

WRESTLING.

ALEX BAIN, CHAMPION WRESTLER.

(By Half Nelson.)

Alex. Bain, the famous Scotch wrestler, is a splendidly-built athlete, standing over 6ft in height, with a chest 51 inches expanded and 47 inches normal. Biceps 17½ in thigh 27 in, calf 18 in, weight 16 stone 7 lb.

Bain has been wrestling for over twenty years, and has met every wrestler of note in the world. His first notable encounter on the wrestling mat was when he defeated James Currie at Glaston games, Currie, at that time, being considered the finest heavyweight in Scotland. At the Plains games he lowered the colours of James Morrison in two styles, much to the surprise of Morrison, who had never met Bain before, and who had been winning wherever he went. Shortly afterwards he met the world's famous G. M. Ross in a three style match for the championship of Scot-

land. The most notable bouts Bain had in the tournament was with Tom Connors and Charles Green, the English heavyweight champion. Bain afterwards toured all over Great Britain meeting with great success. Bain then went on the Continent and entered the Graeco-Roman tournaments, his first appearance was in the Casino de Paris, where he ran into seventh place from among 130 wrestlers, he next went to the Apollo Theatre, Paris, and competed there, from there he went to the Cirque Metropole, there he was fifth from among twenty-five selected wrestlers. Then he competed in a tournament in Christiana, Norway, where he won second prize in the consolation tournament. Then he competed in Colongue where he won fourth prize from among sixty wrestlers, he again competed at Dartmurd, running into the prize list, from there he went to Phaymezal, Galacia here he divided second and third prize with Pitlanstshy, then he competed in Leige getting into fifth place, then he returned to Great Britain and travelled two years with Hackenschmidt as wrestling partner. Bain is now in New Zealand and is ready to meet any man for any sum up to £100.

him away from the swarthy man at his rear, but each time Dorando quickened his pace, and reluctantly Hayes would drop back. After the 16th mile Hayes showed that he was tiring, and far from in as good condition as the lad from across the seas. His stride, as regular as clockwork, was less regular, and the pace was slower. In front at 25 miles, Hayes made an ineffectual effort to lengthen the distance between himself and Dorando, but failed. As the bulletin board showed the completion of 26 miles, Dorando made his move. Temporarily Hayes called his energies together for the challenge, and for a few seconds, and amid the cheers of his supporters, he regained the lead. But it was only a passing triumph.

DORANDO INCREASES HIS LEAD.

Just as quickly Dorando once more took the lead, and from that time on it was merely a matter of by what margin he would win. Fighting against hope, Hayes struggled on, but the space widened foot by foot, until the Italian crossed the tape, and was picked up in the arms of his enthusiastic compatriots and borne in triumph from the field. Dead tired and with his eyes almost closed, Hayes finished in silence, and likewise was carried from the track and into a waiting automobile.

The time for the full distance was announced by Walter Christie, who had charge of the arrangements, as 2hr. 41min. 39sec. There have been so many records, on so many different tracks, and under such conditions, that it is difficult to compare times in various Marathons. The time of the Marathon Derby, run in New York and won by St. Yves, was 2hr. 40min. 50¾ sec. As that race was run on a six-lap track, the time made yesterday at the ball grounds was, by comparison, much better than that of the East.

UNIVERSITY TOURNAMENT.

THE AUCKLAND TEAM.

The annual tournament between the four colleges of the University of New Zealand will be held at Christchurch at Easter. The following is the programme, which is subject to alterations:—Saturday, March 26: Official welcome to visiting teams, tennis championships, and picnic to Waiwani Park. Monday, March 28: Athletic championships and debating contest. Tuesday: Finals of tennis championships and ball. The Haslam shield, for rifle shooting, will also be fired for, and it is stated that there may be a football match and a ladies' hockey match.

The team to represent the Auckland University College, which left last night, is as follows:—

Athletics: N. R. Jacobsen, 220yds and 440yds and half-mile; G. Davy, 440yds, one mile, and long jump; J. B. Reynolds, half-mile, one mile, three-miles, and long jump; A. G. Marshall, high jump; and W. H. Wills, putting the shot. Such well-known athletes as H. C. Northcroft, F. H. Wilson, E. E. Bamford, S. F. Bass, and others were unable to secure the necessary leave to make the trip.

The preliminary arrangements for the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club's sports, which will be held on April 2, are now well in hand. The entries are in the hands of the handicapper, and the results of his labours should be made known about the end of the week. Regarding the projected walking contest between D. Wilson, of Auckland, and H. Kerr, of Wellington, the officials believe there is every probability of the contest eventuating at this meeting.

for the championship cup presented by the old rowers, and for Mr. H. Schmidt's trophies, was held off the beach, the result of which was as follows:—

First Heat: Bennett's crew defeated E. Bailey's crew by a length.

Second Heat: G. Seager's crew beat R. Spinley's crew by half a length.

Third Heat: W. Wynyard's crew won from Bailey's four by a canvas.

Final Heat: Seager's crew easily defeated Bennett's crew by a length and a-half. The winning crew consisted of G. Seager (stroke), M. Harrison, Fraser, Weston, F. Lack (cox.).

Mr. C. Wykes performed the duties of starter and Mr. J. C. Spinley as judge, both gentlemen giving every satisfaction.

N.Z. POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION.

The New Zealand Power Boat Association held two races on Saturday afternoon. The Union Cup was won by Nelson, Kirita being second and Winsome third. The final race for the Whitney Cup was won by Kirita with Omaki second. By her victory in this event Kirita has won the cup and the gold medal attached as an additional prize.

DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB.

The Devonport Yacht Club held a cruising race to Matiatia, Waiheke, on Saturday afternoon, the course being from H.M.C.S. Iris, round Motutapu, finishing at Matiatia. The boats were divided into two classes, class A and B. Both classes were sent away together, and good times were put up over the course. The results were as follows:—

Class A.—Kotiri (8min), finishing time 5h 1m 50s, 1; Victory (5min), 4h 59m 10s, 2. Also started: Ilex (scr), Ngatira (7m).

Class B.—Daisy (9m), 5h 14m 40s, 1; Aturere (12min), 5h 19m, 2. Also started: Celox (scr), Sybil (3m), Eulalie (4m), Iris (9m).

NORTH SHORE YACHT CLUB.

The North Shore Yacht Club held a general handicap race on Saturday, for the Dunning Cup and other prizes. The race attracted over thirty entries, but owing to a strong wind blowing a number of the smaller boats were compelled to retire. The course was from off the eastern end of Victoria Wharf, round first buoy-round North Head, thence round markboat in Hobson's Bay, thence round Mission steamer Southern Cross, off Queen's Wharf, thence inside buoy off Calliope Dock, finishing at the starting line, twice round, distance 13 miles. The Thistle assumed the lead from the start, and headed the other competitors throughout both rounds, eventually crossing the finishing line an easy winner. The Mahaki finished second and the Peri third.

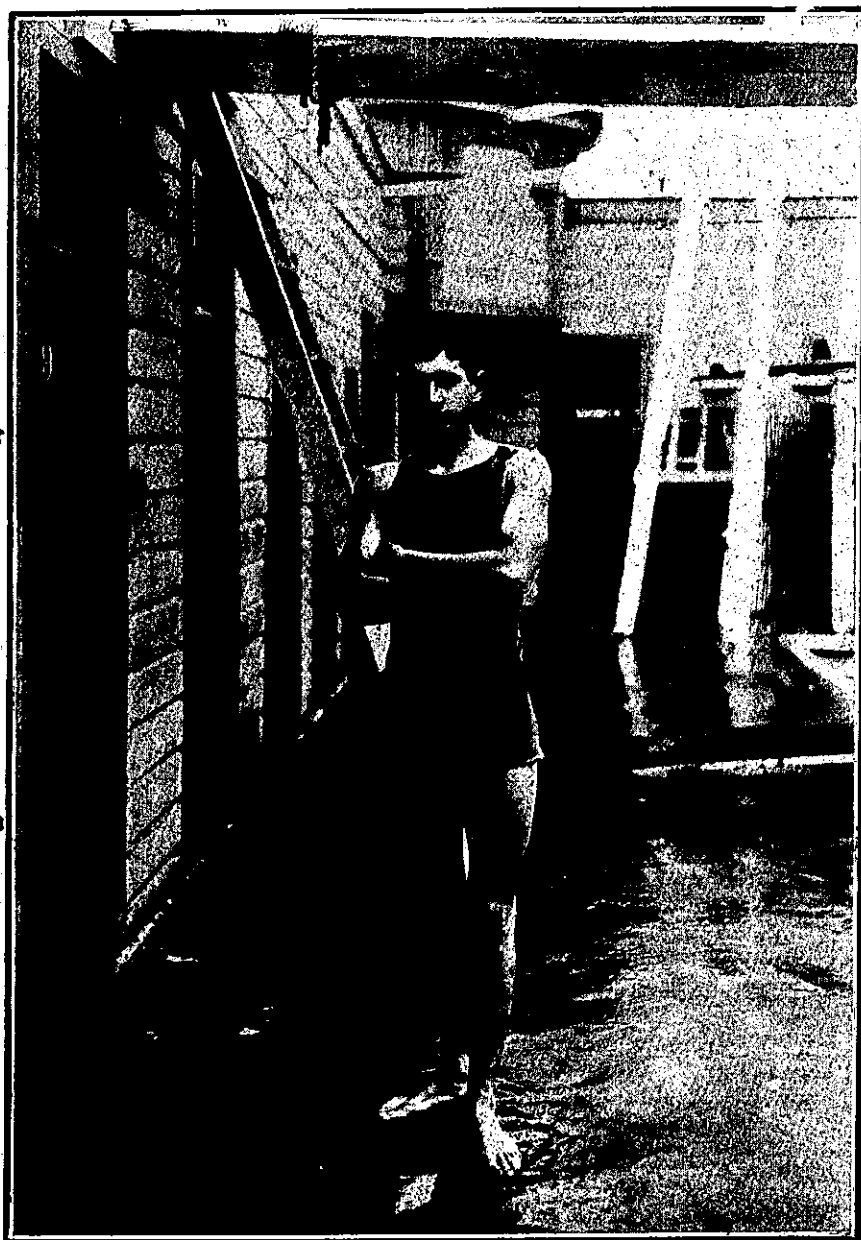
The times for the first round were:—Thistle, 4h. 19m. 45s.; Mahaki, 4h. 27m. 28s.; Rhona, 4h. 29m. 37s.; Peri, 4h. 31m. 16s.; Varona, 4h. 33m. 45s.; Calypso, 4h. 35m. 32s.; Mystery, 4h. 36m. 48s.; Zoe, 4h. 38m. Marcondah, 4h. 40m. 54s.; Tangaroa, 4h. 42m. 57s.; Pandora, 4h. 43m. 15s.; Gannet, 4h. 43m. 35s.; Mistral, 4h. 46m. 11s.; Kowhai, 4h. 52m. 5s.; Merlin, 4h. 56m. 40s.; Ikarere, 5h. 4m. 4s.; Flattie, 5h. 8m. 5s.; Roma, 5h. 12m. 50s.; Mavourneen, 5h. 32m. 45s.

NORTHCOTE REGATTA.

The Northcote Regatta, which was held at Northcote on Saturday, proved a big success, and in all probability, will now be an annual fixture. The results of the principal events were as follows:—Class I.—Yachts: Merry Thought (Brown), 1; Echo (Louden), 2. Class II.—Yachts: Merry Widow (Scott), 1; Tootsey, (Hewitt), 2. Class III.—Yachts: Fidget (R. Jackson), 1; Pakeha, 2. Motor Launches.—Marere (H. Cadness), 1; Bluebell (J. Lockie), 2.

The West End Rowing Club held trial fours on Saturday for trophies presented by the president (Mr. M. McLean). Eleven crews competed and the final heat was won by J. Bigelow's crew, who defeated R. McDonald's four by threequarters of a length, after a keenly contested race.

The Waitemata Swimming Club's carnival which was to have been held at the Albert Street baths on Tuesday night last, was postponed on account of the unpropitious weather, and will now take place on Wednesday evening next, the 30th inst.



BRIDGES, the young Wanganui swimmer, who won the first long distance bridge to bridge swim, over a 2¼ mile course in 37 minutes, thus winning two cups—one presented by Mr. McFarlane, President of the Wanganui Swimming Club, and the other by the Sunlight Soap Company. Eesla Studios, photo.]

land. Bain again proved the victor. Shortly afterwards Bain was challenged by Gunner Nicol (the strongest Scotchman of his time. The match was in three styles, namely, Cumberland, catch-as-catch-can and Greaco-Roman. This proved to be the hardest match Bain had ever wrestled in, it took place in Victoria Hall, Hamilton. Bain won the Cumberland in quick order, Nicol won the catch-as-catch-can and Greaco-Roman, in fairness to Bain it must be stated the decision was disputed by everyone who was present, Bain's shoulders being against the scenery instead of the mat. Bain expressed a wish to meet Nicol again, but the wish was never gratified. Shortly afterwards Bain beat G. H. Johnstone in a catch-as-catch-can match in Edinburgh. Bain now issued a challenge in an all-round competition. Bain offering to back himself to cover in a long jump 21ft, high jump 5ft 4in, put the 16lb ball 41ft, throw the 16lb hammer 116ft, throw the ½cwt 26ft and sprint 100 yards inside 11 seconds. No one accepted Bain's challenge, which shows that other athletes respected Bain's abilities.

In 1903 Bain won a tournament for the World's championship at Edinburgh, defeating Jack Carkeek in the

ATHLETICS.

DORANDO PIETRI AGAIN BEATS JOHNNY HAYES.

Dorando Pietri defeated Johnny Hayes over the full Marathon course yesterday in a fashion that demonstrated to the crowd the superiority of the Italian as a long-distance runner (says the San Francisco "Chronicle" of January 31).

Not fairly extended at the close, and in far better condition than the Irish-American, Dorando proved his sprinting abilities by fairly running away from Hayes at the finish, and beat him easily by 60 yards. Until the 26th mile had been completed there was little excitement for the crowd of 6,000 people that filled the seating space at Recreation Park. With a pace that was set for the most part by Hayes, although Dorando showed in front at times, the two men followed each other round the ten-lap track with little or no advantage.

There were occasions when Hayes would attempt a sprint that would take

