

ATHLETICS, ETC.

[BY NIMBLEFOOT.]

AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THE following handicaps have been issued by Messrs. Cotter and Speight for the Amateur Athletics. Acceptances will be received by the secretary, at the British Hotel on Saturday evening:—

100 YARDS HANDICAP.

Yds	Yds	Yds
H. Mowbray.....scr.	J. H. Buchanan.....3½	R. D. Kelly.....6
C. Madigan.....1	H. C. Barnes.....3½	P. Hackett.....6
W. H. Hales.....1½	H. W. Boyd.....4	G. Reed.....6
C. Heaketh.....2	G. Glover.....4	B. E. Myers.....6
J. B. Reid.....2	W. F. Larkin.....4	F. Thomas.....6
W. Buckland.....2½	C. Motion.....4	W. L. Pritt.....6
T. Whiteside.....2½	W. Thomson.....4	R. Gibbs.....6
J. Hill.....2½	W. F. Stevenson.....4	G. Warner.....6
S. E. Chatfield.....2½	W. J. Martin.....4½	D. O. Hales.....6
A. Smith.....2½	H. J. B. Bull.....4½	N. Barton.....6½
F. Atkinson.....3	G. E. Ellett.....4½	D. F. London.....7
H. C. Weston.....3	T. Impey.....4½	A. A. Martin.....7
J. W. Burgess.....3	R. A. Christie.....5	R. Wayne.....7
W. Wood.....3	A. McCorquodale.....5	R. Laird.....7
D. Harvey.....3	W. C. Rhodes.....5½	H. Brown.....7
W. H. Martin.....3½	F. Russell.....5½	D. Hutchison.....7

200 YARDS HANDICAP.

Yds	Yds	Yds
H. Mowbray.....scr.	W. Wood.....7	R. A. Christie.....10
C. Madigan.....2	J. H. Buchanan.....7½	G. Reid.....12
W. H. Hales.....2½	D. Harvey.....7½	P. Hackett.....12
J. B. Reid.....3	G. Glover.....7½	R. D. Kelly.....13
S. E. Chatfield.....3½	H. N. Goldwater.....8	D. O. Hales.....13
J. Hill.....4	T. Impey.....8	G. Warner.....14
W. Buckland.....4½	W. F. Larkin.....8	N. Barton.....14
T. Roberts.....5	H. J. B. Bull.....8	A. A. Martin.....15
F. Atkinson.....5	H. C. Barnes.....8	B. E. Myers.....15
A. Smith.....5	W. F. Stevenson.....8	R. Wayne.....16
H. C. Weston.....5	R. S. Caulton.....8½	H. Brown.....16
J. W. Burgess.....5	W. Thompson.....8½	A. Jackson.....16
C. Heaketh.....6	W. C. Rhodes.....9	A. Cole.....16
T. Whiteside.....6	G. E. Ellett.....9	D. F. London.....18
W. H. Martin.....6	H. A. Norris.....10	R. Gibbs.....17
J. R. Leikis.....6	W. L. Pritt.....10	D. Hutchison.....17
H. W. Boyd.....7	A. McCorquodale.....10	M. H. Laird.....17

QUARTER-MILE HANDICAP.

Yds	Yds	Yds
C. Madigan.....scr.	J. W. Burgess.....8	W. F. Larkin.....14
J. Hill.....scr.	R. A. Christie.....10	A. McCorquodale.....16
T. E. Short.....6	J. R. Leikis.....10	F. P. Hoyes.....18
T. Roberts.....6	R. S. Caulton.....10	W. L. Pritt.....18
W. H. Martin.....8	H. N. Goldwater.....11	G. Wallace.....22
W. Buckland.....8	H. W. Boyd.....12	R. Gibbs.....25
F. Atkinson.....8	H. Worsp.....12	P. C. Lynch.....25
S. E. Chatfield.....8	A. G. Cook.....12	D. F. London.....25
D. Harvey.....8	G. Glover.....12	

HALF-MILE.—A. S. Clarke, scratch; T. E. Short, scratch; T. Roberts, 9yds; A. J. Osborne, 15yds; C. Motion, 18yds; H. N. Goldwater, 18yds; G. E. Ellett, 20yds; H. J. B. Bull, 20yds; A. G. Cook, 20yds; R. S. Caulton, 22yds; W. F. Stevenson, 23yds; G. H. Nixon, 25yds; E. G. Palmer, 25yds; B. A. Laurie, 25yds; E. C. Brown, 25yds; A. A. Davis, 28yds; E. T. Laurie, 30yds; W. S. Dickey, 30yds; H. Worsp, 30yds; A. Jackson, 30yds; G. Wallace, 35yds; G. W. Lewis, 35yds; A. J. Richards, 40yds; G. Warner, 40yds; A. G. Harvey, 40yds; P. C. Lynch, 45yds.

ONE MILE WALK.—G. Peace, scratch; A. W. Creamer, 40yds; A. Jackson, 80yds; H. Burton, 90yds; T. G. Pollard, 100yds; J. Burfoot, 100yds; P. O'Dowd, 110yds; C. J. Collings, 120yds.

120 YARDS HURDLES.—C. Madigan, scratch; H. Worsp, scratch; W. H. Martin, scratch; W. Thomson, 4yds; H. J. B. Bull, 4yds; T. Roberts, 4yds; W. C. Rhodes, 5yds; E. T. Laurie, 5yds; T. Impey, 5yds; A. G. Cook, 5yds; H. C. Barnes, 6yds; C. Motion, 6yds; P. Hackett, 7yds; D. O. Hales, 7yds; A. A. Martin, 8yds.

ONE MILE RUN.—A. S. Clarke, scratch; T. E. Short, 30yds; A. J. Osborne, 30yds; H. N. Goldwater, 40yds; G. H. Nixon, 40yds; B. A. Laurie, 40yds; A. A. Davis, 50yds; T. W. Taylor, 50yds; J. Lecky, 60yds; E. C. Brown, 60yds; H. Burton, 60yds; G. Warner, 70yds; A. G. Harvey, 70yds; E. G. Palmer, 70yds; W. S. Dickey, 75yds; E. R. Reeves, 75yds; G. W. Lewis, 80yds; A. J. Richards, 90yds; G. Wallace, 90yds; P. C. Lynch, 100yds.

ONE MILE MAIDEN BICYCLE ROADSTER.—H. Nicholson, scratch; D. Campbell, 30yds; N. P. N. Aickin, 60yds; H. Dacre, 70yds; C. Waters, 100yds; R. H. McCallum, 130yds; S. Fleming, 150yds; H. Hill, 160yds; L. Boulton, 180yds; A. Firth, 180yds; H. Rendall, 190yds; W. Hazard, 190yds; J. Harris, 200yds; R. Logan, 200yds; R. Laird, 200yds; J. Taylor, 250yds; C. P. Hulme, 250yds.

TWO MILE ROADSTER BICYCLE HANDICAP.—A. G. Buchanan, scratch; H. S. Short, scratch; E. Reynolds, 40yds; H. Nicholson, 80yds; D. Campbell, 90yds; W. Elliott, 100yds; J. A. Stewart, 150yds; N. P. N. Aickin, 170yds; H. Dacre, 180yds; C. Walters, 200yds; R. H. McCallum, 250yds; J. Fleming, 250yds; W. H. Hazard, 280yds; A. Firth, 300yds; Bolton, 300yds; Logan, 300yds; J. Harris, 400yds; C. P. Hulme, 440yds.

A COMMITTEE meeting of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club was held on Friday February 27, at the British Hotel. The following new members were elected: Messrs. P. Hackett, F. Russell, W. F. Stevenson, H. A. Somerville, J. Leikis, E. P. Hulme, A. T. Firth, D. Hales, E. C. Browne, J. Burfoot, S. J. Harris, Taylor, Campbell, R. Caulton, D. Hutchison, G. Wallace, R. Rendell, Boulton.

The proposal to send a team of New Zealand amateur athletes to compete in the English championships in June next, was next considered. A long discussion took place, all of the members present having something to say on the matter. The opinion was that it would be unwise to send a team this season, as the matter was being rushed through too hurriedly, and time would not permit of raising such a large sum as would be necessary for expenses. It was suggested that if the trip be put off until next season, each of the Clubs affiliated to the Association should give a benefit race meeting in aid of the funds. Mr. Coates proposed the following resolution: "That the Committee of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club, without wishing to discourage the proposal that a N.Z. team visit England this year, are of opinion that the time available does not permit of the proper organisation of the scheme, and think it would be more in the interest of amateur athletics in the colony to defer the visit till next year." This was seconded

by Mr. Esam, and on being put to the meeting was carried by ten votes to one.

The Committee of the Auckland Club intend putting on their programme several races for the officers and men of the squadron.

The Committee of the N.Z. Amateur Athletic Association at a meeting on Tuesday night last, decided to postpone the visit of the team to England until next season.

The Gordon v. United match was commenced on Saturday last. Gordon winning the toss went in, and made 143, of which Lusk made 59, Moresby 31, and Williams 19. United got 36 for one wicket. The scores were:—

GORDON—First innings.

Lusk, c Hawkins, b Stemson	59
Williams, c Harvie, b Millar	19
Moresby, lbw, b Millar	31
Goulstone, b Millar	0
Ryburn, c Harvie, b Millar	8
Fowke, c Harvie, b Stemson	1
Clayton, b Millar	6
D. Meldrum, b Millar	4
Ansenne, not out	3
Kelly, not out	0
Extras	12
Total	143

UNITED—First Innings.

Hawkins, not out	21
C. Harvie, b Kelly	4
W. Harvie, not out	10
Extra	1

Total for one wicket 36

Auckland, winning the toss against Parnell, went in and made 145, of which R. Neill contributed 26, Howlett 20, Wilson 40, and Webster 35 not out. Parnell have started well, having 30 runs for the loss of one wicket.

Alpha playing eight men went in first against the St. Mary's, but made no stand against their bowling, their innings closing for the small score of 7 runs. Stone got 3 wickets for 2 runs, and Murphy 2 for 3 runs. St. Mary's also batting two men short made 100, of which London is responsible for 45.

CHRISTCHURCH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

FOOTBALL.

THE approach of the coming football season has already been the means of rousing up the local clubs to a state of activity, and judging by the enthusiasm displayed, the season of 1891 should be quite as successful as its predecessor. The East Christchurch, Christchurch, Merivale, Addington, and Linwood clubs have held their meetings, and in each case a large number of new members were elected.

In Otago matters are hardly as forward, as several wet Saturdays have thrown the cricket matches back, and this will have the effect of making the opening of the football season fully two weeks later than usual.

CYCLING.

During the past week, race meetings of a rather small nature have been decided at Timaru and Dunedin, both meeting with a fair amount of success.

At Timaru the track was in excellent condition, and several visitors took part in the principal events. Owing to the high opinion the handicappers seemed to have of them, however, in no case were they successful, local men winning every event. C. E. Hall accounted for Three Mile Handicap; North, Truman, and McQuisban being amongst the defeated division. Hall also secured the Ladies' Bracelet and Two Mile Handicap.

The Dunedin Meeting was a much more pretentious affair, and included the Five Mile Championship of Otago. Amongst the unsuccessful competitors were a number of second-rate Christchurch cyclists who had previously ridden at the Timaru Meeting. In the Five Mile Championship Steadman had a very moderate field against him, and before half the distance had been done, had settled their pretensions. Steadman also won the Two Mile Handicap from scratch, but in neither case was the time good.

At the recent meeting of the Cyclists' Alliance, a regular crusade was started against a number of amateurs who have been trans-

gressing against the Alliance's laws. Amongst these was the champion, "Toby" Wilmot, who was accused of winning a pair of boots as a trophy and then selling them because they were a misfit.

ATHLETICS.

The project of Mr. Cuff to send a team of athletes to England has been the subject of considerable comment during the past week. It is generally thought that the idea is altogether premature, and would be too much like sponging on the liberality of the public. The item to which most objection seems to be taken, however, is that of sending Mr. Cuff as manager. Surely a team of five or six men would not require so much looking after that the public should be put to extra expense merely to send an amateur manager.

The Dunedin A.A.C. do not appear to fall in with the scheme at all, the idea of sending a manager being thought absurd.

CRICKET.

Owing to the wet weather the Cup matches were again postponed on Saturday last, this being the second wet Saturday in succession.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

WAIUKU RACING CLUB.

ON Wednesday next, March 11, nominations for the above Club will close with the secretary at Waiuku.

DARGAVILLE JOCKEY CLUB.

ON Thursday next, March 12, acceptances for the first day's racing, and entries for Auction Stakes and Hack Races, close with the secretary, Mr. Norman McLeod, Dargaville, or Mr. H. H. Hayr, Auckland, at 8 p.m.

CAMBRIDGE JOCKEY CLUB.

ON Thursday next, March 12, acceptances for the above Club will close with the secretary at Cambridge.

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB.

ON Thursday next, March 12, acceptances for the above Club are due.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

ON Friday next, March 13, nominations for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. G. H. Carter, Hamilton, or Mr. H. H. Hayr, at the office of this paper, at 8 p.m.

Handicap Maiden Plate of 20sovs, 7 furlongs
Handicap Hurdles of 30sovs, 2 miles
Autumn Handicap of 55sovs, 1½ miles
Welter Handicap of 20sovs, 1 mile
Handicap Steeplechase of 55sovs, 3 miles
Claudlands Handicap of 30sovs, 1½ miles
Flying Handicap of 20sovs, 6 furlongs.

MAUKU RACING CLUB.

ON Friday next, March 13, nominations for the above Club are due.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

ON Friday next, March 13, nominations and acceptances for the above Club's Autumn Meeting will close with the secretary, Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

ON Friday next, March 13, acceptances for the following events will close with the secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark, at

Handicap Maiden Trot of 40sovs, 2 miles
Handicap Flying Stakes of 20 sovs, 5 furlongs
Pony Cup Handicap of 30sovs, 7 furlongs
Handicap Trot of 60sovs, 3 miles
Handicap Hurdles of 25sovs, 1½ miles
Handicap Pony Trot of 30sovs, 2 miles
Selling Trot of 20sovs, 2½ miles

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

ON Saturday next, March 14, acceptances for the following events will close with the secretary, Mr. F. D. Luckie, at 10 p.m.

Grandstand Handicap of 60sovs, 1 mile
First Hurdles Handicap of 100sovs, 2 miles
Nursery Handicap of 100sovs, ¾ mile
High Weight Handicap of 50sovs, once round

Horse owners should bear in mind that nominations for the South Auckland Racing Club are due on Friday next, 13th inst, and for the convenience of Auckland owners they may be nominated with Mr. H. H. Hayr, at the office of this paper.

The Mercer regatta takes place to-day, and with fine weather there should be plenty of amusement. It is many years since we were there, but it was then almost under the same management. A more enjoyable day we never spent. The canoe racing is fine fun. All connected with the management as well as the settlers did all in their power to make things agreeable to their visitors, and there is no reason why it should not be the same this year. Mr. Mountain also intends to give an exhibition in boxing, so as to show the Maoris the proper art of self-defence. Trains will be run at cheap fares to suit those going from Auckland.