

BOWLING.

(By "THE SKIP.")

AUCKLAND ASSOCIATION'S PENNANT AND INTER-CLUB MATCHES.

WINS FOR DEVONPORT, AUCKLAND, CARLTON, AND ONEHUNGA IN PENNANT.

MT. EDEN, AUCKLAND, CARLTON, AND ONEHUNGA SCORE WINS IN INTER-CLUB.

PONSONBY, ONEHUNGA, AND CARLTON SCORE WINS IN FIRST-YEAR PLAYERS.

The first round of the Pennant and Inter-club Matches, held under the direction of the Auckland Bowling Association, took place on Saturday last, all the local greens affiliated to the Association being used for the competitions. The weather was most unfavourable. A high wind, with occasional smart showers, made the sport anything but enjoyable. The wind repeatedly carried bowls past their intended destination, while the moisture had the effect of taking a lot of the "draw" out of the bowls, and also made the rinks somewhat "draggy."

The play throughout was fairly up to representative form, but in one or two instances strong teams on paper had to cry enough to those who were considered to have but a small chance of success.

The Pennant and Inter-club competitions will be continued on Saturday next, and we give the draw for the second round:—

Auckland plays Mount Eden, three rinks at Auckland, four at Mount Eden. First year's players at Auckland.

Ponsonby a bye.

Onehunga plays Devonport, two rinks at Onehunga, two at Devonport. First year's players a bye for Onehunga.

Rocky Nook plays Grey Lynn, one rink at Rocky Nook, two at Grey Lynn. First year's players at Rocky Nook.

Mount Albert plays Carlton, one rink at Mount Albert, one at Carlton. First year's players a bye for Carlton.

NOTES.

DEVONPORT GREEN.

The only rink to do any good for Mount Eden Club was that skipped by Rankin. This team—comprised as it was with Miller, Mackay, Martin—had Harrison and his men on the defence from the start, and put up the creditable win of 30 to 13. Each man beat his opponent in fine style, and Rankin was always there with his position bowls when his team had done their part.

Mercer and Gardiner had a real hard fight for supremacy. The latter's team went off with a big lead, the board showing 12 to 2. But as the game wore on Mercer and his men began to improve matters, and finished with a six points' defeat. The winning team—Mason, Broughton, Armstrong, Gardiner—are a very strong four, their combination being first-class. Matters would have been better adjusted had Gardiner's and Rankin's teams met.

The game between Ralfe and Brookes was very in and out for a good part of the journey. The latter's team got away with a four for a start owing to the fine ruining shots of Robins. But this was equalised in the next head by Ralfe cutting off both of his opponent's bowls and scoring four. Frequently the Mount Edenites had their Devonport friends in trouble, but the splendid driving of Le'evre and the firm drawing of Ralfe turned ugly "heads" for them into scoring. The leading of Gil (Mount Eden) and Harvey (Devonport) was good. The rest of the teams played fair average games.

In the Inter-club games the story is soon told. MacGregor's team put up the fine score of something like 30 to 13, and Pooley's team scored 28 to 10. The opposing Devonport teams were out-classed from the start, and the Mount Eden boys are to be congratulated on their fine performance. Mount Eden finished with a lead of 35 points in the Inter-club and one point to the good in the Pennant.

MOUNT EDEN GREEN.

In the Pennant games the play of the Mount Eden teams was disappointing. D. Croser, Webster, Mitchell, Eagleton (skip) met Simpson, Surman, Hooper, Burns (skip), and

won by 31 to 15. The Devonport men played exceptionally well, and man for man beat the Mountain team from the start. Burns had too much work left for him to do at the finish. The game between the teams skipped by Ross (Mount Eden) and Eyre (Devonport) was more evenly contested, although at one time it looked like a big win for Eyre. When half the game had gone the Edenites put in better play, and ended up with 17 all. Warren, the Devonport lead, was the best man on the ground. His consistent drawing to the jack from the first head on was a constant source of trouble to his opponent.

In the Inter-club game between the teams skipped by Brimblecombe (Mount Eden) and Glenister (Devonport), the game was somewhat one-sided. The first mentioned, playing a powerful game all through, won by 23 to 14. In the Inter-club aggregates Mount Eden have a substantial surplus, but in the Pennant aggregates they go down to the tune of 15 points.

AUCKLAND V. PONSONBY.

The only team to gain a win for Ponsonby against Auckland was that skipped by Kirker against Cupan, the scores being 22 to 16. The game was fairly evenly contested, but the consistent play of Newell and Kirker (Ponsonby) staled off any efforts made by the opposition to resist defeat.

Langford's team made a good fight against Hancock, but had to be content with a one point loss. Crabtree played an exceptionally good game for the losers.

Another closely contested game was that between Ledingham (Auckland) and Osmond (Ponsonby). The scores were 26 to 25 in favour of Ledingham, and with the smallest amount of luck the Ponsonby boys would have had the win.

Easton simply romped away from the Ponsonby crack skip, Ballantyne, never leaving the matter in doubt, eventually winning by 21 to 12.

Brookes (Auckland) proved too strong for Swales (Ponsonby) by 24 to 18. The scores did not represent the play, which was a fairly good exhibition of bowls.

The game between Lambert's (Auckland) and Veale's (Ponsonby) teams was one of the best contested on the green, the play at times being exceptionally fine, Veale time and again saving his side by his timely and accurate drawing.

A strong drawing team for Auckland was that composed of A. M. Myers, O'phiant, Perritt, Buttle (skip), who were pitted against Harkins, Arey, Webb, and Watson (skip). The game was never in doubt from the start, the Ponsonby team failing to make anything like a show. The scores were 26 to 8.

Buchanan (Ponsonby), who was so successful last year as a skip, met a strong four with James (ex-champion) as third and Carlaw as skip, and although supported by a fairly strong combination, with W. Jones as third, suffered a three points defeat. The scores were 25 to 22.

The total scores in the aggregate for the Pennant were: Auckland, 185; Ponsonby, 51. Majority for Auckland, 34 points.

The first-year players for Ponsonby were successful against the Auckland Club juniors, putting up a score of something like 28 to 15. On present form it looks as though Carlton or Ponsonby will furnish the winners for the first year's shield.

CARLTON V. ROCKY NOOK.

In the match between Carlton and Rocky Nook (four teams a-side) for the Pennant each club was successful in two rinks. Kilgour and Laurie (Carlton) were winners with 24 and

22 respectively against Bouskill 12 and Hodgson 14, while Butler 18 and Cutler 22 turned the tables on Holmes 13 and Wrathall 16. Aggregates for Peniant: Carlton, 75; Rocky Nook, 66. A majority of 14 points for Carlton.

In the Inter-club the Carlton teams were still more successful, putting up the creditable performance of 100 to 79, while their first-year players still added to the success of the club by scoring 34 to 7.

ONEHUNGA V. GREY LYNN.

In this contest the game was a complete walkover for Onehunga, not one of the Grey Lynn teams getting a look in. McIntosh beat Mil's (Grey Lynn) by 29 to 15, while F. Court 24 and McLean 17 scored wins against Bairdon 13 and Waite 12. The first-year players, skipped by Kerr, were no more successful than their older players, for Davies (Onehunga) put up the fine score of 28 to 17.

As it was not possible for all the clubs to meet at the formal opening of the Pennant matches held under the auspices of the Auckland Bowling Club, it was decided that the Mayor (Mr. A. M. Myers), who is president of the Auckland Bowling Association, should formally open the proceedings prior to the start of the games between the two oldest clubs in Auckland, i.e., Auckland and Ponsonby.

The President pointed out that the game of bowls had been played from time immemorial, and referred to the sport being accredited a second Freemasonry. The goodfellowship existing between bowlers was specially noticeable, and in no form of sport was the mercenary aspect less noticeable, and none was cleaner. Long might it remain so. This was the first time in Auckland that an effort had been made to bring the clubs together with their full strength, and the committee who were responsible for so doing were to be complimented, and he trusted it would make the sport even more popular. Mr. Myers then asked his wife to throw the jack, and declared the green open for play. Cheers were heartily given for the president and his lady.

The second round of the Vice-president's Prize at Remuera resulted in a win for teams skipped by Laxon and Hall. The third round, to be played next Saturday, is between Hall's and Garland's teams, Laxon getting a bye.

At Rocky Nook green the following wins in trophy games are posted:—

Champion Fours.—Kretschmar, Jenkins (sub.), Wakerley, Bouskill (skip), 29, v. Veale, Bouskill, jun., White, Butler (skip), 13.

Champion Pairs.—Pollard, Haselden (skip), 28, v. Whitaker, Taylor (skip), 9; Hall, Manson (skip), 13, v. Bretschmar, Rewcastle (skip), 22; Veale, McDougall (skip), 20, v. Clarke, Cutler (skip), 22.

The semi-final for the Onehunga Club's Championship Singles is to be played off by Pardington and Robb. The winner is to meet McIntosh in the final. It looks the best of things for McIntosh if he keeps up his present form.

My Mount Albert correspondent writes:—For the Handicap Singles, second round, Jenkins 23, 23, beat Herbert 8, 13. "Well done, Jenkins." In the Champion Pairs a great surprise came off. Jameson and Ashton only scored 11 against Rev. Grigg and Mansell, 27. What a fall! Jameson and Ashton

scored one in the first head, which represents their score until the 12th head, when they got two. By this time Grigg and Mansell had put up 21. On the 20th head the score stood: Ashton 7, Mansell 27. A four on the last head landed Ashton into double figures. The big man (Russian) still thinks he will pull the pairs off, but the little one (Jap) is very confident and won't be bluffed. Parry was welcomed back to Mount Albert on Saturday after two months' absence at Cambridge, where he has given the folks a taste of his prowess as a bowler, having put down the great O'Toole and Buckland of that ilk. Mount Albert is experiencing some difficulty in raising two teams to play the Inter-club matches, a number of players being unable to roll up.

The newly formed Waitemata Club had practice games on Saturday last, and the following have been forwarded for publication:—

Geo. Carter, J. F. Jackson (skip), 19, v. A. Campbell, W. S. Daniel (skip), 14.

A. Campbell, J. Jackson, W. S. Daniel, Geo. Fraser (skip), 25, v. Bruce Lloyd, J. F. Jackson, Chas. Downey, W. J. Smith (skip), 10.

Arthur Greenslade, T. Jones, Chas. Downey, W. J. Smith (skip), 17, v. Ernest Greenslade, Bruce Lloyd, J. Jackson, G. Fraser (skip), 16.

Owing to the Pennant and Inter club competitions taking up the Saturday afternoons for some weeks to come, it is necessary for those having trophy contests to make arrangements to play games during the week afternoons before the light wanes too much to make it possible to play after five o'clock. Results of games for insertion in this paper should be forwarded by Tuesday morning at the latest.

CRICKET.

(By "YORKER.")

Owing to the rain which fell up to about half-past three on Saturday, there was some little delay in starting the matches. Fortunately the showers, which came at intervals during the afternoon, were not heavy enough to stop play once a start had been made, nor did they do much damage to the wickets.

In the Domain Parnell met City, and Grafton Ponsonby, while the Edenites crossed the water to play the North Shore eleven.


The result of the afternoon's play leaves Eden and Parnell, the two leading teams, each with a fair prospect of defeat. Should they both be beaten and Grafton manage to win their game with Ponsonby, Eden, Parnell, City, and Grafton will all be on even terms for the championship. In any case the games on Saturday week should be both interesting and exciting.

Winning the toss for City, Hemus went in first himself, with George Schmoll. Owing to the rain the ball was wet and difficult to handle, and the City pair lost no time in getting to work. Hemus appeared to be batting nicely, having put 16 runs against his name out of 21 scored, when Strickland got one into his wickets.

Strickland is a new arrival from Queensland, and brings with him the reputation of being one of their best bowlers. He took three of City's wickets on Saturday for 64, but did not appear to be in any way difficult. It would, however, be unfair to judge him on his first performance, as the conditions were so much against good bowling.

Evan MacCormick took Hemus' place, and with Schmoll at the other end the score was taken to 131 before another wicket fell. Schmoll was the first victim, caught behind the wickets off Strickland. Schmoll's 61 were the result of good, sound cricket of a fairly aggressive order for this batsman. He scored all round the wicket, and lost few opportunities. MacCormick, too, played a very sound innings with a bat set to the plumb line all the time. He did not long survive Schmoll, being likewise caught behind the wicket. His 50 was an extremely useful contribution.

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