

on Saturday last, and ended in a win for Grafton by 7 goals to nil. The most prominent of the local men were Wright, Goldie, McDougall, Hulme, and Offer. Knott, in goal, did not have a ball to stop during the progress of the game. Mildura's goal-keeper let some very easy shots through. Considering the bluejackets had had no practice they played very fairly. The combination of the Graftonites was very good.

The United and Y.M.C.A. Seniors journeyed to the marine suburb, and played a friendly match on Saturday. The game was decidedly in favor of Y.M.C.A., who won by 6 goals to 2.

By the manner in which Y.M.C.A. played up on Saturday in the United match they should take a lot of beating this season.

Charlie Hemery (Y.M.C.A.) is a greatly improved man this season. He played a splendid game on Saturday.

A little suggestion might not be out of the way before the season commences. In practice it would be better if the players would indulge in passing instead of consistently having shots at goal, and seeing who can kick a ball the highest. Shooting at goal is very well in its way, but passing rushes are very important during the progress of the game. A good forward passing rush is always more dangerous to a goal-keeper than individual attempts at shooting a goal from a difficult angle. I would warn both senior and junior players to bear this in mind. Another important matter is the manner in which some players, when an appeal is made for "hand ball,"

the Cambridge University team when at the University; afterwards he played for Surrey for several seasons. Of late years Mr Bainbridge has captained the Warwickshire County team. He is a good all-round player, and an excellent judge of the game. With three such prominent and keen cricketers to make the selection, the teams chosen to do battle against the Australians ought to obtain the approval of the English cricketing world.

The team selected to do battle against the Australians for the South of England in the match which commenced on Monday is a fairly strong combination. There are seven first class bats, and the others are all able to make runs. In bowling the team is fairly representative, and with Jack Hearne and Lockwood in form on a May wicket, a good finish may result. The following are the names of the English players: - W. G. Grace, C. Townsend, C. B. Fry, G. Jessop, T. Hayward, W. Lockwood, J. Hearne, W. Board, J. R. Mason, K. S. Ranjitsinhji, and "Bobby" Abel.

The Ring.

AN OLD TIMER IN TROUBLE.

Tom Allen, once a champion pugilist, on February 25, at St. Louis, at 2 a.m. to day shot and instantly killed Tim Confoy, a stage hands

change. Goss and Allen both became fugitives from Kentucky justice. Allen was arrested, and served a term in the Frankfort penitentiary. Another of Allen's noted fights was with Mike M'Cool, on Foster's Island, in the Mississippi River, near St. Louis, July 15, 1869. M'Cool was beaten into insensibility in nine rounds, but his backers broke into the ring with clubs and pistols and prevented a decision. Allen is 59 years of age.

News from St. Louis on February 28, is to the effect that Tom Allen, who shot and killed John Confoy in the former's saloon last week, was acquitted by the coroner's jury recently. Allen's plea was self defence.

Corbett and Maher are reported to have made a match to fight somewhere in Connecticut. If Corbett and Maher fight on the level, it is probable that the Irishman will have a big following, for the reason that Corbett is generally regarded as a back number. Maher is fully as clever as Sharkey, and a more powerful hitter. His height and reach would make it easier perhaps to reach the ex-champion than Sharkey found it, and in that event Peter might accomplish a decisive knock-out, provided the bout was arranged to go twenty rounds. Those who know Corbett's ability at present say that he cannot last that length and be strong. They believe that in a six-round bout however, the ex-champion can hold his own with anyone in the heavy-weight class.

good part of them. At any rate, I surprised the reverend fathers on one occasion, engaged, as I innocently imagined, dividing and seeking further comfort from a flask that certainly looked the picture of comfort. It is not owners like these that stuff dogs, complain of slippers, or slander judges.

The following are the nominations for the Auckland Coursing Club's June Meeting:—New Lynn Maiden Stakes: Hancock 1, Philpot 1, Wilson 2, Turner 1, Mack 1, Stevens 1, Cavanagh 1, Frost 1, O'Hare 1, Hannigan 1, Whitten 1, Barton 1, Enwright 1, Lynch 1, G. Proudfoot 6. Puppy Stakes: Hancock 1, Wren 2, Carlyle 1, Edgar 1, Turner 2, Barley 1, Taylor 1, Morton 1, G. Proudfoot 2. Avondale Cup: Stych 1, Wilson 1, Wren 1, Carlyle 1, Appleby 1, Stevens 1, Thompson 1, Whitten 1, Whitten 1, Speer 1, Furlong 1, G. Proudfoot 2. The draw will take place to-night.

HOCKEY AND GOLF AT NAPIER.

[BY OUR NAPIER CORRESPONDENT.]

Hockey, instead of football, reigned at the Recreation Ground on Saturday, when the opening matches of the season were played, and proved highly interesting. The first game was between the Probables and Possibles of the Napier Hockey Club, and was won by the former, who scored two goals to their opponents' nil. The second match, Napier Hockey Club v. United Hockey



Photo by P. W. Edwards, Auckland.

MEMBERS OF THE AUCKLAND SWIMMING ASSOCIATION AND COMPETITORS AT THE RECENT MEETING.

or off-side, etc., stop playing, instead of playing on till the whistle goes. The referee has charge of the game, not some of the players, who consistently keep up a bowl of appeals for different breaches of the rules, thinking by so appealing that they may bluff the referee.



[BY STONEWALLER.]

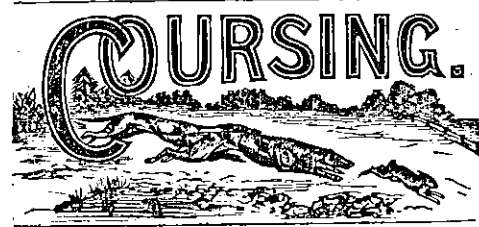
The Surrey County bowlers have commenced the season well. In the first match of the season, against Gloucestershire, Lockwood captured 10 wickets for 37 runs, while Brockwell took seven for only three runs.

Lord Hawke, W. G. Grace, and E. O. Bainbridge will act as a sub-committee to select the English teams to play against the Australians in the test matches. These three gentlemen have the power to select two amateurs to help them. Lord Hawke and W. G. Grace are familiar names to New Zealanders, but perhaps E. O. Bainbridge is not so well known. He was captain of

in a theatre. The affair was in Allen's bar-room. A quarrel between Allen and Confoy was the cause of the murder. Allen also shot his bartender through the hand.

Tom Allen was a conspicuous figure in the old days of bare-knuckle prize fights, when every ring encounter meant a riot by the roughest element of the sporting fraternity. He has been but little heard of in the last twenty years, except as a second or adviser to third-rate pugilists.

Allen figured as a prize-fighter for fifteen years, and in that time met and beat or was beaten by all the noted pugilists between the years 1861 and 1876. He won notoriety in England, the place of his birth, in the ring fights with "Posh" Price, Joe Goss, Bob Smith, the Liverpool black, and Waggoner. In 1867 he came to America, and, taking naturally to the turbulent methods of the prize ring of America at that time, was prominent in many of the lawless deeds of the short-haired fraternity. Allen himself held a pistol on the referee of a fight between Tommy Kelly and Bill Parkinson, of Acqual Creek, Vt., in 1868, threatening him, unless he decided for Kelly, while Kelly's friends broke into the ring and took the boxer out, a general fight following. Allen's most famous battles in America were with Jim Mace, near New Orleans, in 1870, Mace winning; with Joe Goss, in 1876, for the championship of America, Goss winning on a foul. The latter fight took place in two rings, the first in Kent and the second in Bonne County, interference by officers of the law compelling the



[BY DICKEN.]

Coursing is again in full swing in Australia, and the prospects of the sport appear to be fairly good. The season was opened at Moonee Valley on April 26, but although there is an improved tone in the sport, I question if it will ever be so prosperous as in the boom times, which seemed to end with the rich Moonee Valley Cup and Plate won by the brother and sister, Faugh-a-Ballagh and Flageolet, and the Victorian Waterloo Cup won by Good News. At that time and for a few years prior, thousands changed hands on a course, and it would probably be difficult now to win a hundred on any single trial. At the Moonee Valley Cup meeting to which I have alluded, the New South Wales contingent won heavily over the celebrated greyhounds I have mentioned, and I strongly suspect that although the celebrated Tam O'Shanter—Kathleen litter were nominally owned by John O'Halloran, of the Post Office Hotel Goulburn, a couple of jolly Catholic priests owned a ver-

Club, resulted in a victory for Napier by five goals to two.

There was a large attendance at the links at Waiohiki on Saturday, when the first of the men's and the second of the ladies' medal matches were played, the former falling to Kawhi and the latter to Miss M. Donnelly. Afternoon tea was kindly provided by Mrs Wood. The following are the details of the games:—Men's competition: Kawhi, 12 handicap, 116 gross, 104 net; R. Tarehia, 5, 110, 105; Tari, 12, 118, 106; J. McLean, 15, 125, 110; A. A. Kennedy, 5, 116, 111; Tione, 12, 123, 111; H. Peacocke, 3, 120, 117; Messrs Morris, J. Peacocke, O. H. Cato, B. Tareha, W. Buchanan, P. S. McLean, Tohe, Tirabine, Jardine, Kettle, Lines, and Burke also played. Ladies' competition: Miss M. Donnelly, scratch, 69 gross, 69 net; Miss Kennedy, 20, 97, 77; Miss L. Davis, 5, 83, 78; Miss E. Davis, 5, 83, 78; Miss Davis, 5, 85, 80; Mrs O. H. Cato, Miss Wood, Miss Newbold, Miss F. Watt, Miss Page, and Miss Smith also played.

It is 20 years since the championship billiard match was first played by John Roberts, sen., and William Cook. John was a fine player, and used to tell a tale of how he discovered the "spot" stroke. "I made six spots on a table with the old test cushions, and it suddenly flashed upon me why shouldn't a player make twenty?" John made his break, and the Times had a leader on the subject next day. John Roberts, jun., until he met Dawson the other day, has not played a match on level terms since 1885.