certainly appeared the stronger four on paper, the first single and, perhaps, Vivian's, being the only rubbers Treasury felt confident about. However the latter Department won the match by 4 rubbers to 2, 8 sets to 6, and 58 games to 59:

**Singles.**—T. H. Jones v. G. H. Richardson, 6-1, 8-6; E. Toms v. G. G. Smith, 0-6, 3-8; H. Vivian v. T. H. Hamer, 6-3, 7-5; G. King v. C. V. Chamberlain, 1-6, 0-6 (King retired after first set).  
**Doubles.**—Jones and Toms v. Richardson and Smith, 6-1, 2-6, 4-6 ("Minga" was tired in this rally!); Vivian and King v. Hamer and Chamberlain, 2-6, 6-2, 6-0 (a good recovery, but Audit must have won had "Joe" Chamberlain done anything right in the last two sets).

**A Friendly Encounter—Kelburne v. Rona Bay.**

Rona Bay entertained the members of the recently formed Kelburne Club on January 12, when the visitors won a closely contested and interesting match by the narrow margin of nine games (88-79), each side securing six rubbers. Kelburne, 5 singles and 1 double; Rona Bay, 3 singles and 3 doubles. Details (Kelburne players mentioned first):

**Singles.**—Mirams v. Swanston, 2-9; Lawrence v. Lewis, 9-2; Blundell v. Walton, 9-4; Biddle v. Isaacs, 9-3; Kirkcaldie v. Kelly, 2-9; Hislop v. Howden, 9-7; Balharry v. Organ, 8-9; Malloy v. Pavitt, 0-1.  
**Doubles.**—Mirams and Balharry v. Swanston and Walton, 10-11; Lawrence and Biddle v. Lewis and Howden, 3-11; Blundell and Wilson v. Kelly and Isaacs, 11-2; Kirkcaldie and Hislop v. Organ and Pavitt, 7-11.

**Intra-club Settings.**

Victoria College still leads for the Men's Senior Championship, and it is hard to see who is to beat such a solid combination as Beere, Cleghorn, Parker, and Smith. Delamare strengthened the team in the big match against Wellington, but is out of town nowadays and consequently not available.  
 Kean (Brougham Hill) and K. A. Henderson (Karori), two of the unbeaten players in the Men's Junior Championship up to Saturday week, met their Waterloo at the hands of Fathers (Victoria College) and Worboys (Kilbirnie) respectively. Fathers defeated Kean, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; while Worboys in disposing of Henderson, 6-5, 6-6, 6-2, gave his best match exhibition since starting the game.  
 Two of the players who figured prominently in the Handicap Tournament (Day's Bay) at New Year, Butcher (winner of singles) and Taylor (winner of doubles with Morrison) had it "out" in the Brougham Hill-Victoria College A Junior match on the 11th inst. After a solid three set encounter Butcher got home by the narrowest of margins, 6-3, 4-6, 6-5 (16 games to 14).

**AUCKLAND.**

The Auckland championship tournament will be held on January 25, January 29, and February 1, and the draw has been completed. Large entries have been received. Players are expected to give every assistance in getting the matches off.

The Ladies' singles and doubles will commence at the Remuera lawns next Saturday at 9.30 a.m., and will continue to 1 o'clock. In the afternoon no further ladies' matches will be played, but the men's singles and doubles will be played on both lawns—the top section at Eden and Epsom, and the bottom section at Remuera.

It is not proposed to start the combined matches until the morning of Wednesday, January 29, when they will be commenced on both lawns—the top section at Eden and Epsom, and the bottom sections at Remuera. Further details will be given later as to the exact order of play on Wednesday, January 29. In order to avoid confusion, players are requested to take particular notice of the lawns they are to play on on Saturday next.

**Taranaki Tournament.**

The Taranaki Tennis Tournament finals resulted as follows:  
**Men's Championship Singles.**—Olivier beat Wallace, 6-3, 6-0, 6-3.  
**Combined Championship Winners.**—Mrs. Wallace and Mr. Wallace.  
**Men's Championship Doubles.**—Dickie and Wallace beat Olivier and E. Griffiths, 7-9, 6-1, 6-3.  
**Men's Handicap Singles.**—S. Powdrell (5) beat Lee (25), 00-51.  
**Men's Handicap Doubles.**—Powdrell Bros. (5) beat Cowan and Evans (10), 80-43.  
**Ladies' Handicap Doubles.**—Winners, Mrs. Birch Johnson and Miss Rundle.

**The Final Test—Great Britain v. Australia.**

SYDNEY, January 17.  
 The tennis test match, British Isles v. Australia, opened in dull, muggy weather. The courts were fast. There was an attendance of 900.  
 The feature of the contest was the brilliant display of Brookes, who defeated Dixon in two love sets, the first lasting fifteen minutes and the second nine minutes. Dixon played a plucky uphill game, getting in a number of smart serves, and scoring shots, but Brookes was unplayable, and Dixon had not a look in at any stage of the game. The champion sent down many severe serves, which Dixon was either unable to reach, or mishit.  
 Brookes displayed to perfection his power of anticipating his opponent's shot, and of concealing his own intentions.  
 The opinion of observers who have seen Brookes play often is that he never played better. Again and again he sent back the winning shot when it seemed impossible to reach the ball.  
 Brookes himself declares that he played the best game of his life. He took 27 aces to 12, and 26 to 8.  
 Dunlop easily succumbed to Beamish in the singles, Beamish showing beautiful backhand work and cross-court drives.  
 Lowe played Jones on an open court, while simultaneously another match was proceeding on the main court. Lowe's resentment at the unscrupled court, and at the spectators streaming past, badly affected his game.  
 Heath made a good stand against Parke, but his weak backhand work was costly.  
 In the doubles, Brookes and Dunlop over-matched Beamish and Dixon, Dunlop playing an entirely different game to his display in the singles. Brookes again sent down many unplayable serves, and his net-work was perfect. The Australian pair took the first set to love, a most unusual feat in modern first-class doubles.  
 Parke and Lowe fought a close contest with Heath and Jones, Heath proved an

indifferent doubles player, possessing no power, low volley. He found the net with irritating frequency. Jones' brilliancy compensated for this, and won the match.

The following are the results:—  
 Beamish beat Dunlop, 6-2, 6-1.  
 Jones beat Lowe, 6-0, 6-1.  
 Parke beat Heath, 9-7, 3-6, 6-3.  
 Brookes beat Dixon, 6-0, 6-0.  
 Heath and Jones beat Parke and Lowe, 4-6, 6-4, 12-10.  
 Brookes and Dunlop beat Beamish and Dixon, 6-0, 6-3.  
 The present score is:—  
 Britain—2 matches, 5 sets, 55 games.  
 Australia—1 matches, 6 sets, 67 games.

SYDNEY, January 18.  
 The weather was bright and extremely hot when the tennis match between Australia and Great Britain was resumed. The attendance was about 2,500. Most interest centred in the meeting of Brookes and Parke. The latter at the start outplayed Brookes, the score at one stage reading 5-2 in his favour. Then after a great deal of amazingly clever volleying Brookes recovered himself, and took four games in succession, making the score 6-5 in his favour. Parke won the next two games, but Brookes secured the last three, and took the set after 31 minutes' play.  
 Parke won the first game in the second set, mainly through two great recoveries, but subsequently Brookes mixed his game and rattled Parke, who made some weak strokes. Brookes was right at the top of his game. The set lasted 18 minutes. Brookes securing 4 aces to 43 and 31 to 20. This match was noteworthy, as it was Parke's first defeat in Australasia.  
 Dunlop made a better showing in the singles against Lowe than he did on Friday, but he found Lowe's superior placing too much for him.

Jones won the first set against Beamish, but went to pieces afterwards, the heat affecting his energy.  
 Heath opened sentimentally against Dixon, taking the set to love. Dixon, however, played faultlessly better, and the score in the second set reached three all. Ten deuces were called in the fourth.  
 Beamish and Dixon succumbed to Heath and Jones, mainly through Jones' fine net-work and Heath's hard and severe serves. Dixon's toosing was a valuable asset to his side, but Beamish tired towards the finish, finding the net too often.  
 Brookes and Dunlop, as anticipated, defeated Parke and Lowe. Parke played many pretty passing shots, and Lowe's serving occasionally beat even Brookes.

The following are the results:—  
 Lowe beat Dunlop, 6-2, 6-4.  
 Beamish beat Jones, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.  
 Dixon beat Heath, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1.  
 Brookes beat Parke, 9-7, 6-2.  
 Heath and Jones beat Beamish and Dixon, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.  
 Brookes and Dunlop beat Parke and Lowe, 6-3, 6-1.  
 Australia won seven matches, 17 sets, and 149 games, Great Britain winning five matches, 12 sets, and 121 games.  
 Dixon declares that in his long career he has never seen anything to equal the display that Brookes gave on Friday.

**Gruesome Discovery.**

"Collier's Weekly" recently published particulars of a gruesome discovery which throws an entirely new light upon the habits and customs of the prehistoric people of Peru, and suggests that there existed in South America a civilization many centuries older than that which was brought to an end by the Spanish conquest. Miss Grace Wentworth, who tells the story of the discovery, states that she received it first hand from a steamboat engineer, and in proof of the facts "Collier's" publishes a very convincing photograph. It appears that the engineer and a companion made a journey inland while their ship was voyaging up the Uayall River in Peru. The ship had run out of fresh meat, and it was necessary to try some game. Quite near the bank of the river a clearing was noticed amongst the dense growth which

fringed the stream, and the engineer caught eight of something resembling a stone wall. Such an object was extremely strange in the middle of a dense jungle, hundreds of miles from the nearest village, and it was decided to investigate. At the bottom of a small foothill the engineer and his friend found a wall about twenty-five feet high and two hundred feet long. It had apparently been made of red clay, but ages of tropical heat and rains had turned it to a greenish hue. Along the top of the wall at regular intervals were large ornamental vases of the same material as the wall. A ladder was improvised, and the explorers reached the top of the wall. They found it was part of a vast enclosure, filled to within a few feet of the top with human skeletons, millions in number. A photograph was taken of the weird scene, and archaeologists who have inspected it assert that the vases which decorate the wall are not of Aztec design at all, but characteristically Peruvian. The annals of South American archaeology throw no light on the mystery of how this huge pit of bones came to be constructed or of the nation that constructed it.

**What Dislodges Sea Walls.**

The dislodging by wave action of large stones or masonry blocks from the face of break-waters or sea walls has been investigated by the engineering department of University College, Dundee. Such blocks weighing several tons have been forced out, even under heavy overlying courses, and it has been explained that the effect might be due to hydrostatic pressure, exerted upward and outward above the line of wave impact, or to a compression of air entrapped in openings struck by the water. In the experiment made, it was assumed that the striking wave has a maximum velocity of 80 feet per second. It was found that this would give a maximum internal hydrostatic pressure—like that of a hydrostatic press—of about 2.9 tons per square foot; and that it might cause a pressure from the enclosed air of about 6 tons per square foot. The experiments proved, however, that a vastly greater force might be present—that of water-hammer action, such as is sometimes noticed when the flow of water through a long pipe is suddenly stopped at the open end. This would occur under special conditions only, but it was shown that the impact upon an open joint of a wave of the stated velocity might set up a water-hammer action of 40 tons per square foot, or even more. It was suggested that walls exposed to waves should have drains or openings on the inner side to prevent excessive water, air, or water-hammer compression.



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