

BOWLING.

Saturday proved delightfully fine, the result being that there was a great gathering of the clans on the bowling greens, and many games were played.

Among the inter-club games Carlton played an eight-rink match with Remuera, and won by 188 points to 112. The games went as follows:—

Carlton—Carey, Edgecumbe, Badeley, Wilson (skip)—15, v. Remuera—Barstow, Captain Clark, Ruddock, Garland (skip)—17.

Carlton—Nixon, Baker, Murray, Laurie (skip)—11, v. Remuera—Ziman, Rose, Menzies, Black (skip)—25.

Carlton—Cottrell, Whitaker, Holmes, Fletcher (skip)—29, v. Remuera—King, Davis, Macky, Sanderson, Heron (skip)—8.

Carlton—Farmer, Goldsmith, Cahill, Thomson (skip)—30, v. Remuera—Ranson, Clark, Stevenson, Clerk (skip)—10.

Carlton—Cottle, Owen, Curtis, Austin (skip)—21, v. Remuera—A. Kent, Gamble, Mahoney, Hull (skip)—10.

Carlton—McCallum, Raynes, Harensnape, Kilgour (skip)—27, v. Remuera—Cochrane, Dr. Pabst, Bodle, Wooller (skip)—9.

Carlton—Schischka, McGregor, Ronayne, Wrathall (skip)—19, v. Remuera—Robertson, Kemp, Maxfield, Caldwell (skip)—21.

Carlton—Winks, Kayll, Heald, Eagleton (skip)—36, v. Remuera—Rishworth, Finlayson, Hegman, Littlejohn (skip)—12.

A team of Remuera first year's players played against Carlton and won by three points:—Remuera—Smallbone, Hardy, Scott, Gilfillan (skip)—21, v. Carlton—Frayling, Totman, Hutchinson, Fookes' (skip)—18.

Onehunga tackled Auckland to an eight-rink game, four rinks playing on each green. Auckland won by 179 to 129, Onehunga being ahead on only one rink. The games went as follows:—

At Auckland Green.

Onehunga—Jenkins, Stewart, Appleby, Neil (skip)—16, v. Auckland—Choyce, Brigham, Easton, Ledingham (skip)—29.

Onehunga—Pardington, Bassett, Davis, Shaldrick (skip)—12, v. Auckland—McMaster, Tudehope, Holland, Hancock (skip)—27.

Onehunga—Haslett, Brown, Wynyard, Clarke (skip)—12, v. Auckland—B. Buttle, Thompson, Elliot, Thornes (skip)—25.

Onehunga—Coldicutt (sub.), Cooke (sub.), Priestley, H. Davies (skip)—16, v. Auckland—Benny, Alexander, Lambert, James (skip)—15.

At Onehunga Green.

Onehunga—McKenzie, Friar, W. Court, James (skip)—23, v. Auckland—H. W. Wilson, Allen, Spreckley, Gilmour (skip)—19.

Onehunga—Stewart, Michaels, F. Court, Wright (skip)—13, v. Auckland—Pirie, Denniston, Dean, Brookes (skip)—17.

Onehunga—Trayes, Whyte, Bradley, McIntosh (skip)—18, v. Auckland—Mewburn, Keesing, A. M. Myers, Dingle (skip)—20.

Onehunga—Neilson, Rowe, Schnauer, George (skip)—14, v. Auckland—Arnold, Colthurst, G. Buttle, Menne (skip)—27.

The Onehunga first-year's players made some amends, Allen, Yockney, R. Allen and Warren Blyth defeating Herrold, Adams, Eversleigh, and Barnard by the thumping majority of 40 to 8.

Mount Albert beat Epsom by 68 to 54 in a three-rink match, the scoring being as follows:—

Mount Albert—Impey, Blackwell, McCallum, Ashton (skip)—15, v. Epsom—Bishop, Smith, Hill, Craig (skip)—22.

Mount Albert—McNaughton, Page, Harrison, Wilson (skip)—16, v. Epsom—Mansell (sub.), Pollard, Forsyth, Jones (skip)—22.

Mount Albert—Barker, Jameson, Garlick, McLean (skip)—37, v. Epsom—Wrigg, Herbert (sub.), Kerr, Burton (skip)—10.

Two rinks from Richmond visited Devonport to try conclusions with the local men, whom they found too strong, being beaten by 56 to 28:—

Devonport—Taylor, White, Mason, Ralfe (skip)—31, v. Richmond—Morley, Bennett, Taylor, McMaster (skip)—14.

Devonport—Cooper, King, Broughton, Harty (skip)—25, v. Richmond—T. McMaster, Donald, G. Murray, W. Murray (skip)—14.

Brookes has beaten Lyons in the semi-final of the Auckland Club championship after a keen tussle. Brookes won the first game by 21 to 15, Lyons taking the next by 19 to 16. A tactical error cost Lyons the game in the final. He was four up at the eighteenth head. Brookes got a beauty on the jack, but his other three were poor. Lyons, instead of drawing for a second shot, drove, and, for once missing, left Brookes lying four, and ultimately the latter won by 20 to 13. It was a most interesting match throughout.

Rathbone and Ellisdon are left in the championship final of the Rocky Nook Club.

Harrison and Grattan had a rare battle in the final of the Devonport championship. At the 21st head they were 21 all, but another head gave Harrison a point, by which he won.

A Remuera team—Lennox, Rev. Beatty, Dingwall, and McLean—visited Devonport and captured the Edwin Stars from the holders.

The challengers—Styak, Denniston, Brookes, and Hancock (skip)—have won the Auckland Club's Gold Buckles from Thornes' quartette, who held them. Hancock won by 19 to 13.

The Rotorua Club will be represented at the Easter tournament, but it is probable that only one team will be able to get away, so they will go for the subscription fours.

AQUATICS.

(By "The Reefer.")

A FINE RACE.

The first yacht race I ever saw was in 1877, but since that time, now 30 years ago, it has been my pleasant duty to witness and write off innumerable others, embracing all classes, from the big English schooners of three or four hundred tons down to the racing canoe. I have some doubt whether in all that time I ever saw a prettier start than that of the Devonport Yacht Club's handicap on Saturday for Commodore Mackay's Cup. Entries and handicaps were as follows:—Ariki, scratch; Thelma, 2m.; Moana, 10m.; Ida, 18m.; Rangatira, 23m.; Kotiri, 23½m.; Ngatira, 26½m.; Ladye Wilma, 28m.; Aorere, 29m.; Mahaki, 38m.; Gloriana, 40m.; Daisy, 41½m.; Tiro, 42m.; Iris, 43m.; Freda, 44m.; Mowhai, 45m.; Water Witch, 45m.; Mohawk, 46½m.; Hetty, 49½m.; Estrella, 60m.; Freak, 63m.; Mavourneen, 65m. The course was as follows:—Start between flagship and mark boat moored south, thence round black buoy inside Rangitoto Beacon, thence round mark boat moored in Hobson Bay, thence round mark boat off Queen Street Wharf, thence inside buoy off Calliope Dock to starting line, thence round first buoy round North Head, thence round mark boat in Hobson Bay, thence round mark boat off Queen Street Wharf, thence inside Calliope Dock buoy, and finishing at starting line. With a sparkling nor'easter the bigger yachts had their largest topsails aloft, and after some very clever handling nearly all crossed the starting line together, and so close that it looked as though there was no water between them. Ngatira was the only one late at the mark, and as the big fleet went streaming down the harbour the spectacle was one to remember. Ariki and Thelma soon soaked out from under the lee of the others, while Ida was also sailing excellently. Rangatira, Daisy, Estrella and Freak retired at the end of the first round. Ariki, Thelma, Ida, Moana, Kotiri and Ngatira was the order of the leaders. Ariki got further away, but it was evident she had no chance of conceding the starts. They were timed in as follows:—Ariki, 4h. 55m. 35s.; Thelma, 4h. 58m. 55s.; Ida, 5h. 9m. 34s.; Moana, 5h. 9m. 50s.; Kotiri, 5h. 14m. 58s.; Ngatira, 5h. 23m. 55s.; Gloriana, 5h. 31m. 40s.; Waterwitch, 5h. 4m. 55s.; Mowhai, 5h. 51m. 40s.; Iris, 5h. 56m. 10s.; Mavourneen, 6h. 14m. 8s. Kotiri thus won by six seconds from Ida, which beat Ngatira by six seconds, a particularly fine piece of handicapping with such a miscellaneous fleet. It was Kotiri's first run for the season, but she has proved her ability in years gone by.

The yacht Ladye Wilma was not back in time from her Northern cruise to take part in the Devonport Y.C. race on Saturday. Messrs. Graham and Henderson were much disappointed that there was no chance of a start.

Thanks to the courtesy of Rear-Commander J. Alexander I had a very pleasant week-end cruise in the Kororo, and during the trip paid a visit to Tiritiri Lighthouse, when Mr. Hansen kindly showed me round. The lighthouse, which is built of iron, was erected in 1867, and the visitors book dates from that time. Among the first names to appear I noticed those of the well-known North Shore sportsmen the Messrs. Duder. The view from the tower is simply superb.

The famous Oxford and Cambridge boat race has resulted in an easy victory for the Light Blues, who led throughout and won easily by four lengths and a-half in 20min 26sec. The previous records of the race are as follows. Oxford has won 34 races, Cambridge 29, and there has been one dead-heat:—

1887—Cambridge; time, 20m. 52s.; won by 3½ lengths.

1889—Cambridge; time, 20m. 48s.; won by five lengths.

1889—Cambridge; time, 20m. 14s.; won by three lengths.

1890—Oxford; time, 22m. 3s.; won by one length.

1891—Oxford; time, 21m. 48s.; won by half a length.

1892—Oxford; time, 19m. 21s.; won by 2¼ lengths.

1893—Oxford; time, 18m. 47s.; won by one length 4ft.

1894—Oxford; time, 21m. 39s.; won by 3½ lengths.

1895—Oxford; time, 20m. 50s.; won by 2¼ lengths.

1896—Oxford; time, 20m. 2s.; won by two-fifths of a length.

1897—Oxford; time, 19m. 12s.; won by 2-1-3 lengths.

1898—Oxford; time, 22m. 15s.; won by 13 lengths.

1899—Cambridge; time, 21m. 4s.; won by 3¼ lengths.

1900—Cambridge; time, 18m. 47s.; won by 20 lengths.

1901—Oxford; time, 22m. 31s.; won by two-fifths of a length.

1902—Cambridge; time, 19m. 9s.; won by five lengths.

1903—Cambridge; time, 19m. 35s.; won by six lengths.

1904—Cambridge; time, 21m. 34s.; won by 4½ lengths.

1905—Oxford; time, 20m. 35s.; won by three lengths.

1906—Cambridge; time, 19m. 24s.; won by 3½ lengths.

A lot of interest centred in the meeting of Mr. A. C. Saxton's Awanui and Mr. C. T. Brockhoff's Rawhiti in the first of the series of three private matches arranged (writes "Weather-eye," in the "Referee"). The result of these matches will in all probability decide which yacht shall next challenge for the Sayonara Cup. The race was sailed under the auspices of the Prince Alfred Yacht Club, and the Manly-Watson's Bay-Pilelight course was chosen. Rawhiti, which rates at 42.5, had to concede Awanui (37.0 rating) 5min 32sec. The latter's rating, however, is only approximate, as so far she has not been measured. Both yachts carried jackyard topsails, and as they manoeuvred for the start there was quite sufficient wind to lay them over to an angle of 45 degrees. Rawhiti had weather position in getting away, but on the close reach to Bradley's Head her mainsheet was flattened in a little too tight, and as a consequence Awanui got through the water faster, and sailing through her rival's lee in fine style, at the headland looked like running away with the race. Squaring away for Manly the new boat's crew quickly had their balloon drawing. On the free reach, however, Rawhiti gradually overhauled the new boat, and rounding the buoy at Manly had a lead of 20sec. On the close haul to Shark Island the Logan boat drew out her lead to 1m. 25s. This she increased to 1min 39sec, reaching along Fort Denison. The reach down to the Pile-light saw her 2min 1sec ahead. Another 44sec was added on the reach back to Shark Island, and finally she crossed the line 1min 1sec ahead of Awanui. The latter did not set any extras on the final reach home. Thus, after adjusting her rating allowance, the Fife boat had 2min 31sec to spare. The next match between these two yachts is set down for 23rd inst.

An excellent race was that run on Saturday by the launches belonging to the New Zealand Power-boat Association. This was a heat for the Union Cup, presented through Messrs. Ryan and Co., local agents for the big San Francisco engine firm of that name. The times of starting were as follows:—Tempest, 2h. 30m.; Regal, 2h. 37m. 18s.; Marere, 2h. 38m. 50s.; Waimumu, 2h. 39m. 40s.; Camper, 2h. 47m. 50s.; Reality, 2h. 51m. 40s.; Baby Lozier, 3h. 2m. 30s.; Grey Witch, 3h. 14m. 59s. The leaders had travelled a great distance when Grey Witch got under way, but once off she ran very finely; Baby Lozier also went splendidly, gaining on the limit boats in great style. Tempest stuck to the lead and as the Baby close on her excitement ran high, as it could be seen that the finish would be extraordinary close. Right on the post Baby Lozier, Mr. Twigg's boat, got the verdict by one second. Grey Witch, which lost time at the start, finished in great style 45sec. behind. The times taken at the finish were—Baby Lozier, 3h. 58m. 25s.; Tempest, 3h. 58m. 26s.; Grey Witch, 3h. 59m. 11s.; Marere, 4h. 4m. 49s.; Regal, 4h. 5m. 54s.; Reality, 4h. 7m. 25s.; Waimumu, 4h. 7m. 27s.; Camper did not finish.

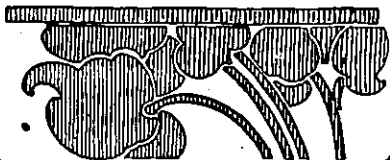
CRICKET.

There is no doubt whatever that the three point for an outright win system of scoring has done much to brighten up cricket in Auckland, especially during the second day of a match. This was very noticeable on Saturday, when the interest taken in the fortunes of the different teams was most marked.

Just on time North Shore scored a three point win over City. The latter's reply to the Shoremen's previous Saturday's score of 172 was 96, S. Spence being 23 not out. Hussey and Hollingrake went in again for Shore, and hitting freely soon had 69 on the slate when the innings closed. City were thus left 145 to get to win, but made a poor showing, all being out for 66. North Shore thus won by 79 runs.

Grafton's victory over Parnell displaces the latter from the top of the list in the championship. In reply to Grafton's 112 Parnell could only manage 72. Going in again Grafton hit up 83 for three wickets (Mason 33 not out, Foster 24), and then with

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