

## AQUATICS.

### A BIG SUCCESS BY THE NORTH SHORE YACHT CLUB.

There have been few, if any, prettier races on the Waitemata than the North Shore Yacht Club's handicap on Saturday. The fleet was an immense one, no less than thirty-five vessels competing for the Dunning Cup. The competitors were:—Thistle, scratch; Wairere, scratch; Emerald, 3m.; Hilda, 8m.; Okere, Seagull, 10m.; Maru, 12m.; Doreen, Mabel, 15m.; Rosina, 16m.; Waitangi, 17m.; Wanderer, 19m.; Valdora, 20m.; Rane, 20m.; Kamo, 22m.; Eona, 25m.; Hilda, 26m.; Hetty, 26m.; Bell Bird, 31m.; Encounter, 32m.; Orangi, 35m.; Mei, 39m.; Phyllis, 40m.; Rawhiti, 40m.; Merlin, 41m.; Daphne, 44m.; Bronzewing, 50m.; Boadicea, 50m.; Countess, 58m.; Lola, 59m.; Estrella, 60m.; Norma, 60m.; Ailsa, 60m.; Ruia, 68m.; Ika, 75m. Emerald took the lead in the early stages, followed by Wairere and Thistle. At Hobson's Bay Wairere had gone to the front, but at Queen-street Wharf Thistle led the squadron, never afterwards being headed. Thistle won by 70 seconds from Wairere, with Doreen 30 seconds behind. Emerald was fourth.

### ARIKI'S EASY WIN IN THE DEVONPORT Y.C. RACE.

The absence of Thelma, Rainbow, and Moana from the Devonport Yacht Club won on Saturday robbed that event of a good deal of interest, as Ariki was easily able to take care of the smaller boats. The starters were:—Ariki, scratch; Waione, 14m.; Lady Wilma, 15m.; Ngatira, 21m.; Kotiri, 21m.; Glady, 35m.; Iris, 40m.; Daisy, 41m. Ariki was first away, and with a nice sailing breeze soon opened out a big lead, and she finished 24min. before the next boat. With the times corrected she won by 3min from Kotiri, which beat Ngatira by 2m. 11sec., and then came Lady Wilma and Waione.

### A MOTOR LAUNCH RACE.

Owners of fast motor launches must by now be reflecting on the old nursery legend of the goose and the golden egg. If rumour is not altogether wrong, some funny things have been done in launch racing, the result being that owners now refuse to enter. The North Shore Yacht Club could only get three starters on Saturday, these being:—Maroro, scratch; Hinetai, 8m. 58s.; and Jersey Lily, 3m. 12s. Maroro, despite being in heavy cruising trim, was much too good for the others, winning by 7min. from Hinetai, which was 4½min. ahead of Jersey Lily.

### THE MANUKAU YACHT CLUB'S EIGHTH RACE.

On Saturday, with a nice breeze, the Manukau Yacht Club sailed off the eighth race of the season, this being for the Albert medals. The entrants and handicaps were as follows:—Anahera, scratch; Heather, scratch; Manola, 2m.; Wairere, 4m.; Viking, 6m.; Edith, 12m.; Bronzewing, 17m.; Hilda, 17m.; Thistle, 18m.; Elsie, 18m.; Wave, 19m.; Edna, 25m.; Adieu, 28m.; Mahinga, 36m.; Clematis, 39m.; Amua, 40m.; Presto, 46m.; Mana, 52m. The day just suited the backmarkers, and Anahera in quick order went to the front, with Heather in close attendance. The leader piled up on a bank and lost her plate, Heather winning easily by 6min from Manola, with Bronzewing and Hilda next.

Mr. Fleming Day, editor of the "Rudder," has written me that he will be in Auckland about December next. The American yachting journalist may be sure of a hearty welcome from Auckland knights of the tiller when he arrives in the Waitemata.

The big launch Maroro left port for an extended cruise last Saturday evening.

The Waitemata Dinghy Club will hold a race for 15ft dinghys and under next Saturday.

When is the Rudder Cup to be competed for? It is high time there was a race or the trophy returned.

Mr. Thos. Henderson has just had a smart-looking 14ft dinghy built to his order. She has been named Rita and will carry the commodore of the Dinghy Club's flag.

The old Spray, with veteran Capt. Gibbs in charge, was at Deep Creek for the week-end.

The big yawl Viking is still away cruising.

I noticed several yachts at Arkle's Bay on Saturday evening. A good spot this when the wind is south to north-west.

The smart cruiser Matareka II. was at the Lake on Saturday with an immense passenger list, and at Putiki Bay on Sunday.

With wind and tide in her favour, Thelma made a fast trip up from Waitemata on Sunday.

Barring a very heavy rain squall on Sunday morning, the week-end cruise on the 28th and 29th was one of the most pleasant for a long time.

Waitemata and West End were the only competitors in the two four events at the Kopu Regatta, both events falling to Waitemata.

The Auckland swimmer, M. E. Champion, is in a class by himself. On Saturday he further added to his laurels by winning the 220yds Provincial Championship of Auckland, and the 100yds Invitation Scratch Race. In the first event Kernot (Auckland) and Dodge (Christchurch) filled the places, but in the 100yds Dodge filled second place and O'Hare third.

## CRICKET.

### GRAFTON LEAD OFF WELL AGAINST PARNELL.

After so much rain during the week it was only to be expected that the wicket would be all in favour of the bowlers, and this proved the case. The one team which rose to the occasion was, however, Grafton, who remained in possession all the afternoon, putting together 197 runs. At one time it looked as though they would do better, as the century was reached with only two wickets down. Graham topscored with 40, Sloman getting 38, Jones 38, and R. Sloman 24. Carter, with four wickets for 32, and Oliff with five for 57, did best with the ball.

### CITY DO BADLY AGAINST EDEN.

On the Eden ground City batted first, and but for the good stand by Hemus and R. Neill, would have fared very badly indeed. As it was the score only reached, 87 towards which Neill contributed 29 and Hemus 25. Stomson was the destructive agent, taking eight wickets for 26 runs. When time was called Eden had made 81 for six wickets, Taylor contributing 25 and Brook-Smith 18.

### LOW SCORING AT DEVONPORT.

Ponsonby led off against North Shore on the Devonport ground, but failed to do much. Four wickets fell for 22, but Gallaher (31) and Young (37) made a much-needed stand, which materially helped matters, as the last four wickets only added six runs. North Shore's start was not too good, as four wickets were down when time was called, with 55 runs on the slate, Woodward compiling 28.

### AMONG THE SECOND GRADERS.

Grafton appear to have an easy win in sight against Parnell A. The latter made 63 and Grafton 147 (Robinson 51, Hill 28).

Parnell B, without a full team, made 105 (McDonagh 41) against North Shore, who have lost seven wickets for 89.

Eden A run up the fine score of 210 against Eden B, who have lost three wickets for 37.

Only seven men of the North Shore B team turned out on Saturday, and Parnell, after making 146, dismissed them for 16 and 12. In the two innings H. Turbott took six wickets for 5 runs, and Somerville five wickets for 16.

### THE WELLINGTON FINAL.

The final of the Wellington senior cricket championship was between Old Boys and Midland. After the huge score of 509 by the Old Boys the result was a foregone conclusion, and any faint chance their opponents might have had was spoilt by a sudden wicket. Midland made 264 and 46, and thus lost by an innings and 199 runs.

## CHRISTCHURCH FINISH THE SEASON.

The curtain was rung down on the cricket season at Christchurch on Saturday, but very little interest was taken in the senior games, owing to the premiership having been won by West Christchurch. The results were: St. Albans, 498, beat East Christchurch, 66 and 85; Riccarton, 151 and 52, beat Linwood, 142 and 62 for two wickets.

### DUNEDIN SEASON ENDS.

The cricket season was brought to a close on Saturday. Grange defeated Albion by 144 runs, the former making 91 and 136, and the latter 41 and 42. In Albion's second innings Davis took seven wickets for 14 runs, and Downes three for 23. Dunedin beat Carisbrook A by six wickets. The former compiled 108 and 57 for four wickets, while the latter were disposed of for 52 and 11. Grange thus wins the championship.

## FOOTBALL.

### AUCKLAND REFEREES' ASSOCIATION.

President Angus Campbell was in the chair at the annual meeting of the Auckland Rugby Referees' Association, held in the Sports Club on Wednesday evening. The officers of last season were re-elected, and are as follows:—Mr. Angus Campbell, president; Mr. G. Katterns, vice-president; Mr. C. W. Oram, hon. secretary and treasurer; Executive Committee, officers ex-officio, Messrs. H. Frost and R. Oliphant; Examination Committee, Messrs. A. Campbell, G. Katterns, and W. Pitts. It was decided to meet every Wednesday evening, at 7.30 p.m., the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 8. Mr. A. Campbell was elected delegate to the conference of the New Zealand referees, to be held here at Easter. The by-laws were amended to provide that any member who does not attend at least one meeting in a calendar month, without special permission, will cease to be a member. It was decided to entertain the delegates visiting the conference at Easter. It was also decided to approach the A.R.U. and the clubs with regard to the future appointment of referees.

### THE NORTH SHORE CLUB.

Mr. E. W. Alison, M.P., presided at the annual meeting of the North Shore Football Club on Friday, when there was a large attendance.

The annual report and balance-sheet, which was adopted, stated that although the seniors failed to keep up to their reputation of the previous season, owing to a chapter of accidents, the juniors succeeded in winning two championships, viz., second and third grades. The first grade played eight matches, won two and lost six; points, for 19, against 91. The second grade played 10 matches, winning nine and drawing the tenth; they secured 71 points against 16; this grade has now won the championship four times during the past five years. The third grade were also successful, after an interval of 10 years; their record was nine games played, seven won, and two drawn; points, for 36, against 6. The fourth grade played a number of matches, but did not meet with much success, owing principally to the want of a ground at headquarters, it being too much for these young players to constantly travel so far and keep a good team together. During the season a team visited Waiuku, where they were beaten, but the treatment by the Waiuku Club more than compensated them for the loss of the match. The Whitianga Football Club paid a return visit to North Shore, and beat the home team by six points to three. The club has joined the Sports Protection Society, the object being to prevent the various clubs from being imposed upon, and to look after the interests of sports generally. The delegates of the A.R.U. met a short time ago, and revised the rules, the principal alteration being in regard to junior clubs, and which would be laid before the meeting to-night. An offer has been made to lease the vacant allotment adjoining the training shed, and the committee and trustees ask the club's approval to grant a lease for a term of years. The committee record, with deep regret, the death of one of its members, and at one time captain of the seniors, Mr. Neil C. Smith. The balance-sheet shows that the receipts for the past season totalled £63 18s 6d, and the expenditure £126 12s 3d, leaving a

debit balance of £62 13s 9d; £60 of this amount was owing on the dressing-rooms, which were erected at a cost of £73 10s. An attempt was made to reduce the debt, but it was unsuccessful. The assets over liabilities amounted to £262 10s 5d.

The chairman congratulated the club on the large attendance, and hoped they would meet with success during the coming season.

Objection was taken to rule 4 in regard to junior clubs, and it was decided to instruct the club's delegates to the A.R.U. to vote against the rule being passed. In connection with the accident fund regulations all were agreed to with the exception of rule 2, where it was pointed out that unless any player was injured (while playing in a match) for a period not extending over a full week he was not entitled to the 20s per week. Another clause in this rule objected to was that in no case shall a claimant receive payment for a longer period than ten weeks. It was argued that it was not just that if a player was injured and did not recover within the ten weeks he should have to forfeit his right to the £1 per week. A motion was also carried against this rule being adopted.

Dissatisfaction was expressed by the meeting at the action of the Auckland Rugby Union in not presenting three members of the club with their representative caps, which were duly earned by them. On the motion of Mr. J. C. Webster it was resolved, "That the question of the representative caps be inquired into by the club's delegate at the annual meeting of the delegates of the A.R.U."

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. E. W. Alison, M.P.; vice-presidents, same as last year, with the addition of Mr. H. R. Martinson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. A. Key; assistant-secretary, Mr. E. L. Eyre; auditor, Mr. J. C. Webster; delegates to A.R.U., Messrs. N. Todd, S. Mays, and R. H. Froude; club captain, Mr. N. Todd; general committee, Messrs. F. Woodward, Jackson, and Miller; selector, Mr. F. Woodward.

### THE OTAGO RUGBY UNION.

The annual meeting of the Otago Rugby Football Union was held on Saturday. The president, Mr. G. W. C. MacDonald, was in the chair. It was resolved, "That it be a recommendation to the Committee of Management to instruct its delegates to the New Zealand Rugby Union to move for a conference, or setting up of a committee, to go thoroughly into the rules of the game, with the object of their improvement, and that the decisions of the conference or the suggestions of the committee, be passed on to the English Union." It was also resolved, "That it be an instruction to delegates to the New Zealand Union to bring before the annual meeting of the union the question of the programme of the British team's tour, with a view to having test matches substituted for matches against the North and South Islands." Mr. J. Hutchison was elected president.

### THE CANTERBURY UNION.

At the annual meeting of the C.R.U. the election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. A. E. G. Rhodes; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. H. Mason, S. A. Orchard and F. T. Evans; honorary secretary, Mr. W. G. Garrard; honorary treasurer, Mr. G. Scott; auditors, Messrs. Charles Alford and J. R. Morrison; delegates to the New Zealand Rugby Union, Messrs. W. Walton, F. T. Evans, W. G. Garrard, J. Wallburton and G. H. Mason; General Committee, Messrs. W. Walton, S. F. Wilson, P. Menzies, F. L. Murray and G. Matthews; Selection Committee, Messrs. F. L. Murray, S. F. Wilson and G. Matthews.

The annual meeting of the Wanganui Rugby Union was held on Saturday evening, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Patron, Mr. Walter Empson (re-elected); president, Mr. G. Spriggins (re-elected); vice-presidents, Messrs. Tilley, Simpson, and Dustin; secretary, Mr. R. Dunkley; hon. treasurer, Mr. L. Craig; auditors, Messrs. Hatherley and Pickering; vice-president of the New Zealand Rugby Union, Mr. W. Empson; delegates to the union, Messrs. Hyams and Pownall; Management Committee, Messrs. Gray (Wanganui), T. Bell (Kaireau), Treloar (Pirates), Bassett (Old Boys), Pownall (College), Brown (Aramoho), Markham (St. Mary's); Selection Committee, Messrs. Tilley, Wesley, and Corby.