

# CYCLING.

## THE AUCKLAND CYCLING CLUB'S SPORTS MEETING.

The Auckland Cycling Club's meeting on the Domain on Anniversary Day must have been somewhat disheartening to the promoters, as the attendance both in the afternoon and evening was very small. No doubt the majority of people prefer to spend a holiday further afield, and with such strong counter-attractions as the Takapuna Races, Regatta, and Gulf excursions, a big muster at the cycling sports could hardly have been hoped for. The racing was very interesting, the Mile Championship being very exciting. Davis and Brook riding a dead heat. Mr H. J. Fielder officiated as starter, Messrs T. Harle Giles, Alfred Kidd, C. Smith and G. Tutt. acted as judges, Mr A. G. Bad-diley as referee, and Messrs E. Jones, G. E. Reid, and I. Holden as timekeeper. Mr Geo. Watts, the secretary, worked hard to keep things going smoothly.

**HALF-MILE.**  
Sutton (Victoria) ..... 1  
Wheatley (Victoria) ..... 2  
Pollock (New Zealand) ..... 3  
Also started: Campbell (Queensland), Wilkins and Dent, (New South Wales), Searle (Victoria).  
Won by a foot, with Pollock 2yds off.  
Time, 1min 58 4-5sec. Australasian record.

**THROWING 16LB HAMMER.**  
O'Reilly (New South Wales), 180ft 1in ..... 1  
Prouse (Victoria), 84ft 2in ..... 2  
Inglis (New South Wales), 81ft ..... 3

**ONE MILE WALK.**  
Barrett (Victoria) ..... 1  
Ross (New Zealand) ..... 2  
Penny (New South Wales) ..... 3  
Won by 50yds, with Penny a very bad third. Time, 6min 48 4-5sec.

**1000YDS HANDICAP.**  
Burrowes (East Melbourne), 40yds ..... 1  
Cumming, 25yds ..... 2  
Emrie (East Melbourne) ..... 3  
Won by 6yds. Time, 2min 17 3-5sec.

**220YDS CHAMPIONSHIP.**  
Barker (New South Wales) ..... 1  
Hunter (Victoria) ..... 2  
Nicholls (Victoria) ..... 3  
Smith (New Zealand) ..... 4  
Barker won by nearly two yards, there being four yards between the second and third. Time, 22 3-10sec.

**POLE JUMP.**  
Laurie (New Zealand), 10ft 3in ..... 1  
Harrington (Bendigo), 10ft 1in ..... 2  
Piper (Victoria) fell out at 9ft, and Macpherson (Victoria), at 9ft 4in.

**HIGH JUMP.**  
Laurie (New Zealand), and Francis (Victoria), again tied at 5ft 7½in.

**THREE MILES.**  
Ferguson (Victoria) ..... 1  
Blake (Victoria) ..... 2  
Cannon (Victoria) ..... 3  
Saunderson (Queensland) ..... 4  
Ferguson won very easily by a furlong from Blake, who was a similar distance in front of Cannon. Time, 15min 30sec, the Victorian record.

**LONG JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.**  
Duigan (Victoria), 21ft 9in ..... 1  
Hunter (Victoria), 20ft 8½in ..... 2  
Blake (Victoria), 19ft 5in ..... 3

**QUARTER-MILE HURDLES.**  
Smith (New Zealand) ..... 1  
Macpherson (Victoria) ..... 2  
Davis (Victoria) ..... 3  
The New Zealander led throughout and won easily. Time, 58½sec. This is a world's record.

**CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.**  
The points for the championship are:—  
Victoria ..... 6 points  
New South Wales ..... 5 points  
New Zealand ..... 3 points

It was rather hard lines that Simpson should be disabled just prior to the championship in Melbourne, as it took away any possible chance of a win for New Zealand. He turned out for the three mile event with his arm in a sling, but although plucky the effort was useless.

The A.A. Union Board of Control Meeting took place in Melbourne during the week. This colony was represented by Messrs Slyche and F. Ross, New South Wales by Messrs R. Coombes and E. S. Marks, and Queensland by Messrs C. Campbell and D. S. Carter.

## ONE-MILE PROVINCIAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

R. H. Davis ..... \*  
H. H. Brook ..... \*  
H. Hayward ..... 3  
Time, 2min 30 4-5sec.

## TWO MILES MOTOR CYCLE PURSUIT RACE.

S. H. Howie, 2½-h.p. Howie-Minerva... 1  
V. Sutherland, 2½-h.p. Howie-Minerva 2

## TWO MILES WHEEL RACE (Handicap).

R. H. Davis, scratch ..... 1  
H. Hayward, scratch ..... 2  
E. Cucksey, 35yds ..... 3  
Time, 5min 38 2-5sec.

## ONE MILE MAIDEN BICYCLE (Handicap.)

D. Currie, 30yds ..... 1  
E. J. McKay, 15yds ..... 2  
W. E. Johns, 20yds ..... 3  
Time, 2min 40sec.

The winner secured the verdict by a couple of yards, second and third men being close together.

## TWO MILES MOTOR-PACED SCRATCH RACE

H. Hayward ..... 1  
Other starter: H. H. Brook.  
Time, 4min 47 2-5sec.

## 220YDS HANDICAP.

A. Twiname, 7yds ..... 1  
F. Barton, 12yds ..... 2  
J. Hooker, 11yds ..... 3  
Other starters: H. McLeod, 8yds; E. Nolan, 10yds; R. Campbell, 13yds.  
Time, 2½ 2-5sec. A splendid finish, won by a foot.

## ONE MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP.

F. G. Hayward, 35yds ..... 1  
F. G. Twiss, 40yds ..... 2  
F. G. Rowe, 55yds ..... 3  
Time, 2min 34 2-5sec.

An interesting discussion was recently published in one of the cycling papers, regarding the advantages and benefits of long rides, as against short ones. Those of the lengthy outings scored every time, although it was admitted that the short ride may often prove delightful under certain conditions. It was classed by one writer as a tit-bit, or a snack; by another as a mere sample, and by a third as the impromptu or overture; but "the long ride is the full orchestra, whose each episode and experience, every change and chance of the day, like the major and minor notes of the chorus, contribute to form a complete and memorable ride." Some sought to disparage the long ride, because of its possible mishaps and dis-appointments. Such things are inseparable from our lives, so why bring them into this matter? Those of us who have ridden far, and often, know that to extract the utmost enjoyment from the pas-time, and to appreciate the real value of cycling, one must do so in long and in-timate wanderings, in close and faithful companionship, and many a hard day's riding with the wheel. There is also, as in other phases of life, a strenuousness and pride in meeting and combating such roadside troubles as go to the making of a cyclist, and which the dilettante rider can never know. How good the pleasures of anticipation (and it has been said we derive more pleasure from the prospec-tive than the realisation) as plans are prepared, and courses mapped out for a long day's ride, or for several days' tour. We have something to occupy our

minds, and engage our attention for days before we actually start, which, in its mental effect, is most beneficial. The journey or tour completed, we have a variety which the short ride cannot afford. Those riders who race, who fol-low the sport only, constitute a different class of riders from those who tour, and, save for the wheel, have nothing in com-mon. One follows the sport, and the other practises the pastime—two totally different things in cycling. We hear more of the few hundreds who race, but little or nothing of the many thousands who tour, but who, with the critics of cycling, are altogether disregarded.

The International Test Race was the star event of the big carnival which has just concluded in Sydney, some 20,000 people being present. Lawson won the first heat, Taylor got the second, Down-ing the third, and W. McDonald the fourth. The final was perhaps the best race ever witnessed on the Sydney course (says the Sydney "Mail"). At the bell McDonald led, with Taylor sec-ond, Downing third, and Lawson last. The riders never varied their position until the bell sounded. When 100 yards or so further on Lawson tried his best to spring a march on Taylor. Downing, however, was not so fast as MacFarland, and could render Lawson no assistance. The race therefore resolved itself into a man-to-man contest between Taylor and Lawson. Round by the members' pavil-ion Taylor had a yard lead; then Law-son got up level entering the straight. It looked either rider's race until 20 yards from the tape, when Taylor put in a finish twice as fast as Lawson, and won a good race by half a length amidst tremendous cheering.

It is not generally known that Major Taylor when only 18 years of age ran eighth in the big New York six days' race. Taylor's mileage was 1,730 odd miles, and so satisfied was he that he made up his mind to follow a racing career, and as a start took up work as a mechanic in a cycle factory. Previous to this, according to a London journal, he was washing up glasses in a New York saloon. Now he makes his thou-sands a year.

## LINE & TRIGGER.

(By "Gillie.")

The annual report of the New Zealand Gun Club Association expressed pleasure at the increase in the number of clubs affiliated to, the Association, twelve new clubs having joined during the past year, and one since the end of the Association's year. Three clubs had dropped out, but the places of these clubs had been taken by new clubs in the same district. There were now forty-three clubs affiliated, and two were likely to join during the present month. This the Association thought to be very encouraging, showing that the in-fluence of the Association for the good of the sport was being appreciated by the shooting public. The report mentioned that a proposal for affiliation had been sent from Victoria, with the idea of the two Associations working together to keep the undesirable element out of the sport. The Association's finances were good, there being a credit balance of £13. 10s 1d in hand after having made provi-sion for all outstanding liabilities. The annual champion match last year was won by Mr E. P. Graham, of Gore, who thereby secured the handsome medal given by the Christchurch Gun Club. The ques-tion would have to be decided as to whether it was for the benefit of shooting to hold the champion match at different centres each year.

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