

TENNIS TALK.

(By "Fifall.")

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

First Grade—East Perth v. Wanda.
Fremantle v. Perth.
Mount v. Weid.
South Perth a bye.

Second Grade—Applecross v. South Perth.
Fremantle v. West Perth.
Mount v. Wanda.
Claremont a bye.

A highly satisfactory feature of last Saturday's engagements was the condition of the courts. The dry weather of the preceding days had afforded the one chance they required, and the result was marked in considerably increased pace and reliability.

Two matches of absorbing interest were played, a difference of only three games covering the scores of the four teams concerned. On the preceding Saturday Claremont and Mount (second grade) had achieved a dead-tie with 6 sets 55 games all. This time Claremont, playing against Applecross, again made a dead tie of it with 6 sets 55 games all, while Mount scored a 10 to 2 victory over South Perth, leaving its senior team to uphold the family penchant for close finishes by scoring 6 sets 52 games against Wanda's 6 sets 54 games—a result close enough in all conscience to be ranked by the spectator as on a par with a dead tie. The teams in a game so even as to result in the unusual ties were:—Claremont: Glyde, Rosenstamm, Hursthouse, and Ellis. Applecross: Buzacott, Barclay, Avery, and Scott. The teams that played within two games of each other were:—Wanda: Toppin, Crockett, Haldane, and Linton. Mounts: Greayer, Marshall, Raws, and Davies.

On the other hand, there were no less than three "love" matches won on Saturday. In this merciless fashion East Perth beat South Perth, Fremantle beat Weid, and, in the second grade, Fremantle beat Wanda. However, each of these unsatisfactory finishes might have been anticipated. The best must be made of the material to hand.

To-day's interest will centre in the Fremantle v. Perth engagement. It is expected to indicate the possibility of Fremantle's stopping of the threatened triumphal march of East Perth. But, that the criterion will be a safe one is by no means certain. In the first place, East Perth beat Perth by so wide a margin (10 sets to 2) on Saturday week that any comparison afforded by to-day's match will be of little value. On the other hand, to add to the uncertainty, there is to be considered the question of form. Of Perth's ability there can be little doubt. The only changes it has undergone since its meritorious performances of last season have been to alter its name and materially strengthen its fighting team. And it will be remembered that when the old Stock Exchange was beaten last year it was by the narrowest margins. The team has gone down badly in its first and only match played this season, but nobody would be surprised to see it put up a stubborn fight for honours when the aggregate is being totted up

see it put up a stubborn fight for honours when the aggregate is being totted up three months hence.

Writes a Katanning correspondent:—"Many improvements are now being effected to the local tennis courts. The progressive policy of the new committee should be much appreciated by the members generally. The courts have been topped and will be ready to play on within the next few days. A small members' reserve is also being erected by Mr. T. C. White at the expense of the club, and ornamental trees are being planted in various parts of the ground. The courts should shortly present a very pleasing appearance."

Monday being a holiday, it is desired that the Association pennant matches held over from May 14 should be played on that day. Arrangements are being made to that end and it is probable that most, if not all, of the postponed matches will then be played.

Wanda has definitely decided to hold its club dance on Friday next in St. George's Hall. To meet the wishes of those engaged in the pennant and other matches on the following day, an endeavour was made to postpone the dance to an evening that would perhaps be more suitable to players and dancers. However the committee of ladies in charge of affairs realised that it was impossible in the present instance to do as they in the interest of all concerned would have wished, and so the dance will be held as announced. All that remains is for members and their friends to make of it the success deserved by the assiduous committee.