

Tennis Selector Thinks N.Z. Entry in Davis Cup Zone 'Useless'

THERE is little point in New Zealand entering the eastern zone of next year's Davis Cup competition, in the opinion of one of the New Zealand tennis selectors, Mr Harold Barnett.

Next Thursday a meeting in Wellington of the New Zealand Lawn Tennis Association's management committee will decide whether a team will contest the competition or not.

Westland P.A. HOKITIKA, To-day. The first day of the Westland Racing Club's meeting was held in fine weather on a firm track.

ROSS STAKES, Of £130. Six furlongs. 11/11—WINDSOR CASTLE (12) 8.7. M. Wildermoth 13 5/4—GRAND HARBOUR (13) 8.2. D. N. Hadfield 18 2/2—COLLEEN GAEL (2) 8.7. G. V. Mein 3

T. M. STAINES MEMORIAL TROPHY, Of £182. Class 220. One mile. TUNNEL ROAD (15), 1. ... 1 BOBBY'S GIRL (1), 1. ... 2 DOCTOR PAUL (2), 1. ... 3

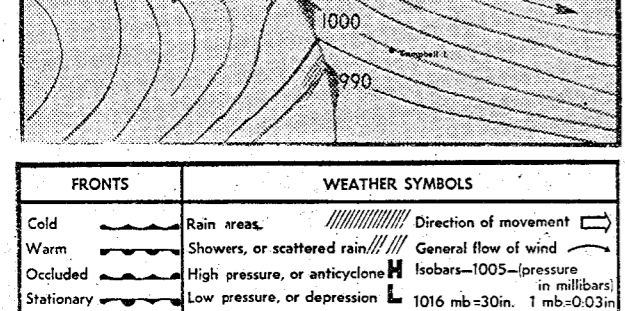
FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER HACK HANDICAP, Of £160. Seven furlongs. RAE'S HOPE (9), 7.11 ... 1 TAX EVADER (12a), 7.11 ... 2

Southland P.A. INVERCARGILL, To-day. The first day of the Southland Racing Club meeting was held to-day at Invercargill in fine weather on a firm track.

Kew Hurdles, Of £250. One mile and a half. 1/1—JOHN O'GROATS (9), 9.0. W. J. Hillis ... 1 3/3—FIN CHASE (4), 9.7. ... 2

Roslyn Trial No. 1, Of £225. Six furlongs. RED MOSS (14) 8.0 ... 1 VEE FLIGHT (4) 8.0 ... 2 MARAWOOD (2) 8.0 ... 3

Scratchings For the Adding-up to-night. Shirley Handicap—Soanfar, Willycan. Australasian Hack—Dresden Blue, Wendy Dawn.



FRONTS WEATHER SYMBOLS Cold Rain areas, Rain, Showers or scattered rain, Occluded High pressure, or anticyclone, Stationary Low pressure, or depression.

He believes it can be attributed to the emergence, in the past few years, of a number of previously minor sports which have increased in popularity and are taking the less successful tennis players away.

Big Worry

Mr Barnett described the non-availability of leading players as the selectors' chief worry.

Eclipse Stakes Win Forecast For Otematata

P.A. MELBOURNE, To-day. Visiting New Zealand horses have not swept up the turf plums in Australia this spring with the same measure of success achieved in former years.

Slim Chance

"At the moment there is only a very slim chance that a team will have to be selected," Mr Barnett said.

Claims Report Incorrect

A report concerning conveniences at Charteris Bay discussed at a meeting of the Mount Herbert County Council yesterday.

Rugby Series For Australia

P.A. SYDNEY, To-day. The Australian Rugby Union last night deferred a decision on whether to stage a world series in Australia in 1966.

House Destroyed By Fire in Early Morning Hours

An early morning cup of tea may have been instrumental in saving the lives of an elderly couple to-day.

Scrapped

Investigating, Mr Hewitt found that fire had broken out in their two-storeyed wooden home.

Sugimoto Wins Trophy

P.A. HOBART, To-day. Hideyo Sugimoto, of Japan, to-day won the trophy for the best professional round in the second day of the Tasmanian Open golf championship.

AMATEUR GOLF CHANGES

P.A. WELLINGTON, To-day. The New Zealand amateur golf championship, which the New Zealand Golf Council decided yesterday should be played separately.

Discouraged

"However, if players have not reached the top by the time they are in the 20s, they often get discouraged and leave the sport."

Waikato

P.A. HAMILTON, To-day. The Waikato Racing Club's spring meeting was concluded to-day in fine weather.

Dargaville

P.A. DARGAVILLE, To-day. The weather was fine, the track hard, and there was a large attendance for the concluding day of the North-eastern Waikato Racing Club's fixture at Dargaville to-day.

Licensee Fined

Ivan Francis O'Donnell, the licensee of the Waltham Arms Hotel, was fined £4 in the Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of supplying a minor with liquor.

Help for Rome

The dates were opposed by Mr R. F. Mackie, the club's secretary, who said that the use of two Saturdays and the fact that the tournament coincided with Labour week-end, should result in a good "gate."



BOWLERS REVEL IN IDEAL CONDITIONS

CITY bowlers got a pleasant surprise to-day. For the first time in three Saturdays the elements relented and gave them near perfect conditions in which to continue their various competitions.

Two weeks ago, rain forced the cancellation of competitive bowling and last Saturday the bowlers' old enemy—the wind—upset play on the more exposed greens.

Life Members' Cup Race to H. Hobden

From a Mark Foy start in a light north-easterly breeze, John Wearn (Olympic Finn-class) took the gun in the Life Members' Cup race at the Christchurch Yacht Club to-day.

Feilding

P.A. FEILDING, To-day. The weather was fine and the track fast for the Feilding Jockey Club's meeting to-day.

REFORMS IN CATHOLIC WORSHIP

The liturgical reform decree will be formally promulgated by the Pope at a public session of the council next week, probably on Friday or Saturday.

Routley to Meet O'Shea in Golf

Eric Routley will meet Les O'Shea in the final of the Victorian amateur golf championship to-morrow.

CASH CYCLING

Half-mile Handicap—First heat: I. Arnet 1, J. Crofts 2, B. Forster 3, Time—2:11.5sec. Second heat: J. Chapman 1, B. Spicer 2, K. Neuman 3. Time—67.7sec.

NATIONAL DANCING

Highland Fling—Novice, open: L. Roberts 3, P. Reid 1, K. Renwick 2, W. Higginson 3.

Warning on Sponsorship 'Unjustified'

FEARS on the growing influence of sponsorship in New Zealand sport expressed by the Superintendent of Physical Education for New Zealand (Mr D. R. Wills) have been challenged in a statement made to-day by the deputy-chairman of the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association (Mr G. S. Brockett) in Christchurch.

"The appeal by Mr Wills to sports bodies not to 'sell out' to big business through the growing practice of sponsorship shows that he lacks confidence in the calibre and judgment of New Zealand sports administrators," said Mr Brockett.

"Our experience of sponsorship is that firms ask for this name to be associated with projects, and from a public relations point of view this is proper."

Lacks Means

"In the past, the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association has suffered from a lack of sufficient means to provide facilities in order to carry out projects which will not only benefit the sport but which will also materially assist the National Water Safety Campaign," Mr Brockett said.

CRICKET LEADERS HEADED

Riccarton, championship leaders, were headed for the first time this season when four-times senior cricket matches were continued to-day in Christchurch.

RECORD ENTRIES AT WAIKARI

Waikari was the place to be in North Canterbury this morning as the annual sports day programme planned for a record number of 289 entries—got off the mark.

Conversion

The introduction to the documents states that its basic purpose is to convert the Catholic laity from silent, passive spectators to active, understanding participants in worship.

Mount Pleasant

Open Class (Copper Trophy)—Triki (R. Garland), 10hr 58min 45sec; 1. Solo (J. Morgan), 11hr 23min 30sec; 2. Wisp (D. Denney), 11hr 23min 30sec.

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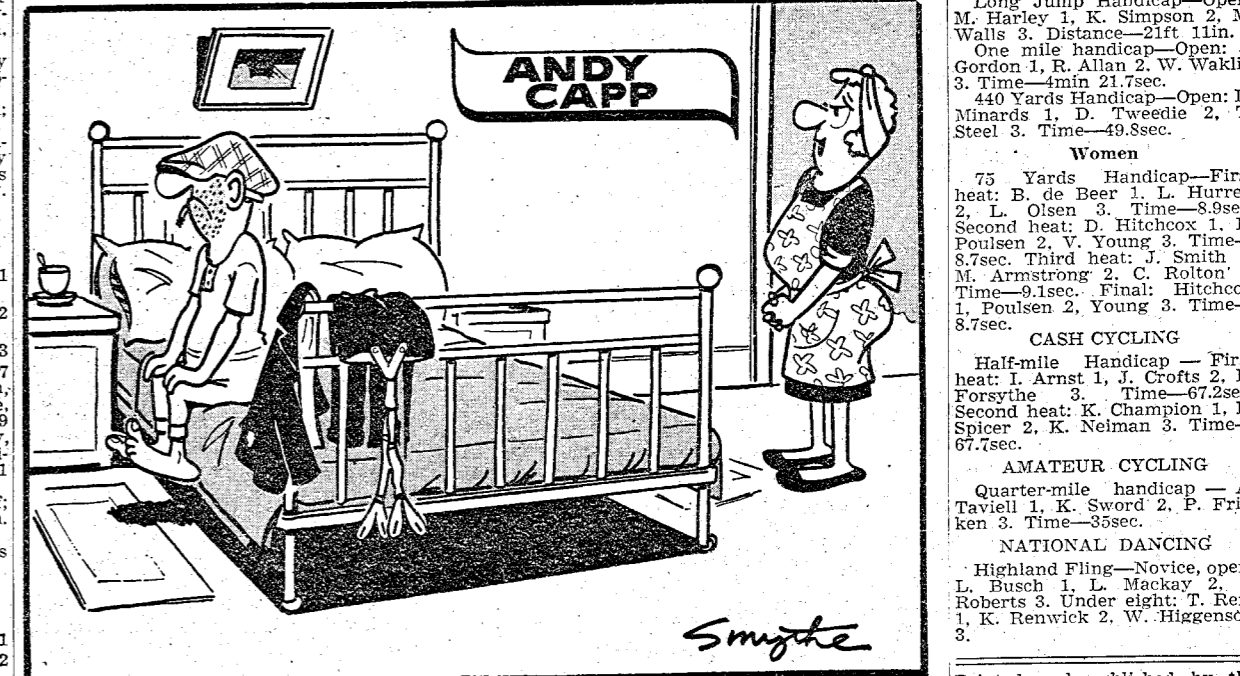
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"Good mornin', Pet—if it isn't goin' to start an argument."