

One of the best developed men living at present is probably C. A. Sampson, the well-known "strong man," who is now in Sydney. His measurements run as follows:—Neck, 17in; chest (contracted), 39in; chest (normal), 43in; chest (expanded) 58in; biceps 19in; wrist, 4½in; forearm, 16½in; calf, 16in; thigh 2½in; height, 5ft 7in; and weight, 175lb. The enormous difference between the contracted and expanded chest measurements is the result of constant exercise in inflating the chest to the utmost extent while walking and then expelling the air till not an atom is left in the lungs—an exercise he strongly recommends to everyone for, say, half an hour a day.

It seems pretty generally agreed that August is too early for the next Australasian Championship at Queensland, and in all probability an alteration to a later date will be made. The N.Z.A.A.A. has pointed out that, as we will then be in the depth of winter, our athletes will hardly have an opportunity to train.

Newburn, the famous Irish broad jumper, is said to run no less than 170ft before taking off.

At the Exhibition sports, under the auspices of the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club on Saturday, W. O. Motion, with 5yds, won the final of the 100yds in 9 4-5sec, which is about equal to 10 2-5sec for the full distance, and a rattling good performance for such a dead lumpy track as that on the Exhibition ground.



[BY STONEWALLER.]

THE CUP MATCHES.

After a lapse of four weeks the Championship matches under the Auckland Cricket Association were resumed on Saturday last, when the competitions in the third draw were completed.

Playing against the Auckland Eleven Gordon carried the day by 7 wickets, the principal contributors to the success being Kallender, Secombe, Lusk, Kissling, and Pabst, others of the Gordon side also running into double figures.

The Parnell—North Shore match resulted in an easy win for the former by no less than 74 runs on the first innings, they running up 153 and dispensing of the home team for the poor total of 79. G. Mills was the only member of the Shore team to make a stand, he batting carefully and soundly for 43. Wynyard and Ball (run out), with 10 each, were the only other double figure men.

For Parnell Resteaux was in great form with the ball, his change of pace and good length proving fatal to the Shoreites.

Rather a surprise was the severe defeat of the Auckland Fifteen by United. The former on the opening day had put together 169, which was looked upon as a tidy order, but United proved themselves more than equal to the task, scoring the fine total of 237. N. Lusk 57, Labatt 94, D. Hay 40, and Walton 30, were the chief run-getters.

In the fourth draw, commencing next Saturday, Gordon and Parnell should play a close game, United should dispose of North Shore, and Auckland Fifteen should make matters interesting for the same club's Eleven.

The latest exchanges from Sydney show that the performances there have been equally as sensational as those of batsmen in Victoria. In the first grade competition Leichardt, with 312, were beaten by North Sydney, 321. For the latter that coming batsman, R. A. Duff, made 95, and his brother, W. S. Duff, 65. Burwood beat Central Cumberland, the scores being—Burwood, first innings 273, Central Cumberland 233. Waverly beat Glebe, the scores being—Waverly, six wickets for 303 (innings declared closed), Glebe 222. For Waverly Sid Gregory put together 108 and Iredale 63. On the Glebe side another Australian Eleven man, Coningham, piled up 107, showing all his old Queensland dash. Paddington administered a drubbing to East Sydney, the scores being—Paddington seven wickets for 472, East Sydney 111. For Paddington that good all round man, M. A. Noble, compiled the splendid score of 267 (not out), and young Vic Trumper, who promises to develop into the greatest batsman Australia has known, made 113. Redfern beat South Sydney, the scores being Redfern nine wickets for 368, South Sydney 226.

In New South Wales this season M. A. Noble has the extraordinary average of 242 runs per innings. He has batted five times, three times not out, his aggregate score being 484 runs. R. A. Duff, of North Sydney, has made an aggregate of 438 for five innings, and his average is 87 runs per innings. Next comes our old Australian Eleven friend, Harry Donnan, with 77 runs per innings, L. W. Pye with 57, A. Coningham 54, and V. Trumper 42.

In addition to being at the top of the tree in the batting averages, M. A. Noble is at the top in bowling average. His 36 wickets were obtained at a trifle over 8 runs per wicket. It is not often we find such a combination of bowling and batting talent in one man. The one time successful McIbbin is very low down on the bowling average list this season, but he has not been long in practice. One thing seems to be pretty certain, and that is that Australia will be able to send a powerful batting team to England, and if Noble, Jones, and Trumble maintain their bowling form, the representatives of England will find matters lively in the five test matches.

It is quite evident that the Australian Eleven will have a very busy time of it in England. In addition to the five test matches, most of which will probably terminate in drawn games, two matches each have been arranged with Gloucester

shire, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Oxford University, Metropolitan Club and Ground. Single matches have been arranged with the Cambridge University and South of England, and we presume that matches will be arranged with the Gentlemen and Players.

In Melbourne in the Pennant Cup matches there has been some sensational scoring lately. The M.C.C. playing against Hawksburn ran up 323 for the loss of only three wickets. Bruce made 166 when he was caught. D. Mailer, who is in wonderful form this season, made 91 not out. East Melbourne playing against St. Kilda did even better than the big club, as they ran up 400 for the loss of only two wickets. Of that number, McMichael scored 246 not out, and Laver 126 not out. Coburg made 483 against Brighton all out. The two highest scorers were Dr. Mailer 150 and Baxter 103. It is quite evident that cricket runs in the Mailer family.

The will of the late Mr J. D. Walker, a member of the great cricketing family of 25 to 30 years back, has been proved at £195,000 personality. He left £500 to be devoted to the furtherance of cricket at Harrow School, of which he was captain in his youthful days; and £1000 to his old cricket and college comrade, Mr A. J. Webbe. The Walkers are a wealthy brewing family.

Among the crowds of pleasure-seekers who lined the Yarra banks at Alphington on Sunday afternoon was a lad of 11, named Davidson, who resides in McKean Street, North Fitzroy. Davidson was running along the water's edge with some other boys of the same age, when he slipped and fell in the river. He was unable to swim, and, as the river at this spot is extremely deep and treacherous, it might have gone hard with Davidson had it not been for Mr Jack Worrall, the well-known Carlton cricketer, who had seen the accident from the top of the hill. Dashing down the hill at the pace he used to set when he was captain of the Fitzroy Football Team, Mr Worrall dived into the water without divesting himself of any of his clothes and caught the boy just in time. For a powerful swimmer like Mr Worrall it was an easy task to bring the lad ashore, and he was then despatched to his home, little injured by his adventure. *Argus.*

to me any amount late enough. Only one little unpleasantness occurred, and that was a protest by Mahaki against Rainbow taking first prize, because she was sailed by Mr A. Logan, instead of the owner, without permission from the club, which is an infringement of the rules. At the time of writing this the protest was under consideration, but it will be hard lines if Rainbow is disqualified, as she won so easily, and her owner had the tiller the greater part of the race; but rules are rules, and they must be obeyed. I only hope the club will make this a firm rule; they were rather lax in this particular last season. I have it on good authority that Mr Pittar, when he entered Rainbow, told one of the club's officials to handicap her with the expectation of Mr Logan (who is a member of the club) sailing her. As is usual in these races, the handicaps were all given at the start. The following are the results:—

Yachts exceeding 25ft l.w.l.—The course was from flagship, keeping outside Sandspit buoy, round black buoy at Rangitoto Reef, back to mark off Hobson Bay, thence round Dock buoy, finishing at starting line, about ten miles. The following boats were entered:—Rainbow scr, Ida and Thetis 3min, Lady Wilma 5min, Ngaru and Zinita 6min, Rarere, Mahaki, and Mizpah 7min. Rainbow, sailing in splendid style, caught her smaller opponents outside the Heads, and so far as first boat was concerned the race was practically over. The race now resolved itself into a duel between Rarere and Zinita, who rounded the Reef mark together. First one and then the other was leading, and at the Hobson Bay mark Rarere only led by about a length. Zinita, however, was smartest in the turn, and getting windward position, had Rarere at her mercy, winning second money by about a minute, after one of the best struggles ever seen in the harbour. This was a different result to the race for the Bloomfield Cup, when Zinita beat Rarere by over ten minutes, and goes to prove what good handling and the boat in proper trim will do. Considering Lady Wilma was only carrying yawl rig and stayail she did well, but looked more like a Sunday-school picnic boat than a racer. The times at the finish were:—Rainbow, 4hr 5min; Zinita, 4hr 9min 3sec; Rarere, 4hr 10min; Lady

seemed to have some doubt, however, about the twice round, and the race was not decided. On the beat down, Bell Bird fairly well held her own with her racing rival, but when sheets were eased for home Alma rapidly caught on the clinker-built boat, and was only a few lengths behind at the finish of the first round.

The subject of conversation during the week has been the arrival from Adelaide of Messrs Rymill and their 1-rater yacht Geisha, to compete in the Intercolonial Championship at the North Shore Native Regatta. The boat is about 31ft overall, 18ft 4in l.w.l., 6ft 8in beam, with a ballast fin carrying nearly half a ton of lead. When in racing trim I should say she will draw nearly 6ft of water. She appears to have good round lines, and is a powerful boat. The new arrival gives one the impression that in a breeze with plenty of windward work she will make her skim dish rivals move themselves. Geisha was built by her owners, who are fitting her up on Logan Bros' slip.

Owing to the rough water at Cheltenham Beach on Saturday afternoon, the North Shore Rowing Club held its trial fours at Brick Bay, where the water was smooth. Although the course was necessarily short, the races were none the less interesting, and some good finishes resulted. A brass band was in attendance, and it is seldom that the pretty little bay wears such a lively appearance. The great attraction was doubtless the ladies' pair-oar trials, nearly thirty fair competitors being engaged. Miss I. Lind and Miss Duder pulled the winning boat in the final of this event, and W. Swinnerton's crew won the trial fours. When it is stated that twenty events were got off during the afternoon with scarcely a hitch, no more need be said about the way the officers and committee managed affairs.

The trial fours of the West End Rowing Club were to have been held on Saturday, but they had to be postponed on account of the heavy sea. When the weather is suitable, heats are being rowed off at night and morning during the week.

Wrestling.

HERCULES v. ATLAS.

A rather sensational encounter between two rival "strong men" is reported to have taken place in the office of a Sydney sporting paper on Saturday, November 26. According to the account of an eye-witness, the "go in" was short, but exceedingly "willing," and there is no doubt that had it been pre-arranged and well-advertised it would have proved an immense draw just at the present juncture. The impromptu bout was, of course, with the "raw uns," and in street-walking costume, which added considerably to the interest which was attached to it. It is said that the modern Hercules was in an upstairs office of the building alluded to when the up-to-date Atlas entered. Some words were exchanged, it is asserted, which did not exactly correspond with the greetings to be found in any standard book on "etiquette for gentlemen." In fact, it appeared that some old-standing grievance existed, which made the meeting mutually distasteful. After various contemptuous remarks passed between them, it is stated, Atlas threatened to put his enormous strength to the practical use of throwing his acquaintance out of the door, and immediately proceeded to enforce the threat, pushing the door violently against the other man's body. This Hercules resented, responding with a right-hander, which is variously reported as having caught his opponent on the jaw, the eye, or the ear—the onlookers all agreeing, however, that it "caught him somewhere." Atlas is then said to have made great endeavors to seize the presumptuous Hercules, in order that he might break him in half, but it was not so willed—the other knew too much to allow himself to be seized in such an embrace, and conducted his movements with surprising alacrity. The affair is said to have lasted a good long round, though to some, at least, of the delighted spectators it was all too short. At last some other minor lights in the pugilistic and wrestling world are said to have interposed their bulk and their persuasiveness between the belligerents, who were parted without any serious damage having been sustained on either side. This was a source of particular satisfaction to the friends of, at least, one of them, who had an important appointment later in the day which it was in the highest degree desirable that he should keep.

Cable news from Sydney states that in the Wrestling Championship contest between Harry Dunn, of New Zealand, and Lucifer, the American champion, Dunn scored the first three falls, Graeco Roman, Cumberland, and Catch-as-catch-can. It will be remembered that Dunn has just returned from America, where he scored a succession of triumphs.

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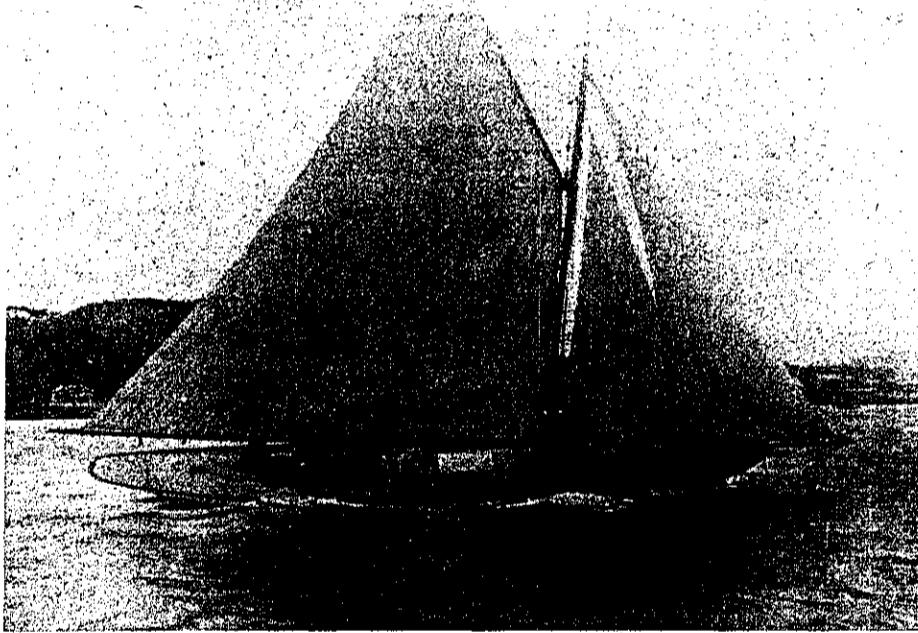
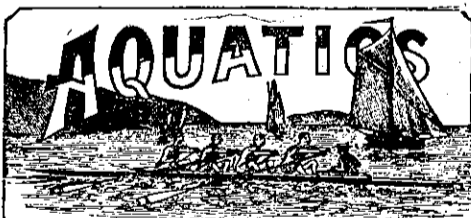


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MR PITTAR'S 36-FOOTER, RAINBOW (LOGAN BROS.)



[BY MURTAI.]

NORTH SHORE SAILING CLUB.

That popular body, the North Shore Sailing Club, held its first races of the season on Saturday afternoon last, and everything went off successfully, which could not very well be otherwise with such a painstaking and competent committee at the head of affairs. A larger amount of interest than usual was centred in the races, as several new boats made their bow to the racing world, the chief of which were Mr Pittar's splendid 36-footer Rainbow, the 1-rater Alma (built by Bailey Bros. for the championship race), and Mr Dexter's aptly-named 1-rater Rambler. There was a good stiff easterly breeze blowing, with a fairly heavy sea, so that all the competitors were given a chance of showing their speed and sea-going powers. The Ferry Company kindly lent the s.s. Durham as flagship, Captain Parker being on board as starter and umpire, with Mr Bennett (assisted by Mr H. Oliver) as time-keeper. To a great extent the races were spoiled by some of the competitors not being on the mark at starting time, thus spoiling their chance, but the club has decided that in future each race will be started half an hour later. The big race was the greatest sufferer in this respect, such well known flyers as Thetis, Ida, Mizpah, and Mahaki being the delinquents, and although, with the exception of Thetis, all started, they did not complete the course. The limit boat in this race was advertised to start at 2 45, which seems

Wilma, 4hr 13min. It is unnecessary to give the times of the others, as they were late at the mark, or did not start. It is a pity there were no boats of Rainbow's size in the race.

Yachts not exceeding 25ft l.w.l.—Same course as first race. The starters and their handicaps were:—Daisy scr, Rogue 4min, May Bell 7min, Mavis 8min; Peri (1min) and Ponake (7min) did not start. Rogue and Daisy soon separated themselves out from the others by making short boards inside the Heads, and at the Rangitoto mark Rogue was leading Mavis and her old rival in that order. Coming back to Hobson Bay, Rogue had increased her lead and Daisy had passed Mavis, Rogue finishing first, Mavis second, Daisy third. The second and third boats fouled close to the finish, Mavis being on the wrong tack. The times were:—Rogue, 4hr 6min 30sec; Mavis, 4hr 10min; Daisy, 4hr 15min.

Patiki Class.—Course, from flagship, round second buoy out in the Channel, back to Hobson Bay, round Dock buoy, finishing at starting point. The entrants were, Boomerang, Bronzewing, Eka, Hazel, Melodr, Rita, Rambler, and Zoe. All the boats started from scratch, and it was a pretty sight to see the miniatures dodging about waiting for the word "go." Bailey's Boomerang was late, owing to which she was never prominent. Dexter's new Rambler (Logan Bros.) got well away with the others, and was never much troubled in the sea, winning by a minute and a half from Eka, Zoe third. It would be better for the spectators if the course for these boats was arranged so as to keep them in sight of the wharf. They proved on Saturday, however, that they are safe in a breeze, and in the comparatively heavy sea outside they shaped better than some of the bigger boats.

The Paus, a boat resembling the Patiki, won the race for boats not exceeding 20ft overall, Ida second, Freak third.

Only two started in the 1-rater event, namely, Alma (scr) and Bell Bird (5min). According to the programme the course was the same as that of the Patiki, but twice round. The competitors

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