

The New Zealand Football Union has received a cable during the week from the New South Wales Union proposing that the New Zealand team's first match in Australia be fixed for July 18, and the last on August 15. As Queensland agrees to these dates, it is extremely probable that they will be adopted by the New Zealand Union.

A team from the Corinthian Club, a strong amateur Association football organisation, will shortly leave the Old Country for a tour through Africa and Australasia. Their visit will be very welcome in New Zealand, where the game does not appear to make any real headway. This seems curious when one takes into consideration the overwhelming interest taken in "socket" when compared to other games in England. Doubtless a visit from one of the crack teams from Home may give the game a much needed fillip.

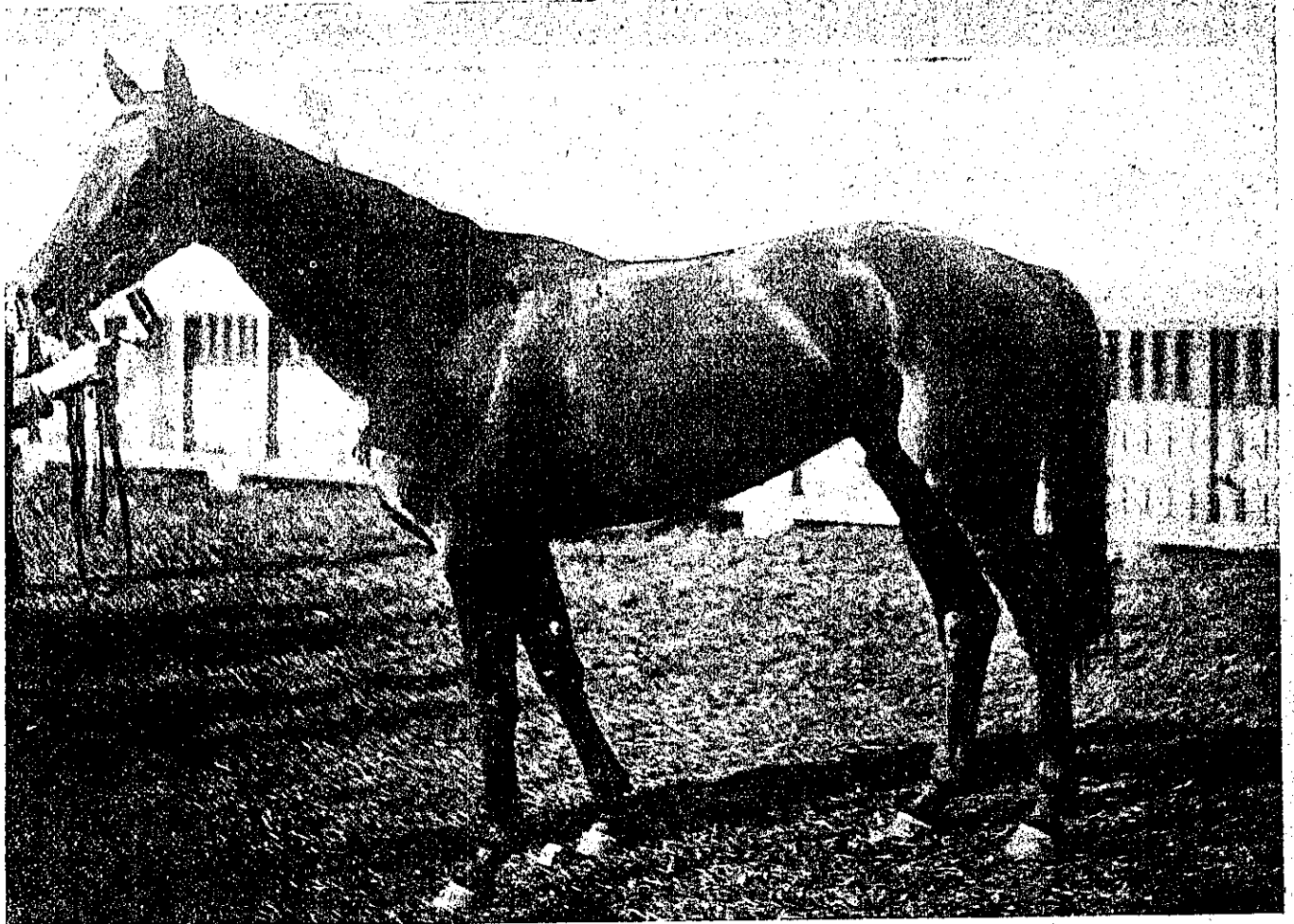


Six rinks from the Auckland Club visited Remuera on Saturday, and played a return match. Myers, Handcock, and Lambert's team won for Auckland, Thomson and Ruddock's teams played a tie, while Clerk and Kingswell's team won for Remuera. The grand total gave Auckland one hundred and thirty-three points, and Remuera one hundred and one, the visiting club thus winning by thirty two points.

On the Auckland Green matches were played between Newmarket and Auckland Pennant teams, the former proving successful after some exceptionally close games. Kilgour's four (Newmarket) defeated Ledingham's (Auckland) by twenty-three to twenty-two, while Wilson's team (Newmarket) beat Garland's rink (Auckland) by nineteen to seventeen. A team of first year's players from Newmarket also played an Auckland team of similar standing, and won rather easily.

The Championship of the Auckland Club now lies between Oliphant and Dingle, and a good deal of interest is sure to be taken by members in the contest which will take place this week.

A four rink inter-club match took place on Saturday between Mount Eden and Onehunga, two rinks being played on each ground. At Onehunga the local men proved victorious by fifteen points, but at Mount Eden the reverse was the case, Onehunga going down by twenty-two points. Mount Eden were thus left victors by seven points.



L. Daroux, photo.

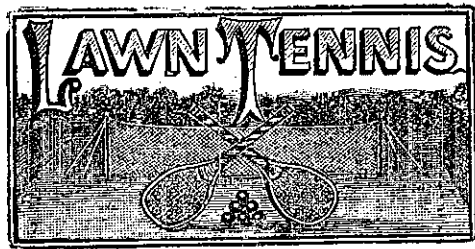
The crack pony BELLE COLE, by Lebel—Miss Cole.

At Newmarket a ladies' match took place, Mesdames C. G. Laurie and Cahill (skip) defeating Mesdames G. H. Laurie and T. Wilson (skip).

It seems a great pity that all the clubs do not encourage lady players, for it is a game at which they should become proficient. At present tennis and croquet are the only summer games in which ladies can take part, and an additional one should be welcome. Being entirely a game of skill, and not of strength, there is no reason why ladies should not hold their own at bowls with male players. I am told that wherever ladies have tried the game croquet has very soon been discarded in its favour.

I hear that the Rocky Nook Club is putting on a tournament for first year's players from all clubs. This will take place at Easter, and should be just the thing for the young players who may be crowded out during the big tournament on the other greens.

"Brandy and soda" is all very well To drive a bad headache away, Who have tried the right stuff and can say; The only thing they have found any use When colds they have had to endure, Is that which soon sends such ill to the deuce, Some— WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.



Entries for the Wellington Lawn Tennis Association's Championship and handicaps close on April 4. It is probable that there will be quite an array of crack players at the meeting.

There is to be a meeting of the Auckland Lawn Tennis Association delegates, when matters of importance will be brought forward. Several local players suggest that the men's doubles championship should be best of five sets, and not as at present, best of three sets.

The tennis tournament which will be held at Hamilton during the Easter holidays, should attract a good many players from Auckland. A goodly number went up last year and had a very enjoyable trip, so that probably more will follow suit, on this occasion.

A tennis tournament will be held here at Easter in connection with the Inter-University tournament.

The final of the Auckland Club's combined doubles resulted in a victory for Mrs Goss and Robertson (receive five), who defeated Mrs Coates and Jackson (scratch) by seventy-five to sixty-three.

A team from the Auckland Club, consisting of Mrs Coates, Mrs Palethorpe, Mrs Churton, and Miss Ring, and Messrs Palethorpe, Johnson, Watkins, and Mickle paid a visit to Papatoetoe on Saturday. They were met at the station and driven to the ground. The matches were very evenly contested all through, but ended slightly in favour of the local club. Miss Grey and Sumner beat Miss Ring and Johnson, while Miss Grey and Mr J. Grey defeated Mrs Churton and Palethorpe. Mrs Coates and Watkins were successful in their match however, but unfortunately time prevented some of the other contests being completed. The visitors were treated with the utmost hospitality by the Papatoetoe club, and all thoroughly enjoyed their outing.

The Misses Crump and McCabon and Messrs R. Brown and W. Wi Repa, or W. A. Fairclough, will in all probability represent the Otago University in the tennis Championship to be held in Auckland at Easter in connection with the Inter-Varsity tournament.

The stewards at New Orleans have undertaken to correct an evil prevalent all over the country; that is, the practice, or perhaps one had better say habit, jockeys off duty have of betting. They have printed notices repeating the rule on the subject posted conspicuously about the grounds, and in the jockeys' room have an order notifying offenders that their badge will be taken up and they will be refused admission to the grounds if they continue to violate the edict. They have stationed men in the ring who can be relied on to report those inclined to stray, and the first day's round brought no less than a dozen to account. They were told that the practice was to be stamped out permanently, and with the notification came an understanding that the treatment of the stars plunging with their hundreds would be the same as that handed out for the lesser lights investing their dollars. One or two of the pampered ones seemed inclined to think they were being deprived of a privilege they were entitled to. It did not take much of an argument to make them understand that the rule is to be strictly enforced, and the good that has and will be wrought would seem to argue in favour of a similar effort when the big spring meeting comes round.—"The Horseman."

Electricity as applied for scratching-board purposes has been successfully brought into use by a Ballarat electrician. A model scratching board, the invention of Mr. M. Day, was on view at the Ballarat Miners' Racecourse last week, and fulfilled the anticipations of the inventor. Owing to the extreme sensitiveness of the armature to vibration the trouble hitherto has been to keep the iron plates carrying the numbers in an upright position, but this has been overcome by having the armature work from the centre instead of from the ends, while the plates are restored to the original position by an automatic plunger.



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