

The only drawback to the success of the New Zealand Lawn Tennis Association's Annual Championship Meeting at Dunedin, in 1892, was the disgraceful behaviour of the weather. Players had entered the lists from all parts of the colony, and among the new aspirants for fame was Hooper, the champion of Auckland, who made his first appearance at this meeting. He, however, had the misfortune to draw Harman for the start, and the champion soon put him out of his misery. Hooper's play, nevertheless, created a favourable impression, and he was looked upon as a coming man. The three best players at the Tournament were, as in previous years, Harman, Fenwicke and Marshall, and it began to look as if these three had formed a triumvirate with the object of securing a monopoly of the championship. Without going into details of the matches, it will suffice to say that Harman beat Marshall, who was suffering from an injury to his knee, but, in turn, was beaten in the final by Fenwicke after a protracted struggle, in which the contrasting styles of play were very interesting to watch, both men being in good form. It is worthy of mention that though Fenwicke won three sets to two, yet Harman scored a majority of games, the totals being twenty-eight to twenty-six in his favour. Harman and Wilding added another victory to their list by winning the Championship Doubles, the only pair that pushed them being Macdonald and Koch, of Otago. Miss Rees won the Ladies' Singles, beating Miss Douslin, the previous champion, and Miss Orbell in the penultimate and final rounds respectively.

Auckland was the scene of the Association's meeting at Christmas, 1893, and great excitement prevailed in lawn tennis circles in the Northern City over the coming event. Special articles appeared in the papers describing the strokes and methods of play; interviews with the principal visiting players were published, and no stone was left unturned to make the meeting a successful one. The inability of Harman, Wilding and Collins to attend, was much deplored, but

still the gathering was fairly representative so far as the men were concerned.

Fenwicke and P. Marshall, who fought out the final, both had some tough matches before coming through, the former experiencing no little difficulty with F. C. Baddeley, a brother of the well known English champion, while Marshall found that the task of putting out Koch and Ross Gore was not a light one.



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It was expected that Fenwicke would win the final, and few were therefore prepared for the splendid start made by Marshall, who won the first set in fine style, outplaying Fenwicke at all points of the game. His powerful forehand drives were very effective, and it looked like a repetition of his brother's victory over the same opponent at Christchurch, in 1890. The champion, however, proved too clever and safe for Marshall, who broke down more than once at critical points, and whose play, moreover,