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CRICKET.

[GOSSIP BY STRAIGHT BAT.]

This match now progressing is the greatest one ever played in Australia. Twenty-two of the best players in the world are engaged, and if only Shrewsbury, Gunn, and Ferris were here the two elevens would be ideally perfect. Who is going to win? Why, Australia. Give us a fair run, no umpires buffed, luck evenly divided, and we must get home by 100 runs or 5 or 6 wickets. We have a long way better batting team, and although their bowlers are supposed to be stronger than ours, most of the sting has been knocked out of them by the Australian Eleven in Melbourne and Sydney. Anyhow, they have not got one as good as George Giffen, and barring Abel and Grace, none of their batsmen can approach Lyons, Giffen, Bruce, and Bannerman. For the purposes of comparison, the batting and bowling averages in all first-class matches during the past season of the men who will play will be found interesting:

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Just before going to press we heard that Callaway had been called to Sydney, owing to the death of his father, consequently it has been decided that his place shall be taken by Donnan, who cannot bowl much, who cannot field as well as Callaway, and whose batting average this season is only 168.

The representative cricketers were all warmly welcomed. Nevertheless, Grace and his men hadn't the manners to apologise for not appearing at the formal reception offered to them by the Mayor. This, however, is all in a piece with Grace's actions throughout the colonies. When he came out in November people were prepared to overlook his younger day "freaks," exhibited on his first visit to Australia, and he might have been popular; but the veteran goes away as a most unpopular cricketer. Nearly everywhere he has had a squabble, and generosity seems seldom to possess his soul. Some men play cricket on the win, tie, or wrangle principle, but they cannot expect to be popular.

Dr. W. G. Grace, the so-called "amateur," who gets 2s. 5d. and travelling expenses from the gullible bachelor Earl, has not got out of his Sydney scrape. In a letter to the New South Wales Association he says nothing of the abusive words Mr. Briscoe alleges Grace used, but confines himself to vilifying Australian umpires. Now this is unkind. Fancy saying cricket will be spoiled if such umpires are allowed to go about unmolested. Shades of Bob Thoms, the umpire of umpires! What would have been the record of some Australian teams in England if the umpires had been even competent, say nothing of fair? How many times has Grace bluffed an Australian out b.w. when the ball was six inches away to leg? He can bluff poor professional umpires who are afraid of losing their billets, but the great I AM of cricket cannot expect to frighten independent colonists like our Briscos and Searcys and Traverses into giving men out on bump balls and the like. And because he can't do that he should not lose his temper. It is childish in the extreme, and ill-becomes a champion of the mature age of 43. Besides, it is ungentlemanly and boorish, and people expect different things from an "amateur" and a doctor.

What a soft task the Englishmen had with the Victorians. Why, a lot of schoolboys
would have made as many as nine of the representatives of Marvellous Smellbourne. No one but Bruce and McLeod could make any sort of show with the bat. Verily, the English bowlers demoralised the Victorian batsmen in both matches this tour. Bruce was like a giant among minnows with his two fine scores, 54 and 50, and 104 out of 287; McLeod 33, the rest nowhere.

The Australian Cricket Council, which it is hoped will rise out of the Conference to be held next week, will not have to remain long idle. They will have to sit immediately, and firmly, on a proposal for a certain Australian Eleven to tour England, Scotland, and Ireland during the coming English summer. Just when everyone had come to the conclusion that no Eleven would go to England until 1893, we are told that a second-rate team will play a series of minor matches without flying at the higher game of All-England, M.C.C., Gentlemen, Players, and so forth. What an indignity for Australia—an Australian Eleven starring in the provinces against second-class counties! The idea must not be tolerated. Anyhow, the matter can safely be left with the English people, who will not let such a ragged Eleven seriously interfere with their county cricket. Here are the names of the men who are suggested for the scratch crowd: J. W. Trumble, R. J. Cope, J. J. Ferris, W. L. Murdoch, F. R. Spofforth, J. Phillips, T. W. Garrett, S. M. J. Woods, J. Wood, R. Allen, R. Miller, A. Mackay, and J. Wilson. Some of these men are already in the land of fog; others are going there on business and pleasure. Hence the suggested team. The less we hear about it in future the better!

The South Adelaide did not bring the good thing off. Little Parkin got a hundred, too, and the total reached 384. With 384 to beat, however, the Norwood would probably win on a good wicket. My eye! did not Giffen and Lyons hit! “My poor hands!” and “My poor shoes!” were wails from all parts of the field. If schoolboys had been bowling runs could not have come much faster. Fours, fives, and sixes were commoner than ones. Walter Giffen hit hard now and again, but he played very cautiously at rotten balls from weary, worn-out fieldmen. The match was not finished until after the big event is over. The scores now are—

South Adelaide.
C. Martin, b. Giffen 67
G. Bowley, b. Giffen 1
J. Hunter, c. W. Giffen, b. Giffen 12
P. Parkin, c. G. Giffen, b. Lyons 109
B. Ballantyne, b. Giffen 14
J. Beddow, b. Rickett 1
H. Pepper, c. and b. Giffen 1
W. Smith, b. Giffen 10
B. <NAME>, b. Giffen 0
T. Bennett, b. and c. Giffen 1
J. <NAME>, b. b. Giffen 0
T. Turner, not out 1
Total 524

Norwood.
J. J. Lyons, b. Readman 74
G. Giffen, not out 110
W. Giffen, not out 57
Leg-bye 2, wide 1
Total (for 1 wicket) 192

The Hindmarsh are still going, and seem likely to go on for awhile. The two Jarvises did not make many more. Now that Fred Jarvis has made one century we may expect to hear often from him. Edwards, Rundell, Noel, and Evans all played the bowling with ease. Edwards and Evans are promising colts, before whom there is a great future, especially the former. He is a bit lazy, though, and must brighten. The Adelaidians stuck manfully to their work, and made few mistakes. What is the matter with Haldane?

Last season he had a fine bowling average. This year he has been completely collared in match after match. The Adelaidians are not keen on going on with the match on a week-night, and, unless they are allowed a Saturday clear in April, will not continue the match. The score at the present time is—

Hindmarsh.
A. H. Jarvis, b. Delaney 126
G. Nicholson, b. w., b. Hiecock 3
F. Jarvis, c. and b. Delaney 106

Match played on Saturday, March 17.

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Non-Associated Club Matches.

Stragglers v. Grange.—Grange, 8; for 209
—Hopkins 102 not out, Scott 55 not out,
H. I. Reckwick 29 Stragglers did not bat.

Semaphore v. Kensington.—Semaphore, 55
—T. A. Carter 17, H. E. Bleechmore 15 not out,
P. W. Begg 15, T. A. Fletcher 14; G. T.
Bleechmore 7 for 31, Kensington, 65—J.
Lyall 18.

Payneham v. Croydon.—Croydon, 65—
Hancock 24, Payneham, 72 for 4 wickets
—R. Gwymne 39 not out, Bushell 27 not out,
Higginbottom 5 for 44, Franklin 5 for 18.

Kent Town II. v. Marlborough.—Kent
Town II, 92; 13—110.—Jenkins 23, Kneale
18 not out, Marlborough, 86—Baker 18,
Evans 17, Russ 13, Fisher 11; Bertram 5 for
5, Stone 5 for 26.

Ramblers v. S.P.S.C.—Ramblers, 8 for 307
—H. Chinn 112, Annells 34, C. W. Chinner
35, Cole 28, A. Chinn 24, Pommet 28 not

Walla-wa v. Way College.—Walla-wa 43
+42—92.—S. Fleming 17, R. Fleming 14, H.
Robinson 12, Bagallary 12, Nimmo 10.
College, 42+56—78.—Dingle 28.

Adelphian v. P.A. College.—Adelphian, 96
—Spurgeon 22, A. Gard 7 for 30, P.A.C.,
8 for 87—Hawke 37 not out, Atkins 24.

Briars v. Queen’s School.—Briars, 137—
Fitch 27, Hodges 24, Ward 19 and 6 for 31,
Goodhart 4 for 18, Queen’s School, 46+6
for 33—A. Mace 19 not out.

Waverley v. New Zealand Loan and
Mercantile Company.—Waverley, 134—Savage
35, South 27, Young 18, W. Doddridge 15;
Ward 6 for 30, New Zealand, 71—1. Loutit
19, Crace 14, Anson 13; Crace 3 for 28,
Bolitho 3 for 30.

Country Matches.

Hahndorf v. Stirling.—Stirling, 34, Hahndorf,
5 for 187—Hooper 63, Rundle 35, Cave
37 not out, Sonne mann 17, Byard 11 not out,
Sonne mann 8 for 15.

Sturt United v. Happy Valley.—Sturt, 129—
A. Jose 70, Tho gold ead 11, Valley, 4 for
59—Frampton 26, Horne 23.

Hahndorf College v. Balhannah Juniors.—
Hahndorf College, 190—Colman 88, Von
Douwe 30; Von Douwe 3 for 25, Cunningham
4 for 11.

Mount Pleasant Wanderers v. Blumberg.—
Played at Mount Pleasant March 19. Wan-
derers, 30—F. Fulwood 29, E. Vivian 29, J.
Page 16, Blumberg, 45—Berling 18.

Manoora v. Mintaro (played at Mintaro
March 12).—Manoora, 141—Warnecke 74,
Gray 18; C. Gray 4 for 45, Mintaro, 98 for
7 wickets—Motterne 31, Millard 25, Trewhen
28.

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Pedestrianism.

[By Sprinter.]

Foot-racing in South Australia is on the
boom, and there is nothing getting away from
the fact that the meetings frequently held of
late have given a great impetus to the sport.
Now, runners, why not take advantage of
this and form yourselves into a strong Asso-
ciation? There is nothing like having a
ruling body, provided, of course, that its
foundations are not placed on a basis of sand.
This can surely be obtained by choosing one
of your influential supporters as president
and a committee (or council) composed of
gentlemen whose decisions would be treated
with respect. Of course it is all very well
having judges, referees, etc., who are appoint-
ed for the day only: they are very good for
the time being. But something more is
necessary. An Association would elect a
competent number of gentlemen to officiate
as judges, starters, etc., who would attend
the various meetings and get a thorough
insight into the capabilities of the competitors,
and thus be enabled to give satisfactory
decisions. Further, their status would give
such a tone to the sport that the public could
attend these “contests” with the hope of
witnessing some genuine sprints. Such
running cannot be entirely put down, but
the formation of an Association ruling with
a firm hand would put a different aspect on
the form of a number of runners who now
are not often seen in their best condition.
Associations have proved a success in other
sports—cycling, for instance—so why not in
foot-running? I simply speak of this as a
hint, for, by forming such an institution, no
harm can be done, and yet no end of benefits
may arise.

The Sheffield at the Oval on St. Patrick’s
Day induced a very fair number of nomina-
tions, with the following results:—Sheffield
Handicap, 130 yds.—First Round.—First
heat—J. McNamara, G. A. Clarkson. Second
Plunkett, E. J. Oaten. Fourth heat—C.
Giles, F. Bennett. Fifth heat—J. A. Brodie,
W. Moffat. Second Round.—First heat—
Plunkett, Second heat—Giles and Clarkson,
dead heat. Third heat—Oaten. Final—
Oaten (14 yrs.), 1; Clarkson (8 yrs.), 2; Giles
(12 yrs.), 3. Some of the heats provided
good contests, though by many it was
thought that young Clarkson would be the
first to breach the tape. However, he was
beaten, and was compelled to submit to
another repetition of the hard luck so notice-
able with him at late contests. O. A. Plunkett
negotiated the Hurdles (220 yds), with
Ewers a good second.

At Hanley Bridge on the holiday Allison
won the 220 yds. Flat fromscratched: Doyle
the Hurdle Race (220 yds) with 8 yrs.,
Thompson (6 yrs) second, and clearing 5 ft.
5 in. Doyle also secured the High Jump.
Friday and Bennett were about the only
Adelaide competitors, but the rough ground
put them fairly out of the chase.

Next Saturday, at the Maid and Magpie,
there will be another Sheffield. At the time
of writing the nominations were not to hand.

At Melrose, on Easter Monday, an excel-
] lent athletic programme is arranged. The
plum of the day is a Sheffield Handicap (160
yds) of 70 sovs., 10 sovs. to be divided
between the winners of each heat, except
final; £7 5s. is offered for a Hurdle Race;
and £5 for a Mile Handicap. Acceptances
are due on April 11.

The New Zealand Amateur Athletic Asso-
ciation has decided to send three representa-
tives to compete in championship events in
England, Mr. Cuff, the secretary, going with
them as manager. The representatives will be—Humphrey for sprint events, Batger for
the hurdle events, and D. Wood for long-
distance events. Nearly £200 has been
collected in Christchurch to defray expenses.
May they do as well as cricketers, and
swimmers, and footballers have done!

Joseph Darby, the English professional
jumper, recently accomplished some wonder-
ful jumps at Wolverhampton. He commenced
by clearing 36 ft. in three spring jumps,
clearing a chair in the last jump. The
champion then essayed the task of beating G. W.
Rowland’s record by clearing 6 ft. 5 in. in
two stand spring jumps. The bar was first
put at 6 ft. 9 in. This Darby cleared. It
was then raised to 6 ft. This, too, Darby jumped
with the greatest of ease. The bar was then
raised to 6 ft. 5 in., and at the second
attempts Darby, amidst intense excitement,
succeeded in clearing it. Darby’s next per-
formance was that of clearing a full-sized
billiard-table, minus cushions. Unfortunately
a billiard-table was not obtainable, so a
dummy table had to be erected. Darby was
severely handicapped owing to want of room.
It was impossible for him to take more than
two stand spring jumph prior to springing
over the table. Thrice he failed, but at the
fourth attempt Darby made a wonderful leap,
and only failed by about 18 in., alighting on the
canvas. He then took a short rest, and, sub-
sequently, by a supreme effort, succeeded in
clearing the table.

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"Grace" is a household word throughout all English-speaking lands. Who has not heard of the wonderful batting of W. G. Grace? So well known is he that it would be like trying to gild gold for us to write a complete pen picture of him and his wonderful career. It will be sufficient to give a few facts and summarising figures, which will be read and digested with avidity by the younger generation of cricketers. Grace was born on July 18, 1848, and is therefore nearly 44 years of age. When very young he showed marked ability with the bat, and at 16 years of age, when still a long, lank stripling, before his muscles were set, he began to play regularly in English first-class cricket. At 17 years of age he played for the Gentlemen against the Players, and before he was 21 he was admitted to be the greatest batman the world had ever known. He was a terror to the bowlers and a delight to the spectators. Six feet tall, and possessed of a big, powerful frame, he had great advantages, which he utilised to the utmost. He never condescended to potter about, but smeared the bowling to all parts of the field. Runs would come at a tremendous rate. Those were the days when wickets were no better—often not as good—at the start of a match as those at the finish of present-day first-class matches. That only makes his batting the more marvellous, and suggests the problem—Would he have ever been got out if he had such perfect wickets as the Adelaide Oval one to bat upon when he was in his prime? Since 1864 up to last Saturday—nearly 28 years—Grace has batted 914 times in first-class matches, and made 38,103 runs, giving the fine average of 41.629 per innings. During the same period he has got through a good deal of bowling, and his 2,354 wickets have cost 38,460 runs, or 16.736 runs each. Further, the old man has passed the century 94 times, 7 times gone over the second hundred, 3 times past the third—his 344 being the highest score ever made in a first-class match. Further still, he has scored the century twice in the same match on three occasions—a feat only performed once besides in first-class matches, and that never since 1877. Now, has not Grace been a wonder? Indeed, he is still; for, after seeing two generations of cricketers flourish and die out, he has come to Australia and taken top average from the cream of English players of the third generation.

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"Cricket," Petersburg.—A man caught beyond the boundary is not out.

The Athletic News.

ADELAIDE, THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1892.

WHY WE START.

The weekly journal, the present issue of which is the first, is intended to fill a gap in the ranks of the newspapers of the colony. It will place before the public in concrete shape a comprehensive record of events which transpire in the athletic world. In these colonies, and especially in South Australia, with the climate all the year round so suited to athletic exercises, people are by a natural impulse impelled to outdoor enjoyments. Neither at present, nor has there ever been in the past, with the exception of the short-lived Athlete, any avenue for the publication of athletic news, whether it be of cricket or football, of rowing or running, of tennis or baseball. This avenue we aim at making the Athletic News. Arrangements have been made whereby none but the very latest news on all branches of outdoor exercises will be presented to our readers, and, above everything, nothing but accurate information will be published. Thereby we hope to obtain the support of all lovers of games; and having obtained that, we have no fear of the issue. Neither pains nor expense will be spared to attain a high standard, and, having attained it, to maintain it. Our news will not only be of the latest, but of the most universal character. While the city, the centre of the colony in athletics as well as in politics, will supply us with a large proportion of our letterpress, we may state at once that our policy is decidedly one of decentralization. Believing that the merits of country athletes have not received just recognition in the past, it will be one of our aims to place them prominently before the public in future. We thereby hope to ensure extensive support from the country.

As the seasons set in we shall seek to provide our readers with the latest and most reliable
LIKE GIFFEN

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CHEETHAM’S TEAS

AND COFFEES.

George Giffen, born in Adelaide, on March 27, 1859, and bred in Adelaide, is, at the present time, the champion all-round cricketer in the world. His was not a meteoric ascension to the pinnacle of fame—like that of Dr. Grace. George won his spurs slowly, but gradually, and, in twelve years—when he had not yet attained his majority—was regarded as one of the promising cricketers in Australia. Three tours to England improved him beyond recognition. Commencing in 1882 with excellent batting and bowling records, in 1884 he was fourth in both batting and bowling; but in 1886 he put all previous Australian performances to sleep by obtaining top batting and bowling averages for the Melbourne Club Australian Eleven, a feat only twice before performed in the annals of cricket—by W. G. Grace, for Gloucestershire, and C. T. Studd, for Middlesex—while, since then, S. M. J. Woods, another Australian, has accomplished it at Cambridge University. Although Giffen has refused repeated tempting baits to go to England again since 1886, his grand batting, and, more than that, his marvellous bowling in Australia have further glorified his reputation, until now he is generally regarded as the champion of the world, while his name is more familiar throughout Australia than that of Sir Henry Parkes, or Mr. Playford, or any other politician. For years he contented himself with modest centuries, of which he has made a score; but during the last four years he has gone in for two hundreds, of which he has made no less than four, and his 296 is the highest score ever made in the colony by one man. He has yet to top 328, and thus credit himself with the tallest score recorded in Australia. During his career, in first-class matches he has made 5,583 runs in 203 finished innings, which gives the fine average of 27-2, and has taken 472 wickets for 8,557 runs, or 18-61 runs for each wicket. He is likewise a magnificent field—alltogether a fine type of an Australian. It is not mere speculation to say he has been the mainstay of South Australia and his club—the Norwood—for nearly ten years. Without him the colony could have done nothing against Victoria and New South Wales, Giffen’s batting average for 24 innings against those colonies standing at 60-12, or 25 per cent. better than Murdoch’s. He has taken nearly

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LAWN TENNIS NOTES.

By Raquet.

Some Notes of the Year.

Once more the whirligig of time has brought us to the end of the season, for although outside clubs play matches all the year round, yet the associated clubs terminate their season in April of each year. Raquets will now be put away by a great many players till September. The chief events of the year have been the adoption by all the colonies of Ayres' covered ball as the standard ball for all matches and the decision to play on asphalt courts. Hilliertert intercolonial matches have been no test of supremacy, but for they have been fought out under different conditions for whereas in Victoria uncovered balls on asphalt courts have been the rule, yet in Sydney covered balls on grass have been existent. Such a state of things, if not altered, would have seriously retarded the progress of the game in Australia. The Victorians, notwithstanding this alteration, are still pre-eminent, but the South Australians are not far behind their neighbours. New South Wales players are at present only third in form. The best players in all the colonies are still 30 points behind the best English men. W. V. Eaves, who came out here a year ago, could give the best Victorian man 15, and, on going home, played Ernest Renshaw, and was beaten by 5 sets to 1, although he received a handicap of 15. The reason of our inferiority is undoubtedly the want of practice, for although the best men can put pace into their strokes, yet very few can combine this with accuracy, and still less keep up the pace for any length of time.

The South Australian Lawn Tennis Association, which has just concluded its annual tournament, can congratulate itself on the improved form shown by all competitors. More pace is put into strokes, and greater accuracy is the rule, and far more volleying is adopted with effect. The past season has brought out some good men, who should develop into the front rank by next season. The only serious drawback to lawn tennis in this colony is the obsolete form of scoring. A strong effort was made by Mr. Baker and other men who understood tennis to alter the style, but they were defeated by some old fogeys, who are yearly elected on the committee, but to what purpose one is at a loss to understand, for their knowledge of the game, at first limited, is even now still more limited as it is more antiquated. In England every style has been tried, and it has been proved conclusively that scoring by sets is the only genuine test. One section of the community has incited a controversy as to the wisdom of the champion not having to go through the mill like other competitors—a most absurd idea as in every country the gentleman who gains the championship always retains it till challenged by the winner of the all-comers. As to any advantage to be gained by not having to play through, almost amounts to a disadvantage, for the champion loses the practice the winner of the all-comers has had.

The clubs this year have been the University, Glen Osmond, Zingari, North Adelaide, Semaphore, and College Parks, in order of merit. The famous Zingari team have again to be content with third place. The University head the list this year, and certainly their four singles were far above the average players. Baker, Hill, F. Hone, and G. B. Hone can well compare with the famous Zingari quartet of 1890—H. E. Hambidge, Leo Kaines, R. G. Bowen, and W. Goodhart. The Varsity champion pairs have carried all before them. Hill and G. B. Hone have proved themselves superior to Baker and F. Hone, but the latter player is quite 15 points behind last year's form. Hill has made a splendid advance, and to my mind is the best player in the colony, although defeated by Leo Kaines. His accuracy is beyond compare, and his half-volley strokes perfect. G. B. Hone had hard luck in not being able to show his best form in the tournament through indisposition. The champion, J. R. Baker, has played very erratically during the year, not once showing his true form. If he would only play his best, he would soon be seen he is far ahead of the leading players here. His winning the championship this year was only by “the skin of his teeth,” so to speak, for more erratic play has seldom been seen in a champion match. Leo Kaines has developed into a fine dashing player, with a very similar style to E. W. Lewis, the English covered-court champion. R. G. Bowen, though he puts in some wonderfully brilliant strokes, has not fulfilled what was expected of him. Another couple of years should see him take the championship. The absence of Hambridge, Stuart, Scott, and Goodhart from the front rank this year was severely felt by their respective clubs. Especially did the loss fall heavily on the North Adelaide, who dropped from first to fourth position. Jagoe was not within 30 of last year's form. Phillips left for Sydney; his loss was a gap hard to fill, and with Downes absent, and Spiller in third-rate form, the North Adelaide were singularly unfortunate. The famous double of 1890, Downes and Spiller, played twice together, but were very unsuccessful.

Nothing could touch the three crack doubles of the year, viz., Hill and Hone (champions), Baker and Hone (Varsity), and Bowen and Fowler (Glen Osmond). Their style has been the Lewis game, i.e. volleying entirely from the service line. The senior clubs should next year discard some of their old fossils and endeavour to obtain the services of some of the numerous rising juniors. J. G. Murray, A. R. Murray, A. Austin, H. Austin, H. A. Hambridge, Burgess, F. Wilcox, and F. Joyner are men fit to be in any Association team.

The tournament held this year was about as successful as past ones, and the arrangements perhaps better, the employment of boys to throw up the balls being a decided advantage to the competitors. It seems a pity that more competent men are not employed as linesmen, for generally the gentlemen who volunteer show such a lamentable disinclination to speak promptly that they would be better absent. Six entered for the Single Championship, viz., Kaines, Gault, Hill, F. Hone, Bowen, and G. B. Hone. Kaines succeeded in beating all comers, Hone coming second. The winner played a dashing game, but there was not much to choose between Hill, the two Hones, and Kaines. Only three pairs entered for the Double Championship—the two Varsity pairs and Bowen and Fowler, of Glen Osmond. Hill and Hone succeeded in winning this event, and also the Double handicap for which eleven pairs entered. Four ladies entered for the Ladies' Championship, Miss Parr beating all comers, and, as Miss Hodge refused to defend her title, was declared lady champion. She certainly plays 80 per cent. better than the average lady player, and a great many of the handicap gentleman competitors would have found it a difficult matter to defeat her. There were sixteen entries for the Single handicap, which was won by Isbister, Murray coming second. Taking everything into consideration, lawn tennis players can look back upon the past season with feelings of pleasure and satisfaction.

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AQUATICS.

[Rowing Notes, by Rowlock].

Fixture.—May 2.—J. Stansbury (holder) v. T. Sullivan, for £200 a side and the Championship of the World, on the Parramatta Course.

Many months have elapsed since there was a race for the Championship, and one might almost have come to the conclusion that there were no such beings as champion scullers in Australia. Now, however, for six weeks little else will be talked about in aquatic circles but the match between Stansbury and Sullivan. Stansbury is the young Sydney man who rowed second to poor Harry Scarrle in record time, and has since beaten Yankee O'Connor all to pieces. Sullivan is a New Zealander, 21 years of age, whose record over the Parramatta course is only second to Scarrle's. Both are big, powerful fellows, but it is too early yet to make any predictions about the race. They have just recently gone into training. There is one thing certain—though Stansbury should beat Sullivan, and anything should happen to him afterwards, Sullivan will worthily uphold the honor of Australia. Australia, or rather New South Wales, which Henry Parkes once wanted to call Australia, is prolific in first-class scullers, and has the Championship fairly mortgaged.

On Saturday, April 2, the Adelaidians will bring the autumn season to a close with the Hoscottine Cup Sculling Handicap. In view of a large attendance of ladies, afternoon tea and music will be provided.

LACROSSE.

North Adelaide Club.—The annual general meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 22nd inst., at the Prince Alfred Hotel. There was a splendid muster of members. The annual report and balance-sheet were read and adopted, and the Club was shown to be in a sound financial position, having a credit balance for the coming season. It was decided to alter the colors from the old style of black and white to navy-blue and white. The election of officers resulted in C. E. Cornish being elected captain; A. W. Lord, vice-captain; and A. R. Ebb, secretary. After nine new members had been elected, the meeting terminated with "bumpers" for success for the coming season.

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FOOTBALL.

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All the clubs have now held their opening meetings, and the club with the greatest flourish of trumpets is, as usual, the Souths. There is no gainsaying the fact that they promise to turn out a particularly warm team. The new rule prohibiting the migration of players from one club to another, which was passed at the end of last season, but which has to be confirmed at a general meeting of the S.A.F.A. this season, is likely to lead to a good deal of trouble. It is said that the Souths, Medindies, and Adelaide are going to oppose its introduction; and no wonder, especially when the condition of the two latter clubs is considered; for of what benefit can it be to them when they are debared by it from securing the services of any players from the players in the clubs which are above them on the lists, but who are willing to play for them? They would only be able to get new men from the ranks of the juniors, and even then they would probably not get the best choice, as almost all the juniors aspire to be a Norwood or Port player. If the rule could be passed so as to apply to only the three leading clubs it would do good, and then we could inform the Victorian Association (from whom the rule emanated) that owing to the Medindies and Adelaide not being able to cope with those three teams (consequently the public interest was declining) it was not thought desirable to bind them to a hard-and-fast rule at present. Of course neither of the two mentioned clubs’ players would be allowed to join another team.

It is rather early yet to write about the personnel of the teams, as the rumours flying about certain players are not altogether reliable—somewhat like the players themselves in their promises—but the following items about each team will be interesting:

Norwoods.

There will be very little alteration in the ranks of the premiers, their team remaining about the same as last year. It is said, however, that the brilliant Risbeth is back from England.

Ports.

The magentas will suffer many serious defections, although the Bushby brothers will be missed. It is believed that Alf Bushby has satisfactory reasons for retiring from the team which brought him into prominence, but those of his older brother have not altogether been made apparent. It is reported that two Fitzroy players will lend their assistance. Webb and Tomlin are said to have some petty grievance against each other, and one of them may not be in the team, but probably efforts will be made to heal the alleged breach. The energetic secretary (Mr. R. Crichton) is retiring from his post through press of business engagements, and the Mudholians will find it a most difficult matter to fill his place, as he had a wonderful influence over both the players and supporters of the club.

Souths.

The secretary and committee have promises from several juniors who are willing to be tried, including three or four players from the Eastbournes, who were top of the tree last season in the City and Suburban. The Bushbys will don the blue and white whilst Hall, of the Adelaide, is also said to be willing to be included in their ranks. This deserting an inferior club for one more successful should be discouraged. Coffee, an old Port and Adelaide player, will also probably throw in his lot. What with their last year's juniors coming on the chances of the Souths annexing the Premiership are very rosy.

Medindies.

The sturdy little Dingoes are again going to fight hard this season. They have not gained any great player of note although Charley Nitschke is confident that he will be able to entice Daly, of the Norwoods, into his fold. Oaten and Plunkett, two well-known sprinters, will have a place in the team. With the experience gained in the past, the red-and-whites are going to strive to gain a point or two higher.

Adelaidians.

Are striving strenuously to improve their position, and they have reason to hope that the team which goes into the field this year will be a vast improvement upon that of last season. Efforts are being made to get W. Bushby to lend them, and it is to be hoped their efforts will be successful. If he decides to do so his action will be deservedly popular. Griffiths, one of the most brilliant players of former years, will be on the scene of action. Acraman, who was injured last season, again takes his place. Keal, formerly of the Ports, is going to try his luck, whilst Adams, from the Ports Second, and the two Munnies, from the Albert Parks, have decided to don the red and black. Mr. Geo. Cook, who worked so hard last season as secretary, is unable to again take the position, owing to official duties, Mr. E. Everett taking his place.
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The intercolonial football match, Victoria v. South Australia, has been fixed for Saturday, June 25, in Melbourne.

CYCLING NOTES.

[By Rooster.] DUE, probably, to the small prizes offered by our friends of the Emerald Isle, the fields in the two cycling events on St. Patrick's Day were, as far as numbers go, very poor. But quality made up for quantity, and a couple of rattling good finishes were witnessed. Ken Lewis annexed the Mile after a brilliant spurt with Howat in min. 39 sec.—very good time considering the nature of the holiday. There was nearly an accident. In passing Howat for the final run, Lewis cut him rather too short, which compelled Howat to hurriedly slacken speed—but much so that Davis was just on him at the mark. In the Three-Mile the champion had his field fairly safe in the seventh lap, and, though Howat stubbornly contested the finish, Davis won with an inch or two to the good, with Lewis a bad third. Time, 8 min. 27¾ sec. These three riders are in good form, and should have something to say at the Easter sports.

Going by his form on Thursday, Ken Lewis has fully recovered from the asthmatic complaint which troubled him at Christmas, and is now as sound as a bell. If Kellow is amongst the Victorian competitors at Easter, there is every chance of a match between him and Lewis. It may be remembered that last season these riders met for a £25 stake, and Kellow had an easy victory. The poor riding of Lewis, however, must largely be attributed to an accident which split his knee a short while previous to this contest, and he certainly was in no form to race. Now he is much improved, both in style and speed, and, as Kellow has done good work throughout, the race should be worth watching. I hear that Lewis is willing to try conclusions with him for anything up to £50.

Hundreds of programmes have been issued for Easter Saturday. I have often been asked for particulars, so, for the convenience of those not possessing one, the following may prove of interest:—1-mile Maiden, £5, £3, £1; 1-mile Novices, £3, £2, £1; 1-mile Open, £5, £3, £1; 2-mile Open, £10, £5, £2; 3-mile Open, £20, £7, £3; 1-mile Open Safety, £5, £3, £1; 2-mile Open Safety, £10, £5, £2; 1-mile Scratch (winner of each heat and fastest loser to run in the final), £10, £2; 1-mile Obstacle, £5, £2. Nominations are due at Wadere's at 8 p.m. on April 6, and acceptances on April 12.

As yet it is too early to speak of the form of the likely competitors, for many of them have not yet recovered from the first effects. But the well-known riders—such as Davis, Howat, the Sampsons, Blacks, Toms, Lewis, Mayfield, and so on—are getting into a racing swing which will develop into something good are another fortnight. A number of new Maiden riders are out, with some likely ones amongst them; and at present, on the track, the Safety contingent is well represented.

It is announced that Warwick and Turner, the English riders (now in Melbourne), have applied to the Oval authorities for a day's meeting on an easy Saturday following Easter.

The road race to Teetee Gully will not take place till after the sports.

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