



If judgment in the recent Roberts v. Gray match can be given against the latter, it is intended by Gray to appeal, and, it is thought, the lad will stand a good chance of winning on the appeal, as certain evidence is alleged to have been overlooked which would have had weight with the jury. Young Gray had one of England's best K.C.'s, but for want of knowledge of the game the case was badly handled.

The first big match of the season was brought to a conclusion in the tournament room of Messrs Alcock and Company, at Billiards, Limited, in Sydney, on April 20th, when Albert Williams defeated Fred Weiss in pronounced fashion by the big margin of 3538 points in the game of 14,000 up.

A strong feeling of dissatisfaction having taken hold of Fred Weiss on his unsatisfactory showing in his recent match against Albert Williams, he is desirous of being afforded an opportunity of proving that he is not yet on the shelf so far as first-class billiards is concerned, and with that object in view he now challenges to play the Englishman 16,000 up for £50 aside, with bonzoline balls,

The Parnell senior fifteen will undoubtedly be a very powerful one in the forwards, while the backs compare favourably with last year's rear division. The loss of one of their best forwards in E. Franks, who is now resident in Sydney, is more than compensated for by the inclusion of the ex-Graftonites, Harper and Glenn. One of the maroon's best forwards in J. Martin has rejoined the club, while a new member of the pack is forthcoming in Inkster. Muir, A. C. Wilson, Hansch, Butterworth, all last year's members, will complete the pack. Twiname and Thomas will be missing from the maroon rearguard this season, but as the ex-Grafton backs, Otto Wolfram and D. Miller will play for Parnell, there should not be any weakness in this department. J. Hardwicke, W. Hogan, and Edwards, former members of the maroon rear division, will again play during the present season.

Ponsonby, since losing the services of Francis, Savoury, and Morse, have not been nearly the power they were a couple of seasons back, and this season's team to represent the western suburb differs very little from that of last year. The club, however, have suffered a great loss as the result of their best back, George Murray, being transferred to Wellington, while another three-quarter of much promise in A. McGregor, has decided to play for the College Rifles team. However, the club will retain the services of J. O'Leary and C. Webb, while T. Bater, who was promoted from the junior ranks last season, will again be included in the backs. Jack Hall will, as in former seasons,

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

What is the limit of speed to be attained by the automobile, and when will that limit be reached? Experts have endeavoured for years to answer this question, and each succeeding year has brought forth a new answer until it seemed that the last word had been said, but again and again (writes an American correspondent) some special speed creation has upset all the prophecies made as to speed limitations, until now the wise ones refuse to make predictions. It seemed that Burman, the world's speed monarch, had about solved the problem when he reeled off a dizzy mile in 25.40sec on the Daytona Beach course, but now he makes the statement he will accomplish the speed of three miles in a minute this coming season! It is highly probable that human endurance is the only regulator of the speed which a motor car will attain for a mile or two-mile distance, but when the speed limit of a motor car for 500 miles comes up for discussion another factor enters into consideration. In the last big 500 miles road race, held at Indianapolis, 40 big motor-speed marvels started out to cover the five-century distance in a contest with time and each other. Experts say that 70 miles an hour for the long grind would be wonderful speed quality, while others thought that 65 miles an hour would mark the limit. A few guessed that the winner might do 72 miles an hour, and one or two, who were said to be fanatics on the subject,

estimated the average speed at 74 miles an hour. The 500 miles was covered in 6hrs 42mins 8secs, an average speed of 74.61 miles per hour.

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ERMENGARDE (A. Oliver) winning the Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (six furlongs) from the favourite, BROWN OWL (Emmerson), with BON TON (Griffin) third and PRINCE SOULT (B. Deeley) fourth.

on a fast-running cushion table by the firm of Heiron and Smith, and under the recognised rules of the Billiard Association of Great Britain, etc. Weiss states that business cannot be entertained unless the match be played upon the make of table mentioned.

FOOTBALL.

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The University team, despite the loss of over half of their last year's senior players, will be well represented. An almost new set of backs will be seen out for Varsity, as Frank Wilson (who has retired), Geddes (now in England), Dr. Borrie (in Dunedin), Schofield (not available), and Otterson (not available) will not don the light blue jersey this season. Of those who will fill the vacancies in the backs, Stewart, a brilliant Wanganui player, and F. C. Fryer, the speedy Canterbury and New Zealand wing-threequarter, should assist materially in bringing the rear division up to its original strength. The clever Varsity five-eighths, Gray, and that promising threequarter, Mackay, will again be seen out this season, the former as captain. Macdonald, the half-back, is also available. The University forwards have lost the services of a splendid leader in T. Wilkes, who is now stationed in Christchurch, while McDavitt and Ramsay will also be missing from this season's pack. The Club will rely mainly upon their juniors to fill the vacancies, the only new forward to join University being Dingle, an ex-City player. Six of last year's senior forwards, in R. McDuff, Bamford, Bilkay, Grierson, Dineen, and Shepherd, will assist the Club in the forthcoming matches.

act as wing forward, while the veteran lock, W. Cunningham, will add another season's football to his already remarkable record. George Nicholson who captained the team last year, will again play, while the sterling light forward, G. Sellars, will also don the blue and black jersey. J. Clarke, who played prominently last season, will be another of the club's useful forward representatives.

It appears likely that the Newton and College Rifles teams will not be so strong as the other combinations engaged in the Auckland R.U. club championship. In the forwards Newton have lost Albert Pooley, who is now in Sydney, and Gorrie, another prominent player. The club, however, retain the services of several good forwards in R. Pooley, F. Callaghan, and Longville. The backs will consist largely of juniors and the Newton Club deserve hearty congratulation for their successful endeavour to get together a senior team. College Rifles' advent in senior football will be watched with no small amount of interest, for the club demonstrated by winning the second grade championship in convincing fashion, that many of their players were fully qualified to take their place in a senior combination. Ifwerson, in particular, showed quite as good form as any of the senior backs, and his play is always of an attractive character. He will again play for College Rifles, as will also Weston, another heady back. As these two will be assisted by Webb, the ex-City halfback, A. McGregor, the ex-Ponsonby threequarter, and D'Audney, the ex-Ponsonby fullback, the College Rifles' back team should be a formidable combination. Most of last year's forwards will again do battle for the club, which are deserving of every encouragement for their commendable action in moving up to the senior grade.

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AN OPEN LETTER

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Amateur Champion of N.Z.*

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