

combination I am of opinion that they would prove a strong one, but even now they should make the best of the Northern teams play their hardest to win.

The Canterbury Rugby Union's committee, at a meeting held on the 9th inst., decided to appoint the captain and two members of the team that are being sent to the North Island a committee of management for such team, it being considered undesirable to send a special manager with the team.

**AUCKLAND v. WAIKATO.**

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The match between teams representing Auckland and Waikato was played on Sydney Square, Hamilton on Saturday. The weather was fine and there were about 500 people present. Mr. R. J. Gwynne acted as referee, and Messrs. Speight and C. Bowden as line umpires. The teams were as under:—

**AUCKLAND** (blue and white): Full-back, H. G. Kissling; three-quarters, H. Branson, O. Riley, A. Tanfield; halves, T. Whiteside, E. Edmonds, F. Brady; forwards, C. Stone (captain), H. Dacre, W. Geard, J. Spraggon, R. Green, C. Speight, R. S. Caulton, J. Walker.

**WAIKATO** (maroon and blue): Full-back, L. Bull; three-quarters, C. Kusaba, W. Hammond, C. Lovell; halves, T. Connolly (captain), J. H. Hume, F. Bowden; forwards, J. Samson, J. Bailey, J. Montgomery, J. Gillett, A. Peacock, E. H. Aubin, W. Macky, W. R. C. Walker.

The average weight of the Auckland men was 11st 6lb, and of the Waikato men 11st 6½lb.

Stone kicked off for the visitors, and play was soon in Auckland 25, but Kissling returned smartly. A rush on the part of the Auckland forwards soon transferred play to Waikato quarters, whence Hume and Bowden took the ball back to centre. Connolly soon made a brilliant run, but was brought down in the Auckland's 25, and from a free kick Hammond had a pot at Auckland's goal, but without success. Auckland forwards then took the ball back to Waikato's 25, where Branson got hold of it, and narrowly missed potting a goal. Soon after the kick-out Riley got over the line, and drew first blood for the visitors. Stone failed to convert the try, and the score thus stood—Auckland 2, Waikato nil. From the kick-off Branson returned to Singer, but he held it too long, and Auckland were awarded a free kick, which Stone converted, and the score then stood—Auckland 5; Waikato 0. This was still the state of affairs at the end of the first spell.

Soon after commencing the second spell, Green got a try for Auckland, but Stone failed to convert. Score: Auckland 7, Waikato 0. Edmonds soon afterwards made a pot at goal and Caulton secured a try between the posts by a bit of smart play. Stone kicked a goal, which brought Auckland's score up to 12. When the leather was again kicked off the Waikato forwards made a splendid rush and took the ball over the Auckland line, where Gillett and Aubin secured first try for Waikato. Hammond kicked a goal, making Waikato 5 to Auckland's 12. The Waikato men, encouraged by this success, played up well and Hammond had an unsuccessful try at goal from a penalty kick. Waikato forwards kept matters going in fine style and soon got the leather over the line and Gillett scored a try, which Hammond changed into a goal. Score: Auckland 12, Waikato 10. In the few minutes remaining play there was no alteration, the game thus ending as above.

The visitors were entertained at a smoke concert in the evening.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

**NEW PLYMOUTH, August 12.**

Yesterday the Star II. and Tukapa teams played a return match on the race-course. In the first spell Nich scored a try for Stars, and Way kicked a goal from it. In the second spell Duffin scored another try for the Stars, but the kick at goal was abortive. The Tupakas then woke up and put two tries to their credit, D. Crozier and H. George being the scorers, but the shots at goal were abortive. Stars thus won by 7 points (goal from a try and a try) to 4 points (two tries). There was a great deal of unnecessarily rough play among the forwards, and I think the referee would have been quite justified in reprimanding a couple of the players.

On Thursdsy next the first fifteens of the Star and New Plymouth Clubs meet in deadly strife. The game is causing considerable interest, the former being odds-on favorites.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

TARANAKI, August 9.

The result of the rep. match between Auckland and Taranaki was received here, on Saturday evening, with feelings of regret. That our boys were able to get two tries and were unable to convert one, was considered hard luck indeed. I don't want to blame Bayly, the captain, or cast any slight upon Lusk, but I am of opinion that the second kick at goal should not have been entrusted to the latter, as he appeared to be "off" in his kicking. This was amply demonstrated in the match against Manawatu. There were plenty of good kicks in the team, and as so much depended on obtaining a goal from a try. I think fresh talent should have been used for the second shot, after Lusk missed the first chance.

The result was considered unsatisfactory by the supporters of the amber and black in this town, and the general opinion was that it would have been preferable that the team had lost by 10 points to nil than that they should prove the better team and then lose the game by a measly bit of luck.

The Taranaki team returned home this morning. They all speak in terms of praise about the handsome way the Aucklanders and Thamesites treated them.

Our boys will meet the Canterbury reps. at the end of the month, and the Wanganui reps. about the same time. They ought to win both matches.

[The above had to be held over owing to pressure on our space last week.—Ed. SPORTING REVIEW.]

The committee of the Otago Rugby Union have suspended a couple of players belonging to the Alexandra and Clyde Clubs respectively, pending further consideration, for fighting during the progress of a match between the clubs named.

**CRICKET.**

A curious incident occurred at Manchester on the occasion of the recent match between Lancashire and Kent, when W. H. Patterson, of the latter team, was within one run of the coveted "century." The ball had been played by the old Oxonian, and on being returned he went for an overthrow, which George Hearne promptly discovering, the required run was made, and the crowd applauded the amateur for securing his hundred. To the surprise of everyone, however, the batsmen were seen to resume their original positions, and it transpired that the umpire had somewhat prematurely called "over," and that the run could therefore not be taken. Patterson, however, soon topped the century by fourteen runs.

A record is reported in the American papers. The occasion was a match between the Belmont and Baltimore Clubs on June 1st, on the former's ground at Philadelphia. After getting rid of Baltimore for 111, Belmont occupied the wickets for the rest of the afternoon, with the result of a big score of 422 for the loss of only four batsmen. The sensation of the afternoon was the hitting of A. M. Wood, who ultimately carried out his bat after scoring 201 of the last 284 runs. Wood's score is the highest individual innings yet played in the United States. Moreover, it has only been twice beaten in America, by R. Leisk's 202 for Hamilton v. Montreal, in 1885, and A. Browning's 204 for Montreal against Ottawa in 1880. To give an idea of the full extent of the achievement, it may be added that Wood was only in two hours, and that his last 50 runs were made in nineteen minutes. Wood is an Englishman, who migrated to America some years ago. He played twice for Derbyshire in 1879.

The return of Lord Sheffield to his home at Sheffield Park in the beginning of June was made the occasion of a warm welcome to his Lordship by his tenants, neighbours, and representatives of numerous cricket clubs for a considerable distance round. He was the recipient of two addresses—one from his tenants and the other from the residents of the parish of Fletching and representatives of about twenty cricket clubs, congratulating him on his safe return, the success attending his tour, and also referring with much pleasure to the generous reception accorded him and his team in Australia. In his reply Lord Sheffield thus alluded to his late tour:—"It is no exaggeration to say that the reception which was given to myself and to the team, for its splendour, for its extent, for its variety, for its continuity—for it began when we landed in Adelaide in November, and only ended when the team embarked on the 'Val-

etta'—was absolutely without parallel, even in the annals of cricket in Australia, and I may say it was without parallel in the history of cricket in England. I shall hope that when the Australians come to England next year, as they are going to do, when they visit this part, as they intend to do, you, as Englishmen and Sussex men, will assemble in your thousands upon this ground, and welcome them with such a ringing welcome as English throats can give, to show them that you, as Englishmen, have fully recognised and appreciated the magnificence of the reception they gave your fellow-countrymen last winter in far-away Australia. (Loud applause.)"

A private letter has been received in Wellington from H. M. Moorhouse, the well-known cricketer and footballer, who left the Empire City for England some months ago. He writes that at present he has no intention of returning to New Zealand, as he has succeeded in obtaining a lucrative position as traveller for a large flourmill in Surrey, and he is very well satisfied with his prospects. His business takes him over a greater part of England, and he frequently manages to play cricket when away from home. In six matches he has made 238 runs, 68 being scored in one innings.

**HUNTING.**

The Pakuranga Hunt Club's hounds met at Howick on Saturday. Several hares were put up, but in every case they escaped in the ti-tree and scrub. The Master consequently ordered a move towards Panmure, and on Mr. Andrew Thompson's property a fine strong hare was found, which afforded an excellent half-hour's run without being collared.

The Waikato Hunt Club met on Thursday last, at Lochiel, Ohaupo, the residence of Mr. J. McNicol, who kindly provided luncheon for the party before they proceeded to business. The drag was started from a paddock on the Ohaupo side of of Mystery Creek, the direction taken being towards Ohaupo. The run, which lasted about four miles, was so keen, and the country so difficult, as to try the capabilities of horses and riders to the utmost. There were numerous spills, but none of a serious nature. The run finished at Host Delaney's, where a halt was called for refreshments. Then a return to Mr. McNicol's paddocks was made, and a hare was soon found, but she got lost in the scrub. Another, however, was soon put up and, after a good run, was killed.

(FROM OUR NAPIER CORRESPONDENT.)

Napier, 13th.

On the 9th inst. one of the best runs with the hounds held in this district this season was held at Gwavas, when there were over a hundred people present. A most pleasurable time was spent, everyone enjoying themselves thoroughly. The hounds were under the command of Mr. R. H. Mason, who was mounted on Briar, while Mr. Hassell, mounted on Othello, acted as whip. Amongst those present were Mrs. Carlyon on Charybdis, Mrs. Rhodes on Crusader, Mrs. M. Mason on Mrs. Donnelly on Awarua, Miss Groome on Moe, Miss Miller on Blackamoor, Miss L. Williams on Satellite, Miss Thompson on Mace, Mr. Carlyon on Nugget, Mr. R. H. Mason on Briar, Mr. Rhodes on The Ghost, Mr. M. Mason on Bob, Mr. H. H. Bridge on Lurline, Mr. A'Deane on Gamecock, Mr. S. Bridge on Cicada, Mr. Howard on Darkie, Mr. L. Skerman on Comet, Mr. R. Skerman on Melville, Mr. L. Shaw on Blackbird, Mr. N. Shaw on Puratoke, Mr. Hassell on Othello, Mr. A. Giblin on Lady Emma, Mr. W. Williams on Charcoal, Mr. A. Williams on Punch, Dr. Godfrey on Eclat, Mr. J. Douglas on King Rose, Mr. A. Ellingham on Tiratea, Mr. W. Pettit on Longroper, Mr. L. Cottle on Alfred, Mr. M. Nelson on Toby, Mr. E. Nelson on Moonraker, Mr. M. Groome on Zoe, Mr. G. Groome on Barry, Mr. H. White on King, Mr. R. Burney on Nile, Mr. D. Campbell on Tim, Mr. A. H. Witerow, Mr. T. Holden, Mr. J. Holden, Mr. J. Dove, Mr. G. P. Donnelly. Some of the jumps were particularly stiff, but although there were a few mishaps there were none of a very serious character. The ladies of the party jumped splendidly.

**COURSING.**

The Christchurch Plumpton Park Co.'s Waterloo Meeting concluded on the 10th inst., when the finals resulted thus:—

**WATERLOO STAKES**, for an unlimited number of all-aged dogs at 3gns. each; first dog, £60; runner-up, £25; third

and fourth dogs, £7 10s. each. (Closed with 29 subs.)

Mr. M. Taylor's bd d Avonside, by Brewer—Deception, beat Mr. J. Cooper's w b Tainui, by Aorangi—Snowfright, and won the stake.

**SUPPLEMENTARY STAKES**; first prize, £15; runner-up £5.

Mr. T. Alexander's f d Hop o' My Thumb, by Horse Marine—Fugue, beat Mr. J. Reid's bl w d East Lynne, by Smoker—Lady Lynne.

The Dunedin Plumpton Park's Champion Meeting was to have commenced yesterday, and will be continued to-day and to-morrow. For the Champion Stakes for all-aged dogs at £5 each, with £10 added, there are 16 entries. For the Maiden Stakes, for all-aged dogs at £2 each that have never won £5 or over in one stake, the large entry of 82 was received, and for the Sapling Stakes of £2 each there were 16 entries, therefore our Dunedin friends have every prospect of capital sport.

The Melbourne *Sporting Standard* of August 2nd contains what purports to be a likeness of Mr. Martin Taylor, the Christchurch coursing man and his redoubtable bitch Bess Morley, but Mr. Taylor's visage is hardly recognisable. Our contemporary says:—"The majority of metropolitan coursers will, no doubt, remember Mr. Martin Taylor, of Christchurch, New Zealand, who paid a visit to Melbourne a couple of seasons ago with a string of greyhounds, included amongst which was Bridegroom II., who ran up for the big stake at Moonee Valley, won by Faugh-a-Ballagh. Since that time Mr. Taylor has won many important events in New Zealand, but the best greyhound he ever owned is Bess Morley, the subject of the above illustration. Although only two years and nine months old, the bitch has won no less than 22 courses, and has never been led to the hare, or run an undecided. She has won five stakes one after another, which comprise—1891: Ladies' Bracelet, at Dunedin, and New Zealand Cup, at Christchurch; 1892: Sockburn Cup, at Christchurch; May Cup at Dunedin, and Grand National Cup, at Dunedin. Previous to Bess Morley running the May Cup, at Dunedin, Mr. Taylor had to match the bitch against the best in New Zealand, but her qualities are well known in that Colony, and consequently the challenge was never accepted. Bess Morley is by The Brewer—Deception, the former of whom is also the property of Mr. Taylor. The gentleman in question owns and trains a large number of greyhounds, which are kept at the Avonside kennels, Christchurch. The owner of Bess Morley is a native of Cumberland, England, and has been an ardent supporter of coursing from his boyhood. He is looked upon as one of the most genuine lovers of the leash in New Zealand, and as such is worthy of every victory gained by the Avonside kennel. Mr. Taylor had fully made up his mind to visit Melbourne again this season, with some of the occupants of his kennel, but, owing to the discontinuance of coursing at Moonee Valley, he decided to remain in New Zealand. By the way, Bess Morley suffered her first defeat in the fourth round of the Waterloo Stakes, at Christchurch, last week. She had a very severe course with Heart of Grace in the third round, and on meeting Tainui (who subsequently ran up for the stake) she was beaten rather easily. Not only did she suffer defeat, but she was led to her game for the first time in her life.

**ATHLETICS.**

The final of the three matches between F. Bowen and Joe Scott was commenced at the Garrison Hall, Dunedin, on August 6th, when the men were despatched on their twenty-four hours' journey. Bowen had won the fifty-mile contest, and Scott the twelve hours, and the winner of the present event was to take the £100 a side deposited. Both men started punctually at ten o'clock, and at the end of the first hour each had covered five miles, nineteen laps. At midnight the tally was—Scott, ten miles nineteen laps; Bowen, ten miles fourteen laps. Shortly after midnight, when Scott had travelled thirteen miles sixteen laps, Bowen gave up the contest, owing to ill-health.

Foot racing is still a dead branch of sport so far as Sydney is concerned (says the *Sydney Referee*). After a while a handicap will be tried at Botany, probably in September. Mr. Frank Smith is about again, after his late accident, and if anything in the pedestrian line is put forward it will probably emanate from him. The Carrington ground shareholders have a particularly bad bargain