

Ponsonby—J. Pascoe, W. Smith, G. Osmond, J. Newell (skip)—19, v. Devonport—M. Taylor, King, Warren, Gardner (skip)—12.

**At Ponsonby.**

Ponsonby—A. Bartlett, J. Buchanan, S. J. Gorman, A. Courtts (skip)—21, v. Devonport—Cooper, E. Broughton, Miller, Kirkby (skip)—22.

Ponsonby—A. Baddiley, J. McLeod, J. Arneil, T. Watson (skip)—19, v. Devonport—Tait, Brookes, Harty, D. Harvey (skip)—16.

Ponsonby—W. Johnson, J. Becroft, W. Swales, K. Ballantyne (skip)—30, v. Devonport—Erickson, F. Mason, Cameron, J. H. Harrison (skip)—12.

Total: Ponsonby, 137; Devonport, 95; majority for Ponsonby, 42.

At Ponsonby W. Oldham, W. Blair, S. G. Lee, and T. Ussher have wrested away the Bartlett Buckles from the holders, Miller's four, by 19 to 17, after a very keen fight.

The chief games at Mount Eden have been the following:—

Final of Club Fours: Wooller, Blomfield, Surman, H. W. Brookes (skip), 28, v. Watkins, Braithwaite, Robins, A. F. Hooper (skip), 14.

Club Championship: Rankin, 22, 21, v. C. C. Baker, 6, 18.

Handicap Singles: Miller, 22, v. Little, 9.

Nicholson Feathers: Holders—Gill, Miller, Tutt, W. Mercer (skip)—13, v. Challengers—A. W. Jones, McStay, Simpson, S. G. Burns (skip)—26.

At Rocky Nook the recent matches include the following:—

Final Champion Fours: Hall, Waddingham, McLeod, J. Bouskill (skip), v. Sneddon, Eady, Taylor, W. Dutton (skip), 17.

Champion Singles: B. A. Kayes, 26, 21, v. Dutton, 14, 17.

First-year Players: Dr. Moir, 29, v. Camping, 13.

Full-rink Club Buckles: Holders—Bryden, Manson, Wakerley, Hodgson (skip)—17, v. Challengers—White, Casey, Butler, Fletcher (skip)—23.

Grattan has defeated Harty in the semi-final of the Devonport Championship by 22 to 17 and 14 to 12.

A good deal of interest is being taken in the Rotorua tournament, which eventuates this month, and several of the Auckland clubs will be represented.

**BILLIARDS.**

(By "Pyramid.")

[The writer of this column will be glad to answer any questions on the game.]

**WHERE TO PLAY BILLIARDS.**

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Locally there is very little doing in the world of billiards, and there is not much chance of improvement while the hot weather lasts, most people preferring to be out of doors.

In all his brilliant career Stevenson has probably never played a finer game than that against Lovejoy, which was finished just before the mail left. It was a very big task to concede 3000 in 9000 to the ex-amateur, yet Stevenson not only did it, but actually scored his requisite

points whilst Lovejoy was making 3497, so that he travelled nearly three times as fast as did his talented opponent. In these circumstances it is almost needless to write that the winner made a series of splendid breaks, some of his best being 692, 465, 370, 358, and 543. His most extraordinary performance was on the final night, when he only went to the table twice, and, as he had only one completed innings, his average was one of 749.

E. Diggle (rec. 1000) recently played a wonderful game with C. Harveson (rec. 2000) in Borough & Watts' Tournament (9000 up). He won by 1339 points, his best breaks being 628, 420, 396, 381, 351, and 279. Harveson's longest runs were 294, 266 and 203.

In the match of 18,000 up, between C. Dawson and the Australian Champion F. Weiss (rec. 4000), the former won easily by 2756 points.

An interesting game of 1000 up was played at the "Scots Grey" Hotel, Nottingham, on December 12, between F. Lawrence, the young Birmingham champion, and Miss Warren, of Lascoe. The young lady, who is only fourteen years of age, but who, nevertheless, is a player of excellent promise, gave a splendid exhibition, and quite astonished the spectators by her skilful handling of the cue. Lawrence, who conceded Miss Warren 500 start, won by 23 points. This was Miss Warren's first public appearance. She contributed the following breaks—32, 27, 25, 23 (four times), 21, and 20 (twice). Lawrence was in fine form, making runs of 127, 102, 66, 64, 62 and 58. Final scores: Lawrence 1000, Miss Warren (rec. 500) 977.

Young Fred Lindrum has once again been knocking the corners off some of the West Australian players (says the "Referee"). In his latest contest he gave an exceptionally fine exhibition, and his improvement is such, since he was over here, that it is safe to say that he sails very close to being the "World's Boy Champion." During a game against W. Dwyer, of Kalgoorlie, the lad compiled a most attractive break of 400, said to be his record break, and a most remarkable feature of this handsome effort was that not once during the break did a ball pass over the baulk-line, nor was a baulk end pocket used. Naturally, the lad received an ovation upon the conclusion of the break. For an eighteen-year-old lad, he gives great promise of becoming a player of exceptional ability, and should he "happen along" at no distant date, which appears a most likely thing to happen, our top-notchers must be on their best behaviour to have anything like a chance with him. His other breaks in this game were 136, 94, 205, and 101 (unfinished).

**ATHLETICS.**

The winners of the provincial championships, Messrs. Henderson, Fisher, Bradbury, Kerr, Halligan and Thonassen, have been selected to represent Wellington at the amateur athletic championship meeting at Christchurch on the 21st and 23rd inst. A committee has been appointed to select six other representatives.

The following team will represent Otago in the New Zealand championships at Christchurch:—100yds Flat Championship: S. Bass, E. B. Fraser, W. J. O'Kane. 220yds Flat Championship: W. J. O'Kane, E. B. Fraser, S. Bass, H. McCorkindale. Half-mile: H. Burk, J. Davie, W. H. C. Patrick, T. R. Gordon, G. Brown. 440yds: Burk, Davie, Patrick, McCorkindale. One Mile: Burk, A. H. Bone, Gordon. Three Miles: Burk, H. Murray, Bone. One Mile Walk: A. Crichton, J. Gow. Three Mile Walk: A. Crichton, J. Gow. 120yds Hurdles: W. J. O'Kane, C. Gilray, T. S. Ruddock. 440yds Hurdles: O'Kane, Gilray, Ruddock. High Jump: R. Mitchell, Ruddock, G. J. Keddell. Long Jump: Keddell, Gilray, R. J. Dansey. Pole Jump: J. McLachlan, Overton, Davie, Dansey. Throwing the Hammer: T. Brydone, Davis, J. McLachlan, E. Casey. Putting the weight: T. Brydone, E. Casey, Walker. It seems a pity that owing to lack of financial support the Auckland Centre will be unable to send a team for the Championships, although individual runners may compete.

The following entries have been received for the four principal pedestrian events, to be run in connection with the Manchester Unity Oddfellows' Premier Picnic at Motutapu on February 16:—

Friendly Societies' Handicap (120-yds): W. Bond, Alex. Twiname, N. Smith, W. T. Wynyard, Fred W. Killip, Robt. H. Killip, C. D. Cowan, T. Cooper, B. Walker, H. Holmes, W. F. McIvor, Chas. Turnbull, P. R. Ness, G. M. Heron, R. Lang, C. E. James, and F. Gorman.

120Yds Handicap (professionals): Andrew Craig, W. J. Foy, Leslie McFarland, S. Barnes, P. P. Myles, C. Humphries, D. Taylor, P. A. Miller, B. Harper, C. Raynes, G. Davidson, J. Stanaway, R. J. Joyce, R. Sprague, G. S. Hyatt, R. Miller, J. W. Watters, H. J. Fearnley, T. Slaffery, W. Hicks, J. R. Simpson, J. Dowd, T. H. Newton, A. Purdy, G. Hirst, F. Tate, V. A. Little, F. Gladding, Gordon Brown, and F. V. B. MacReynolds.

Steeplechase: A. Parrish, K. M. Thomas, Jas. Willott, F. Dowdle, Alex. Twiname, W. T. Wynyard, C. Cowan, Walter Monds, H. G. Chevis, A. H. Morrison, H. J. Barnes, P. Boswell, H. Grubb, Geo. Stevens, C. Brett, E. Williams, Geo. Heron, S. J. Ashdown, and J. Dowd.

M.U. Members' Race: K. M. Thomas, John H. Waite, Alex. Twiname, Fred W. Killip, Robt. H. Killip, C. D. Cowan, W. Callinan, Alf. Siebert, Percy Miller, W. F. McIvor, D. Callinan, Chas. Turnbull, G. M. Heron, S. J. Ashdown, Jos. B. Morton, C. Carter, and C. E. James.

**CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.**

The Paris paper "Le Matin" is promoting a motor race from Paris to Peking, and it is said there will be several competitors.

The reliability contest carried out by the Automobile Club of Australia was brought to a successful termination, when 17 out of the 19 cars which started in the event returned to Paramatta from Bathurst. Although several mishaps occurred on the run to the western city the previous day, the return trip was accomplished by the whole of the cars which undertook the journey without any serious misadventure. Notwithstanding the exacting test imposed upon the machines, five of them gained full points by completing the run to Bathurst and back, a distance of 223 miles,

without the engines being stopped for repairs or adjustment. The run was productive of much excitement and interest, and so close was the contest that at the finish it was impossible to declare a winner, several competitors having tied with an equal number of points in each class. It will therefore be necessary to hold a further run to decide who shall receive the medals and trophies. The cars getting full points were Mr. Knowles' 10 h.p. Darracq, Dr. Pockley's 10 h.p. De Dion, Mr. Winchcombes' 10 h.p. Clement-Talbot, Captain Charley's 24 h.p. Clement-Talbot, Mr. W. G. Dixon's 24 h.p. Clement-Talbot, Mr. Pye's 12 h.p. Innes, and Mr. J. Lawler's 12 h.p. Wolseley, scored 999 points out of the full 1000.

The construction of the great motor race track at Weybridge, England, which is the property of the Brooklands Automobile Racing Club, is now, according to the latest files on hand, nearly completed. The first race meet on the new and only track in England is set down for running in May, when the large sum of £4600 is to be distributed in prizes. This meeting promises to be the most elaborate and ambitious motor racing programme yet framed, and it is evident that the promoting club intend to give automobile racing every chance of becoming popular by placing it before the public on thorough and up-to-date lines.

There returned to Melbourne last week (says Melbourne "Punch") Mr. W. S. Liddle, a young cyclist, who left Capetown, South Africa, more than twelve months ago with a companion, Mr. C. C. Beckett, to cycle round the world. Mr. Beckett is now in Cairns, but Mr. Liddle is as determined as ever. He left Melbourne on June 26 last year, and reached Cairns by way of Bendigo, Echuca, Bourke, Longreach and Hughendon, working his way back to Melbourne down the Queensland coast, touching all the principal seaports to Brisbane and Sydney. Just outside Glen Innes Mr. Liddle's machine was smashed up, the only accident so far on the journey. He could not get it mended in Glen Innes, but he pluckily faced the 600 miles before him, and walked to Newcastle, where the local cycle club assisted him, sent for his machine to Glen Innes, and had it repaired for him. Mr. Liddle carries no money, but relies on the hospitality of the country through which he is passing. In Australia he has been entertained in hotels, private houses, shearers' sheds and mining camps. He has met relatives and friends from his Orkney home in the far north of

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