

suffered from carelessness engendered by his easy victory in the first set. Fenwicke thus won the Challenge Cup for the third time, and it now became his own property.

In the absence of that redoubtable pair, Harman and Wilding, the Doubles were won by J. M. and P. Marshall after a very fine match with Fenwicke and Logan in the final. The Marshalls played the old fashioned game of one man at the net, and the other at the back of the court, and, tactically speaking, should have been outclassed, but individual brilliancy pulled them through. The net play in this match was taken almost

the absence of Misses Rees, Gordon, Lean, and Hitchings. The same remark applies of course to the Ladies' Doubles, which were won by Mrs. Chapman and Miss Nicholson.

Before leaving this meeting, it is only right to refer to the fine display of accurate placing given by Hooper in his match with J. M. Marshall in one of the early rounds. The latter does not appear to have been in his best form, but still Hooper's win must be considered most meritorious, as he was not supposed to have a chance. Against Fenwicke in the next round, he played a very in and out game, and the champion made short work of him.

1894.—The meeting held at Christchurch this year proved fruitful in surprises. Fenwicke, the champion, had signified his intention of retiring from these contests, and J. M. Marshall having left for England, it seemed impossible to select the probable winner. P. Marshall, who played so brilliantly in the final at Auckland, was probably the favourite, closely followed by Harman and Hooper, while Collins was said to be in fine form. The defeat of Marshall by J. W. H. Wood was a great reversal of form, the former was of course supposed to be the better; but Wood's steadiness pulled him through—in fact, he won easily. Harman was also beaten in the most hollow fashion by Collins, and he, in turn, succumbed to H. Gore, of Wellington, who was new to interprovincial play. This was a great surprise, as, after the grand game Collins played against Harman, his chances of ultimate victory seemed very bright. Gore made great use of a sort of chop stroke, and wore Collins down by accurate placing down the sidelines, the latter's condition being none of the best. Gore, who had taken all the steam out of himself in his match with Collins, then fell an easy victim to Parker, another *débutant*, who had previously beaten Borrows and Wilding.

On the other side of the draw Hooper began with a very long match with E. J. Ross, which he only just succeeded in pulling out of the fire. It was one of Ross's "on" days, and it is worthy of note that he scored



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PARKER RUNNING FOR A VOLLEY.

exclusively by E. Marshall, while his brother made the openings by hard drives from the baseline, but, although the Marshalls were peculiarly gifted for this style of game, Fenwicke and Logan's volleying should have met with success. Without detracting from the merit of their win, I may say that the tactics adopted by the Marshalls are now quite obsolete, and to resort to them, now-a-days, would be to court certain defeat.

The Ladies' Singles were only competed for by local players, and Miss Spiers, who emerged as the winner, could not consider herself the best performer in New Zealand in