

and shoulders thrown forward, racket gripped in both hands, he stood ready for his favourite stroke. Whenever his chance came, one heard his familiar "Ugh!" as he launched himself at the ball and drove it swiftly across the court. His driving and smashing in the last set was all that could be desired, and although he was rather slow in getting underway, he atoned for it fully before the match was over. The Victorians were now playing with splendid coolness and combination, and realizing that the position was serious, fought every stroke out to the last, trying for everything that was possible or impossible, and, I am bound to say, they turned many apparent impossibilities into winning strokes. The score was called 2 all, 2—3, 3 all, and then amidst great excitement 4—3, Dunlop leads. As it was now Diddams' service, the supporters of the Auckland pair were not feeling too sanguine. Diddams served splendidly, but the Auckland pair stuck to their work with grim determination, and after deuce had been called five times won the game, and the score was called 4 all amidst quite a

sensation. Two sets all and four all. Everyone was quite wound up by this time. It was Parker's service, and as the visitors were not fond of it our hopes rose. He served splendidly, and ably assisted by Peacock's good work at the net, took the game, the Victorians only winning one stroke, 4—5, Parker leads, was called as Dunlop started to serve. The last game was 30 all, and then the Aucklanders won the next two points the game, set, and the finest double match ever played in New Zealand. There was great enthusiasm over the Aucklanders' win, as the sterling nature of the performance was fully recognized.

Peacock met Dunlop in the afternoon. The doubles had taken the steel out of both players, and the match was not a very interesting one to watch. Peacock played very well the first set. Sending down medium-paced, good length returns, and running in on them, he repeatedly beat Dunlop, and won the set 6—4 after Dunlop was 40 love in the last game. During the next two sets Peacock's game fell off, as he was unable, through lack of condition,

