

All-round Sport.

[By Vigilant.]

CRICKET.

Captain Edwin favoured the local knights of the willow with Queen's weather on Saturday last for the beginning of the fourth series of matches in connection with the championship.

Three men only reached double figures in Parnell's first innings last Saturday, viz., Holle (21), Whelan, and Lawson (10 each), the next best being Wright's 7.

Holle played a good innings for his 21, including a fine 5 hit.

Donald carried off premier honours in the Parnell bowling department, placing seven wickets to his credit for a total of 31.

Lloyd Quentery was the only man who failed to place a score to his credit in the Auckland-Parnell contest, though J. Arneil and T. H. Wilson run him very close for first honours, with 1 each to their credit.

Bob Neil saw seven of his club mates shoulder the bat and make for the pavilion before he had the misfortune to be given out l.b.w.

J. R. Landon and J. Arneil were the only other Aucklanders to reach double figures, placing 16 and 12 to their credit respectively.

Neill, with six wickets for 40, and Stone, with four for 31, bowled well for Auckland, the latter troubling the batsmen considerably.

The Gordon-United match at present looks like a win for Gordon, but next Saturday may tell another tale.

United II. v. Parnell II.—After putting 45 to their credit in their first essay, United dismissed Parnell for 42.

Gordon II. v. Belmont.—Gordon knocked up 84 in their first attempt, Hume (not out 30) and Thomson (29) being the principal rungetters.

North Shore v. Auckland II.—The Shoreites batted first for 128, their principal scorers being Denby, 34; Hume, 25; and Cuff, 18.

Wanderers v. Pitt-street Mutual.—The Mutuals going to the wickets first were disposed of by the Wanderers for a total of 56.

In the second junior contests Belmont A. seem to have the Saints pretty well under the whip, making 131 in their first essay as against the 28 put up by the Saints.

The North Shore-Auckland II. match was completed, resulting in a win for Auckland by eight wickets.

Scoring in the Selwyn-Belmont B. match was small, Belmont batting two innings for a total of 76, whilst their opponents only made 27 in their first innings, which leaves them with 49 to make in their second attempt to win.

In the Clarence-United match the former batted first for 78, United following with 18 only, the bowling of Wakerley and Sims proving too much for them.

In the return match, Canterbury v. Wellington, played at Canterbury, matters turned out entirely different to the result of the initial match—drawn in favour of Wellington—Canterbury winning comfortably by nine wickets and 25 runs.

The English eleven defeated the Queenslanders by an innings and 274 runs.

The date of the Conference re the formation of a New Zealand Cricket Council has been postponed until December 27.

Mr Cuff's proposal that an annual North v. South Island match be played alternately in each Island under the auspices of the New Zealand Council was carried unanimously.

The sum of £1,037 was taken at the gates at the match England v. Victoria. A few more experiences of this kind (says a Melbourne writer) will relieve the promoters of all anxiety as to the financial aspect of the undertaking.

Secretary McKinney forwards me the following fixtures for the tour of the Fijian cricketers, who arrive here on or about January 1.—The team play Auckland on January 25 and 26, Otago on February 1 and 2, Southland on February 5, Canterbury on February 8 and 9, Nelson on February 12 and 13, Wellington on February 15 and 16, Hawke's Bay on February 19 and 20, and Taranaki on February 22 and 23.

In commenting on the match between Victoria and the English team, a Melbourne writer says:—"Blackham's 28 not out naturally suggests how many years it is since the veteran first came to the front in cricket, and the many times he has upheld the reputation of Victoria and of Australia.

The Englishmen are back in Sydney, and will commence the first of the five test-matches tomorrow (Friday) The following team has been chosen to represent Australia: Turner, Iredale, Gregory, Blackham, H. Trott, Graham, C. McLeod, Lyons, G. Giffen, Readman, and Darling; twelfth man, Jones.

The match between Wellington and Canterbury, at Wellington, resulted in a net loss to the Association of £11 10s., and the Southland in a loss of about £8.

ATHLETICS.

Entries for the Caledonian Society's Sports of Tuesday, January 1st, 1895, must reach the British Hotel not later than 9 o'clock on Saturday evening next.

The Art Union in connection with the recent Demonstration Sports will be drawn in the Odd-fellows Hall, Cook-street, to-morrow (Friday) evening at 7.30.

The Dunedin Amateur Athletic Club held their sports on Saturday last to a moderate attendance. The fields throughout were small and the times recorded considerably below championship requirements, and great improvement must be made by our amateur friends of the Edinburgh of the South if they are to hold their own at the forthcoming championship gathering.

I hear that Mr F. E. N. Gaudin, who has been chosen by the committee to represent us in the Long Jump at the forthcoming championship meeting, has decided to take another and a longer leap in the near future, viz.—the matrimonial leap. Wish you luck, Fred.

Four men from Sam Goodman's stable have been chosen to go into training for the championship meeting, namely, Martin, Beere, O'Connor, and Creamer.

My anticipations of our probable championship representatives in last week's issue were very close to the mark as will be shown by the following selections made by the committee at their meeting on Friday evening last:—100 and 250 Yards, A. Jones, J. H. Buchanan; 440 Yards Flat, W. H. Francis, T. Roberts, A. Jones, H. B. J. Bull; 880 Yards, H. B. J. Bull, W. Farquhar, J. B. Beere, M. O'Connor; One and Three Miles, W. Farquhar, A. A. Davis, M. O'Connor, J. B. Beere; One and Three Miles Walk, A. Brady and F. H. Creamer; 120 and 440 Yards Hurdles, W. H. Martin and T. Roberts; Putting the Weight and Throwing the Hammer, T. B. O'Connor and W. C. Rhodes; Long Jump, F. E. N. Gaudin; High Jump, E. T. Laurie; Bicycle Events, E. Reynolds and H. Surman, with Pilkington if equal to time tests.

The annual sports in connection with the Wellington Amateur Athletic Club were held on Saturday last, there being present some 1500 spectators. Fine weather favoured the meeting, and good fields and close and interesting sport was the order of the day.

Walter Rhodes, the well-known suburban footballer and athlete, had hard luck in getting beaten by 6in in the 100yds Handicap at the Wellington sports, especially when we look at the time, 10sec off 4yds, the winner (Patrick) giving Wally 1yd.

It is believed that Con. Riordan died from the effects of heart disease, or some other disease, rather than from the blow delivered by Fitzsimmons, which, according to the cable, was a very gentle tap. This being the case, Fitzsimmons will no doubt be released.

American contemporaries to hand tell us that Corbett has at last consented to meet Fitzsimmons. The arrangements were to have been made at the office of the New York Herald on October 11.

The Wellington Cycling Club will run their first championship event of the present season on Saturday, the 15th inst.

Cycling says that, after all, the great Zimmerman is not coming to the colonies, but has gone back to America from England. It is said he proposes giving up racing, and that matrimony is not at all unlikely at an early date.

Fossier, a French professional rider, recently made fresh records at five miles (10min 46 3/5th) and ten miles (21min. 55sec.) on a machine that was geared equal to 112.

Athletic News says that well-known English amateur, Geo. Osmond, who at various times showed form quite good enough to win championships, and then degenerated into a second-class rider—an in-and-out performance that was due to his being unable to give time to systematic training—has decided to take up his residence in Australia.

Mr E. T. Laurie informs me that there has been an enquiry with reference to the starter over the 120 Hurdles at the recent meeting. He complains of not getting a fair hearing, but says that nevertheless he gave the committee his opinion on the matter in spite of being ruled out of order.

R. Gore, on his performance at Wellington on Saturday last, when he jumped 21ft 6 1/2in, should have a mortgage on the long jump.

YACHTING.

The Ponsonby Regatta of Saturday last was favoured with suitable weather, and on the whole may safely be spoken of as a pronounced success. The committee, secretary, and all officials deserve great kudos for the manner in which everything was carried out, a fact thoroughly appreciated by the visitors. The flagship was if anything too small.

For the first time since the Gloriana was launched in 1892 she has had to take second place, the Zinita beating her on time allowance at the Ponsonby Regatta on Saturday last. The new boat is too good for her off the wind, especially running, but when the sheets are tightened in the Gloriana can easily head reach and go to windward of her rival. Even in the little bit of beating there was on Saturday from the Judge's Bay mark to the Chequered Buoy she gained two minutes on the other, but on the run back again to Judge's Bay the Zinita nearly overtook the Gloriana, rounding the mark only a length or two behind her. And now was seen one of the best races ever witnessed in Auckland, the two boats going nearly neck and neck until off the flagship, when the Gloriana gradually drew away from under her opponent's lee, rounding the mark boat off the Sugar Works about thirty seconds ahead. Here she lost a little of her lead through having to change jibs, but just managed to squeeze in first by about thirteen seconds. The old boat has to give the new one about a minute and a half, thus losing the race by over a minute. As I ventured to forecast last week, the leading wind suited the Zinita, but after Saturday's performance on the wind, unless she is greatly improved, she will never beat the Gloriana, provided there is a fair amount of windward work in the race. Of course the Zinita was not at her best on Saturday, only having been launched a day or two previously, and will without doubt be in better trim for the next race. She has a bow and keel something like the Whio, and her long, low hull gives her a racy, sneaking appearance. Perhaps this class of boat is not a suitable one for Auckland, where there is such little racing, but it is a type that was sure to come sooner or later, seeing the success it has been at Home. Five hundred-weight of lead was taken off the after end of her fin on Friday night, which greatly improved her speed and appearance, but in my opinion she is still a little low aft.

The Yum Yum showed up better than usual on Saturday, but even with her favourite leading wind she had no show with her speedier opponents. The Cynisca did not finish.

The Rangatira not coming up to the starting post for the big yacht race, the Yvonne sailed over the course alone. Mr. Chatfield's boat had been launched too hurriedly to be in good trim for racing, and I think the unsatisfactory form she showed in her trial spins had a lot to do with her not competing.

In the race for yachts under two rating the Nellie, a new boat built by Mr Drummond, of Mechanic's Bay, came in first, but the Mahoe, a Ponsonby boat, takes the prize on time allowance.

The Colleen, a 20-footer built and owned by Reg. Masefield, finished first in the big open-boat race, but the Minnie, an 18-footer owned by Messrs. Owen and Mattheson, of Ponsonby, beats her on time allowance by about six seconds.

Only two started for the smaller open-boat event—My Jack and Bit o'Blue, the former, built by Mr Reid of Ponsonby, winning somewhat easily.

It is only on regatta days that Aucklanders can form any idea of the size of their yachting fleet. The harbour on Saturday was literally alive with sails of every description, and the fact that no accident occurred speaks volumes for the way in which our yachtsmen can handle their boats.

Charley Nelson handled the Zinita very well on Saturday, and by good generalship, combined with the handy rig of his boat, managed to get on the Gloriana's weather at most of the mark boats.

The owner of the Gloriana having asked the Ponsonby Regatta authorities to measure the Zinita, the two boats have had the tape run over them. I have not heard the result, but I think both are over the rating given in.

The Regatta Committee, in giving prizes of the value of £70 for a scow race, are evidently forgetting that it is a regatta conducted by the Auckland "Yacht" Club. If the winning yachts get the full value of the prizes stated on the programme it is all right, but as things look at present this is a subject for doubt. If I remember rightly the prizes on several occasions have been paid pro rata, the subscriptions not having come up to expectations. Would it not have been better if the amount of prize money to be given the two trading races had been left until some of the money began to roll in?

Harding has accepted Sullivan's challenge to row on the Tyne for £200 a-side.

The Lyttelton Rowing Club has received a new four-oared racing boat by the s.s. Rangitira, specially built to suit the weights of the present holders of the New Zealand four-oared championship. She is a beautiful craft, and is said to reflect great credit on the builder, Mr J. H. Clasper, of Putney.

The Judge's Bay Amateur Regatta, to take place on January 26th, 1895, gives promise of a great success. It is anticipated that the fields will be large and the contests keen. Special care will be taken by the committee in the matter of the starting of yacht races.

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