

Kavanagh was top scorer for City with 37. His contribution was a useful but somewhat lucky one.

Hemus 30 and Schmoll 33 both did good work for City. Neill's bowling was better than he has shown us for a long time. Five for 32 against the Eden batsmen is a good performance.

W. B. Smith played nicely for 26 and Dazeley's 21 were well and carefully got.

Twenty-six and 21 out of a total of 79 doesn't leave much for the rest of Eden's batsmen, who went down like ninepins.

LAWN TENNIS.

(By "VOLLEY.")

Last Saturday was splendid tennis weather, and good play resulted on all the different clubs' lawns. Owing to the races and agricultural show being on the attendance was not so large as usual, allowing more play for those who were present.

Cable advices show that Miss Powdrell failed in the final of the Victorian championship against Miss Gyton, the score being 6-4, 6-2. Up to the New Zealand championship meeting at Napier in 1903 Miss Powdrell was the only lady to score a set against Miss Nunneley, the score at this match being 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

In the men's singles Lycett, of New Zealand, was beaten in the semi-final by Heath. The latter plays Curtis for the championship. Curtis played a great game, lasting three hours, against Dunlop, eventually winning 4-6, 11-9, 6-3, 6-4.

The Devonport Club are entering into the game energetically, and have gained many promising new members. H. R. Cooke is rapidly getting into form and H. W. Cooke is also playing well, and is one of the most promising of the younger players this year. He has a strong backhand, but is rather inclined to attempt winning strokes off every ball.

H. R. Cooke and T. Macky played together on Saturday, and should prove a strong couple in the inter-club matches. The latter is playing as well as ever, his driving and placing being particularly strong.

Hall is also a player who should be heard of before long. He is the possessor of a very hard, low drive, both backhand and forehand, and he also places well. His overhead work is showing improvement.

Rishworth, Redman, and Warner are all back at the game, while S. H. Best is at present in England.

F. Buddle, of Wellington, who may be remembered as champion of these lawns some three or four years ago, is at present in town. He was playing at the Shore last week.

The Howarth brothers, who made such a good showing in last year's Auckland championships, should come well to the fore again this season, as both play a good straight game.

Of the ladies, Misses Bush and E. Holland are no longer members of the Devonport Club, but Mrs. Cooper and Misses Harvey and Metcalfe are playing this season. Mrs. Cooper and Miss Harvey will play together, as in former years, and will no doubt enter for the championships in January.

Entries for the handicap events of the Devonport Club's tournament close on Saturday week (December 9), and a large entry is anticipated. The club's championship will be played later in the season.

Some good practice resulted on Saturday last on the Eden and Epsom lawns, several of the partners in the doubles playing practice matches. Grossman and Mair did good work, also C. Heather and A. S. C. Brown, and Dr. Bamford and Billing. The committee have instituted a "ladder of merit," any member being allowed to challenge the one immediately above him (or her) on the list, and a prize is to be given to the winner of the greatest number of matches. This is a new departure, and a good one, and I would strongly recommend other club's to follow suit. The result of the order on the list after a few weeks' play is very useful to the handicappers.

Other club's would do well to follow Devonport's lead, and to start their club tournaments to avoid the crowd of matches at the end of the season.

AQUATICS.

(By "THE REEFER.")

The season's programme of the Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron is to hand from the secretary, Mr P. H. Cole. It is as follows:—December 2: Class Handicap, over 32ft; 32ft and under; motor launch championships. Entries close at two p.m. on November 30. December 16: First cruise in company. January 20: Second cruise in company; motor launch handicap. February 3: Class B., 42ft 1r; Class C., 36ft 1r; Class D., 30ft 1r; Class E., 25ft 1r; handicap race, 26ft tuck-stern centreboard yachts; patikis (handicap); motor launch handicap. February 10: Ocean race. March 10: Third cruising race.

The committee of the Auckland Anniversary Regatta have decided upon a preliminary programme for the premier aquatic fixture of the year, which will be held as usual on January 29 (Anniversary Day). This is as follows:—Trading Vessels (all classes), 25 tons and upwards (handicap); Open Handicap Yacht Race (first-class); Fishing Boats (handicap); Bona-fide Cruising Yachts, not exceeding 30ft; Half-decked Tuck-stern Centreboard Boats, 26ft overall and under; Yachts,

sport. The New Zealand Power Boat Association is to be greatly commended for the part it played in Saturday's proceedings.

There was rather too much strength in the wind on Saturday, at the opening of the season by the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, and this slightly marred the success of the function. The committee had overlooked the fact that the date chosen for the opening clashed with the show and Takapuna races. This was unfortunate, for if the previous Saturday had been selected it would have been quite clear of any opposition, and incidentally would have been a beautiful afternoon. However, despite the strong counter attractions, there was quite a good muster of spectators on the wharf and other vantage spots, while the turnout of yachts and motor launches was very creditable, although there should have been more club yachts present. His Excellency the Governor, who is a member of the squadron, was present on board Messrs. Seager Bros.' steam yacht Rehu-tai, on which also were the executive officers of the squadron, but Commodore Murdoch's broad pennant was, of course, flying on the Ida. The evolutions, which were of a simple nature, were smartly carried out, the scene as all the yachts came down the harbour abreast being a very pretty one. Ultimately Ida hove-

they are none the worse. Rawhiti now belongs to Sydney, and she is a decided acquisition to our fleet of yachts.

G. Wright, H. Colledge, S. Hazard, A. R. Bailey (stroke), and F. Linder (cox.) won the final of the West End trial four on Saturday.

The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron will sail two class handicaps on Saturday, these being for yachts over 32ft and for yachts 32ft and under. On the same date the motor launch championship will take place. In all three events some very exciting races are promised, for all the cracks are expected to start in the sailing contests, while among the launches Union, Slim Jim, Togo, and Co. are expected to make matters lively. Entries close to-day, at two p.m., with Mr. P. H. Cole, the secretary.

The speed launch Togo has been out for a spin or two, and appears to travel very fast. Probably she will have a go at the cracks on Saturday in the championship.

The 35ft launch which the Logan's have just built for Mr. R. Wilson is a very handsome vessel, and her 10 h.p. Union engine sends her along at a good speed.

Messrs. Cranby and Co.'s big schooner is being painted up at Bailey and Lowe's yards. She is to have two 20 h.p. Hercules engines.

Mr. Smith, of Parnell, has just had a fine launch built for him by Lane and Sons. The motive power is supplied by a 15 h.p. Monarch engine.

They do say that Commodore Murdoch feels inclined to give a lecture on "the free use of sheets." Was the wind entirely to blame for the bad line on Saturday?

Some keen racing is expected among the Devonport cracks at the Royal's class racing on Saturday.

Great things are expected from Mr. Whitney's new speed launch. It is said she will show a clean pair of heels to anything in the harbour; but we shall see.

The all yachts' race at the big Balmain regatta in Sydney was won by the Logan-built Sunbeam.

What was the skipper of Rangitira doing on Saturday, when he tried to ram the Iris? Surely the owner could not have been at the tiller at the time.

The Anniversary Regatta Committee have put on a race for trading vessels. Let us hope it will be a greater success than the scow race last year. It will be remembered that after a very long and tedious race the scows were ordered to re-sail the race. At the time I predicted that they wouldn't do it, and up to date they never have.

FOOTBALL.

The second representative match played by the New Zealanders on their present tour took place at Dublin on Saturday, when a strong fifteen of Ireland took on the seemingly impossible task of sending our boys to the right about. The Irish team included all the most prominent Rugby players, fourteen of the team being old internationals. The match proved a very keen one, but the visitors were not to be denied, and when time was called the score read 15 to nil against Ireland. Two of the tries were secured by Deans, the Canterbury three-quarter, the Otago forward McDonald being responsible for the third, while Wallace converted all of them. The game appears to have given rise to a very keen contest.

The New Zealand team in England have now the phenomenal record of twenty-two matches played and all won, the points scored being 670, while but 23 have been put up against them.

Yesterday afternoon the New Zealanders were to have played a Munster fifteen at Limerick, but owing to the difference in time the result was, of course, not to hand in time to give particulars in this issue.

Next Saturday the New Zealanders will play England at the Crystal Palace when it is expected there will be a mammoth attendance. On the form already shown our boys should have but little to fear as to the result, although the result should be close. It is the combination of our men which should beat England.



MR. G. W. FLETCHER, President Carlton Bowling Club.
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not exceeding 26ft overall, centreboard or keel; Decked or Half-decked Boats, 22ft overall and under (mullet type only); Open Boats, 16ft and under; Patiki Race; Motor Race, third-class; Naval Cutters Race (handicap); Merchant Ship's Gigs Race; Motor Fishing-boat Race; Motor Race (handicap); Bona-fide Yacht's Dingey Race; Champion Motor Race; Champion Whaleboat Race (amateurs); Man-o-war Boat Race. The committee intends making every effort to make the gathering a great success, and with that object in view have been doing a great deal of preliminary work. Mr Charles Dacre is the secretary.

The Home Bay Sailing Club's first handicap of the season took place on Saturday. Valdora won on time allowance from Gladys. In the Class 5 section Anora won on time, with Norma second.

It seems a great pity that the opening of the sailing season in Auckland cannot be made the occasion of a great aquatic demonstration. If all the clubs had co-operated with the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron on Saturday, what a great sight the combined fleet would have made. Surely this is one of the occasions when it is possible to sink one's prejudices and combine for the good of the

to off Queen-street Wharf and each yacht passed under her stern and saluted the commodore, who then boarded the Rehu-tai to pay his respects to Lord Plunket. With the fine breeze blowing there was no want of life in the afternoon's proceedings, and the fixture may be considered as a great success.

Heartsease, which has been out of commission for a long time, is undergoing a complete overhaul. She is to be ready for service in December.

Last week saw the long-expected arrival of Mr. A. T. Pittar's New Zealand-built yacht, Rawhiti (says the Sydney Referee). She left Auckland on the 18th of October, but it was not until eight days afterwards that she showed herself free of the Maoriland coast. Throughout her voyage was a tempestuous one. There was a succession of gales, and several times the yacht had to be hove-to. On the 1st of the month one of the worst of the gales was experienced. It was during this storm that a big sea broke over the little vessel, half-filling her. Albeit she came through her rough passage without harm of any kind, and although her skipper, Captain O. Schultze, and his crew, Messrs. John Bell and Harold Bellamy, had a lively time of it,