

FIRST TEST MATCH.

NOTES ON AUSTRALIANS' BATTING.

TRUMPER-ARMSTRONG PARTNERSHIP SAVES SITUATION.

(By Telegraph—Dunedin Correspondent)

The weather was perfect for the second day of the first test match, and the public rolled out in thousands to see the Australian champions at the wickets. The attendance was over five thousand, estimated as a record for a cricket match on one day in Dunedin. The previous largest attendance was on the second day of the match between Lord Hawke's team and Otago in 1904.

The wicket was soft in the morning after the previous night's rain, and it played easy. The New Zealand innings terminated quickly, only ten runs being added to the overnight score. Great interest was taken in the appearance of the Australians at the batting crease, but the public was unprepared for the disastrous opening. The lesser lights of the Australian team were put in first, but wickets fell so rapidly that Noble was forced to come out to stop the rot which he did successfully.

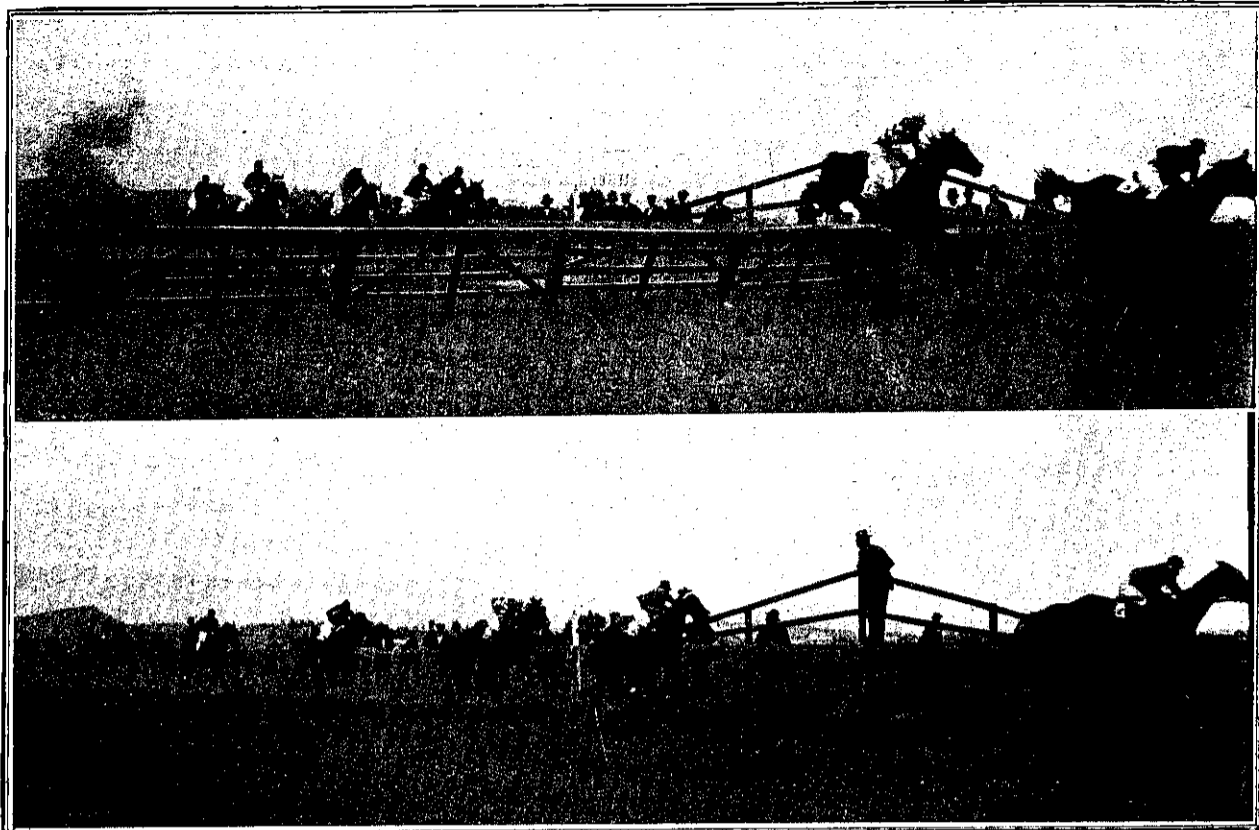
The first wicket fell with the score at ten. McGregor, after surviving a confident appeal for leg before from Joe Bennett, was completely beaten with a good length ball, which took the off-stump. With three runs only added Bennett got Dolling leg before, to the great delight of the crowd. Excitement was high when Bennett skittled Collins with a ball that rose and took the top of the wicket. The Canterbury man had obtained his three wickets for three runs. Three wickets had fallen for 14 in almost as many minutes. The rot was too much for Noble, and the Australian captain came out to stop it. He and Mailey then played the rock game until the luncheon adjournment, when the score was 25 for three wickets.

Shortly after lunch, and with the score at 32, Sandman got Mailey's wicket, the batsman playing too late at the ball. The crowd gave Armstrong a fine reception as he came out to fill the vacancy and joined Noble. Two great batsmen were now associated, and the crowd settled down in expectancy, but further disaster to the Australians happened. Noble played forward to Sandman, apparently with the only intention of playing the ball, and Sandman took a splendid catch low down at the wicket. The Australians had now lost five wickets for the miserable total of 33, but the big guns were now to be brought into requisition. Trumper, the classiest of them all, joined Armstrong, and the spectators were treated to the first exhibition of batting in the match. Trumper and Armstrong played beautiful cricket, the placing of the incomparable Victor, the perfection of his timing, and the easy grace with which he hooked the off-ball to the boundary raising the spectators to a pitch of enthusiasm. When Trumper had run to 72 he failed to get fully on to one from Sandman and played it to Bennett, who took an easy catch at mid-on. Trumper had batted 69 minutes for his score and hit eleven fours. His partnership with Armstrong was the highest of the match, putting on 144 runs in 69 minutes.

Another sound partnership was established when Crawford and Armstrong were associated, this pair putting on 75 in 39 minutes. Crawford batted well for 53, using the pull stroke—a favourite with this batsman—with excellent results. He was batting 38 minutes, and hit one six and eight fours. With his score at 25 he gave a difficult chance to Whitta in the slips, but this was his only lapse, and he was clean bowled in an attempt to hit Bennett over the new stand.

The Waddy-McKenzie partnership for the last wicket was the fastest of the innings, the pair putting on 71 in 21 minutes. Waddy's innings was the champagne of cricket, and delighted the spectators more than any other in the match. A batsman, who stands not on the order of his going, he flashed the ball to all points of the ground with clean, hard, perfectly-timed shots. The freedom of style, the subtle wrist play, and the dash which he put into his batting made Waddy at once a favourite, and although the crowd cheered when Patrick took his wicket everyone must have regretted that there was to be no more of such exhilarating batting. Waddy was at the crease 38 minutes for his score of 59, which included eleven fours.

SUNROSE (G. Marchant) leading STOCKADE (F. Meagher) over the hurdle in the straight the first time in the Hack Handicap Hurdles at the Dannevirke R.C.'s Autumn Meeting.



THE FINISH OF THE HACK HANDICAP HURDLES (1 1/4 MILES) AT DANNEVIRKE—PAPALITZ (W. D. Young) winning from COMPOSED (H. Tricklebank) and STOCKADE (F. Meagher).

Armstrong played a solid innings. Characteristic of the man, he attempted no colossal flights, but his batting all round was marked by the utmost confidence. The big Victorian was going well for his century when Bennett beat him with a splendid ball. Armstrong was at the crease just over two hours for his 96. He scored freely with powerful off-drive, but got the majority of his runs by clever placing of the leg-side, square and behind the wicket. The Australians' innings lasted three hours and a-half. Bennett bowled splendidly, getting all his wickets with good balls. Sandman, too, howled well, but Wilson did not trouble the Australians.

MONDAY'S PLAY.

AUSTRALIANS' FINE RECOVERY.

N.Z. BATSMEN ROUTED.

The first test match, which looked so promising when stumps were drawn on Saturday night, New Zealand having lost no wickets for 44 in the second innings, fizzled out today like a wet squib. The tragedy occurred shortly after play was resumed this morning. The opening pair of batsmen, Whitta and Condliffe, gave New Zealand an excellent start, 81 runs being put on before the first wicket fell, Whitta being out leg before to Noble, a doubtful decision. The Canterbury batsman, who had failed in Christchurch against the Australians, and in the first innings in the test match, put on 53 by good

cricket all round the wicket. He was at the wicket just over an hour, and found the boundary eight times. With one wicket down for 80 and the wicket playing well it looked any odds on the match being a draw, or that the Australians would have to fight hard for victory in the last hour. Then the unexpected happened, and the rottenest of rots set in, or, more truthfully, the rottenest of batting was exhibited. Batsman after batsman went to the crease, took centre, made a succession of bad strokes, grew impatient, and finally committed cricket suicide by throwing wickets away.

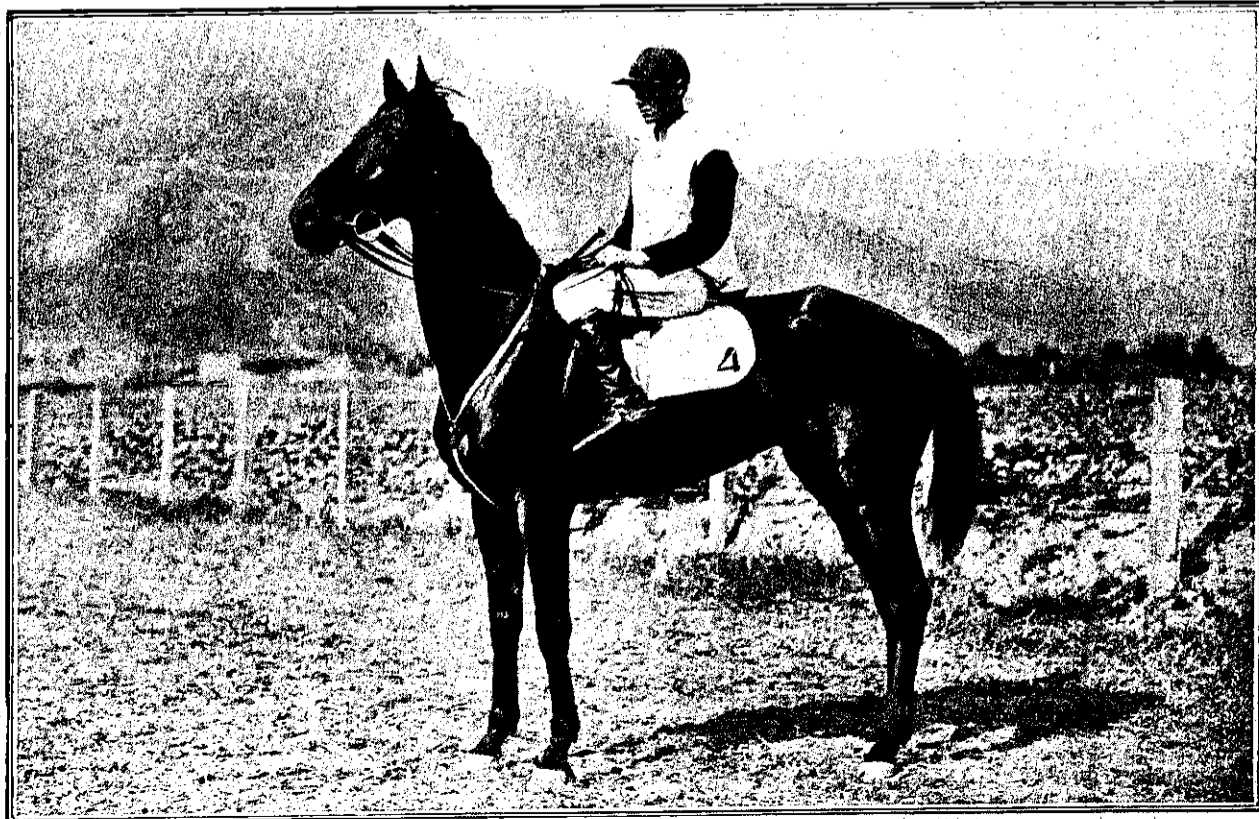
Five wickets fell in less than half-an-hour for thirteen runs. Mailey, the googly bowler of the Australians, was working the destruction. When the batsmen were not offering themselves up for sacrifice, Mailey was certainly troublesome, and was tying the batsmen up with his break bowling and his wrong 'un. But there was no such thing with the New Zealanders as playing with their backs to the wall as the Australians have done so often when in tight corners. The New Zealanders, on the other hand, grew more careless as wickets continued to fall, and some batsmen were beaten before they got to the batting crease.

There was a vast difference between one for 80 and six for 93, which was the state of the game at the luncheon adjournment. Then Sandman and Patrick got together and gave a good exhibition of batting, putting on 72 for the seventh wicket, carrying the score to 165. Sandman

gave a good chance to McGregor for a stump before he had scored, but the Canterbury man retrieved himself later and batted aggressively for 30, including two hits for six each and three fours. Patrick showed the best form on the New Zealand side in the whole match. In the first innings he got 38 by careful and patient cricket, and in the second innings to-day he rose to 66 by perfect strokes, varied by clean, hard hitting. As showing his aggressiveness, Patrick hit three sixes, all clean shots over the rails, and seven fours.

A good start and rotten collapse and a recovery summarises the New Zealand second innings, which yielded 209. This left Australia 84 to get to win, which they did with the loss of three wickets. After getting the required runs the not-out batsmen, Cody and Waddy, continued their innings as an exhibition, but it was poor stuff at best, the batsmen hitting out at everything, mingling good shots with bad. There were two players for the New Zealand team who did not justify their inclusion. These were Reese, the New Zealand captain, who had ricked his shoulder in the New Zealand match at Adelaide some weeks before, and he was neither fit to bowl, bat or field on the first test match; the other player was Wilson, the googly bowler from Canterbury, who was a complete failure. How the New Zealand selector came to choose Wilson is beyond understanding. As a bowler he is degrees below New Zealand class, and as batsman and fielder he is a third-rater.

The cricket shown by the Aus-



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