

MULTICYCLE HANDICAP, two miles.—Henwood, Lewis, Robertson, and Wearne (quad), 230yds, 1; Middleton and A. Balston (tandem), scr, 2. Won easily. Time, 4min 11 3/5sec.

FLUTTER HANDICAP, one lap.—A. N. Jones, 5yds, 1; W. Robertson, 40yds, 2; J. Hanley, 35yds, 3. Won by two lengths. Time, 46sec.

ONE-MILE AMATEUR HANDICAP.—K. Bassett, scr, 1; T. Oates, 80yds, 2. Won by a wheel. Time, 2min 23sec.

FIVE-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANTERBURY (paced).—G. Sutherland and A. R. Barker, dead-heat; R. J. Cook, 3. Other starters—A. Balston, D. J. Plunkett, A. C. Middleton, A. Calder, A. W. Humphries, and J. W. Jones. After three miles had been covered the three placed riders were the only ones in the race, the pace having been too fast for the others. Time, 12min 24sec. Suther and, thinking he had won, was very anxious to run off, but Barker declined, and forfeited the gold medal which went with the first prize.

CONSOLATION, one mile.—W. Hall (Timaru), 3yds, 1. Time, 2min 11sec.

The riding of A. Jones, champion of Honolulu, in the short distance races was the best seen in Christchurch. He is a beautiful pedaller, and when he strikes form and gets used to the track he will cut out faster times. W. Tierney rode without success.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

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possession—it is pretty generally agreed that the names of D. Wilson, W. H. Madill, G. Smith, Hori Eruera, and A. W. Bell will figure among those selected to make the journey to Dunedin in February. Taking them seriatim and contrasting their performances with those that have been brought under our notice at Southern meetings during the year, the quintette must give the other centres a rare shaking, for, though far short of the numerical strength of the team that last year did battle for Auckland at Wanganui, they are a first-class lot. Fit and well D. Wilson still stands in front of any heel and toe exponent in other provinces and should account for the One and Three Mile Walks, W. H. Madill may be expected to place to Auckland's credit the Hammer Throwing and Shot Putting Competition, G. Smith will—in the absence of Patrick—take a power of beating in the 100yds Flat, 120yds and 440yds Hurdles—his most dangerous opponent over sticks, in the absence of Holder, being Cholmondeley, the Christchurch representative—Hori Eruera can still lay claim to the distinction of Champion Pole Vault, and A. W. Bell must be found a most formidable opponent in the One and Three Mile Runs.

The heel and toe exponents of the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club received a rude shock on Saturday last, when no less than three of the five competitors engaged in the One Mile Walk Handicap were disqualified by the judges, Messrs Burton and Coombes. These included McAffer, who indulged in an amble whenever he thought the eyes of the judge were not on him, and J. Dickey and D. Wilson who mixed it in the last 100yds of the event. The judges are to be congratulated on their firmness.

Through the efforts of Mr F. J. Ohleon, an enthusiastic worker in the interests of Amateur sport, a Public Schools Amateur Athletic

with 150ft 1in, a few inches short of the record. He just stepped outside of the circle when he threw 158ft 9 1/2in, and on another occasion he threw the hammer into the branches of a tree, where it rested. Had it escaped the tree the throw would probably have eclipsed the record by several feet. M. W. Long ran a great race in the 300yds event, in which he went around a field of about twenty men in 31 3/5sec. Kraenzlein won the Long Jump with 23ft 5 5/8in; G. W. Orton the Amateur Athletic Union Two Mile Steeplechase Championship, in 11min 41 4/5sec; F. G. Beck the Shot Putting, with 46ft 8in (2ft 6in handicap, Sheldon being second with 45ft 11in (1ft 9in handicap) and G. R. Gray third from scratch, with 44ft 8in; H. E. Manvel the Half Mile Handicap from scratch, in 1min 56 1/5sec; R. C. Ewry the Amateur Athletic Union Standing Broad and High Jump Championships, the former with 10ft 11in, and the latter with 5ft.

The match for £50 aside over fifteen miles, between Bacon and L. Hurst, was decided on Oct. 29, at Rochdale, in miserable weather. The *Sporting Life* gives the following particulars of the race:—When the men came out to take up their positions on the track there was some betting on the result, Hurst being a strong favorite at 4 to 1. They were despatched to a perfectly level start, Bacon leading for the first quarter of a mile, when Hurst went to the front. After this they passed each other several times, and there was nothing in the running to indicate the probable winner. Bacon was certainly going in splendid form, and at the half distance (7 1/2 miles) was leading by a yard, the time being 40min 11 3/5sec. Odds of 3 to 1 were offered against Bacon, who continued to run strongly, and at the eighth mile was still leading. Hurst got slightly in front before the ninth mile w

thought Wilson's style would pass muster anywhere, and when he saw the snapshot of Wilson's spurt in the three miles he said he was satisfied it proved beyond all doubt that Wilson's walking was fair. At the last championship meeting, held at Wanganui, the special correspondent of the *Canterbury Times* says a New Zealand professional watched Wilson very closely all through the three miles, and said he failed to see how any good judge could find fault with his mode of progression. He also said Dickey, the other Auckland walker, who was disqualified on Saturday, had a nice easy style, and when he gets more pace, which will come to him in the course of a year or two, he would be a match for his club-mates, Wilson and Creamer. The reason the judges gave for their action on Saturday was that they were trying to reform the style of walking in Auckland. If Wilson, Dickey, and Co. ran on Saturday, I am sure F. Creamer did when he gave Wilson twenty yards in the last quarter of the mile walk last November twelve months, and put up the fast time of 6min 27sec. Hoping you will find room for the above in your valuable paper.—I am, etc., **FAIR PLAY.**

Megson is to-day looked upon as the fastest rider in Australia.

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BACK ROW—(13)—T. Pollard, A. Jones, M. Neal, L. Cambray, A. McShane, M. Denholm, B. Mackay, L. Tubman, A. Cobb, M. Cambray, N. Rede, L. Everett, May Beatty, B. Mackay.
SECOND ROW—(8)—L. Tubman, A. Cobb, M. Cambray, N. Rede, L. Everett, May Beatty, B. Mackay.
THIRD ROW—(12)—E. Ziegler, A. Gildale, N. Wilson, Maud Beatty, V. Russell, C. Kaye, L. Steph.
FOURTH ROW—(11)—A. Landeshuit, Mrs Pollard, Jack Pollard, W. Clemo, J. McShane, A. Gilben.
FRONT ROW—(5)—A. Young, N. Landeshuit, G. Young, T. Smith, W. Percy. *Member of the Com



[BY VIGILANT.]

The Athletic sports, under the auspices of the Exhibition authorities and the management of the A.A.A. and C.C., were continued on Saturday afternoon, the principal event of the day, as far as merit of performance is concerned, being the 120yds Hurdles, in which Geo. Smith, owing 12yds, ran to within a yard of Claude Motion, owing 4yds, who accounted for the race in 17 3/5sec. Even allowing a fifth for the remaining yard, Smith's display was extremely creditable, as it is within the mark to allow 1 3/5sec for the extra twelve yards, and the lumpy and heavy state of the ground, as fairly heavy rain had fallen just before the final. This brings him down to 16 1/5sec, which, in the absence of Holder, should be found good enough for anything down South in February.

While the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club has, so far, made no definite arrangements with regard to the team to be sent to Dunedin to defend the claim of the province to the coveted Championship Banner—now in our

Association has been formed to embrace the whole of the public schools of Auckland City and Suburbs. Athletic sports meetings and swimming galas will be promoted by the Association, and these may be expected to serve the double purpose of improving the schoolboys physically, and bringing out the amateur runners and swimmers of the future.

The Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club will, in all probability, hold another Sports Carnival under the auspices of the Exhibition towards the end of January.

According to the *Sydney Referee* there is very little prospect of the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association sending competitors across to the N.Z. Championship at Dunedin February. It appears that the Association on the other side will need every penny they can scrape together to send men to the Australasian Championship at Brisbane in August 1899.

Sampson, the strong man now showing in Australia, will, it is understood, include New Zealand in his Antipodean tour. Aucklanders may, therefore, look forward to witnessing the feats of strength by this marvel of physical development.

E. C. Bredin has two matches on hand. He meets Downer over 500yds for £50 aside, and Tinsler over half a mile for a like sum. The first match was fixed for this month, and that with Tinsler for January.

Some good performances were recorded at the autumn sports meeting of the New York Athletic Club, held at Travers Island, New York, on Oct. 1. Flanagan won the 16lb hammer competition

reached, but his opponent Hurst had him some years gradually made anybody's race end of the fourteenth mile expected that B sprint away from quarters of a mi general constern Hurst was left to 1hr 23min 18sec.

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