

The Auckland side moved on to Timaru to play another two day fixture on November 29th/30th. They travelled by train and arrived on match day. They were welcomed by the home team and after dropping their luggage off at their hotel proceeded to the cricket ground which was two miles out of town. "Another hayfield and a wretched wicket." Dufaur's injured thumb was still causing him problems so Auckland fielded the same side that had turned out against Oamaru which meant that Fred Buckland got to play again.

Buckland and Jack Arneil opened bowling with Buckland dismissing both openers very quickly. Raymond who made 19 runs was the only batsman who could deal with the accuracy of the Auckland bowling with any degree of comfort. Timaru folded quickly when Robinson brought Lankham on to be all out for 51 runs. Lankham had bowled very impressively in his spell taking 5/0.

Auckland started batting just after lunch but didn't find the Timaru bowling easy. While never in danger of conceding a first innings lead it was a struggle to reach to reach 114 runs. Hughes and Lough bowled accurately, both taking four wickets and they were well supported by sound fielding which ensured that none of the Auckland batsmen were able to make a good score even though a number of them had reasonable starts. Testro (22), Robinson (19) and O'Brien (23) were the main contributors with Barton's 14 being a relative failure for him.

Timaru put up a better fight in their second innings reaching 88 before being dismissed leaving Auckland 26 runs to win the match. Opener Smith batted well for 23 runs before falling to the guile of Robinson. Richbaum with 19 and Easton 12 not out put together a sound partnership in the middle of the innings but Auckland's bowling was just a

little too good. Lankham and Robinson both took four wickets.

Auckland knocked off the required 26 runs losing four wickets in the process. After the official end of the match the Auckland team continued to bat on with Barton and O'Brien hitting freely much to the delight of the 300 spectators. Barton hit Lough for a six which was the best hit of the match. Gardner also hit freely with his innings including a four and the festivities came to a close with the dismissal of Gill.

Timaru were were proud of the fact that their team had restricted Auckland to the lowest score on tour and that Auckland had been made to fight hard for their six wicket win. The Auckland batting was poor by their standards and it was clear how dependent the side was on the performance of Barton and Arneil with the bat.

During the match Yates injured himself. The following description of the injury is a bit tongue in cheek:

It was here that Yates, the veteran broke down and we had to call on the services of a veterinary. In the first innings while in the act of giving a gigantic leap in the direction of a passing ball, he suddenly bawled out and fell insensible to the turf. We found that he had sustained a fracture of the thigh. Gill the bandy boy soon bandaged him and put splints on the splintered limb. Yates then, though not feeling very well, again took his place in the field. We put him at point, but we were disappointed in him for twisting round too suddenly, he unfortunately broke his back. Things were now getting serious, but luckily though his bones were brittle and his skin very tough. We straightened him out the best way we could and put him away carefully in lavender.

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In spite of sustaining these "life threatening" injuries Yates was back in the fray in the Canterbury game. However he did play with an injury but it was to his ankle!

TIMARU	FIRST INNINGS	
M.J. Shepherd	b. Buckland	0
H.W. Smith	Hit wicket b. Buckland	1
S.G. Raymond	b. Lankham	18
W.W. King	run out	1
W.J. Hughes	c. Gardner b. Barton	1
R. Lough	run out	8
R. Scott	b. Lankham	2
W. Richbaum	b. Lankham	5
C. McKenzie	not out	6
F. Jones	b. Lankham	2
W. Norrie	b. Lankham	1
Extras		6
Total		51

TIMARU	SECOND INNINGS	
M.J. Shepherd	c. Gill b. Lankham	0
H. W. Smith	b. Robinson	23
S. G. Raymond	c. Robinson b. Lankham	0
W. J. Hughes	b. Lankham	2
W. W. King	c. Gill b. Blair	7
R. Lough	b. Lankham	8
W. Richbaum	b. Lankham	19
Easton (sub)	not out	12
R. Scott	b. Robinson	3
C. McKenzie	b. Gill	2
W. Norrie	c. Blair b. Robinson	2
Extras		10
Total		88

Bowling	Balls	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Buckland	45	4	7	2
Arneil	35	2	14	0
Barton	40	1	24	1
Lankham	33	6	0	5

Bowling	Balls	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Lankham	90	6	32	4
Robinson	59	4	21	4
Buckland	25	1	12	0
Blair	25	1	3	1
Gill	30	1	10	1

AUCKLAND	FIRST INNINGS	
W. Lankham	b. Lough	3
W.E. Barton	b. Lough	14
J. Arneil	b. Lough	7
R.J. Yates	c. Smith b. Hughes	2
J. Testro	c. Norrie b. Hughes	22
W.W. Robinson	c. Norrie b. Lough	19
R. Blair	run out	1
A.E. O'Brien	b. Hughes	23
C. Gardner	c. Jones b. McKenzie	6
J. Gill	not out	4
W. F. Buckland	b. Hughes	2
Extras		11
Total		114

AUCKLAND	SECOND INNINGS	
R. Blair	b. Hughes	7
J. Testro	c. Richbaum b. Lough	2
J. Arneil	b. Hughes	4
A. E. O'Brien	not out	6
W.W. Robinson	b. Lough	0
W.E. Barton	not out	5
Extras		3
Total	for 4 wickets	27

Bowling	Balls	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Hughes	109	4	46	4
Lough	90	3	44	4
King	35	1	10	0
McKenzie	25	3	3	1

Bowling	Balls	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Lough	39	1	16	2
Hughes	35	2	8	2

Played at Timaru on November 29th and 30th 1882

Auckland won by six wickets