

## ROWING.

### W.A. CLUB'S BIG DAY.

#### Presentation of Pennant.

The presentation and unfurling of the championship pennant for 1936, the naming of the new practice eight, and the official opening of the West Australian Sculling Club's first season on Saturday attracted the largest crowd the West Australian Rowing Club has seen for many years. The club's fine achievement in winning the premiership and the four open championships during the season just closed was responsible for the spirit of enthusiasm which prevailed on Saturday. The club has demonstrated conclusively that the trouble which occurred two years ago when disbandment was contemplated, has been quite overcome.

Four-oar races were held on Saturday for trophies donated by the vice-president (Dr. L. Le Souef) and upon the completion of the first round the president of the West Australian Rowing Association (Mr. F. E. Shaw) presented the pennant to the captain (Mr. E. Blair). Mr. Shaw warmly congratulated the members upon their well-deserved victory. At the request of Mr. Blair, the Lord Mayor (Mr. J. J. Poynton) who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. L. Barrett), hoisted the pennant.

#### Opening of Sculling Club.

The crowd then assembled in the social hall for the official opening of the West Australian Sculling Club's season. The Lord Mayor was invited to perform the ceremony by Councillor T. Langley who said that by providing competitions the new club would give sculling in this State that impetus which was necessary if the sport were to progress. His remarks were supported by Councillor S. O'Brien.

The Lord Mayor expressed his pleasure at being present and said that sports such as sculling were of great value not only to those taking part in them, but also to the community generally. His association with rowing went back to the days of such champions as "Bill" Beach and other giants of former days. He wished the club and its members a successful season and expressed the hope that through their activities, sculling might enter upon a new era of prosperity.

On behalf of the committee Mr. George Rogers invited the president (Colonel C. H. Lamb) to christen the new practice eight which bears his name. In doing so Colonel Lamb, who was a senior and interstate oarsman in pre-war days, said that he hoped the boat would for a long time play its part in teaching oarsmanship and the spirit of amateur sport to the club's members.

Upon the conclusion of the regatta the trophies were presented to the winning crew by Colonel Le Souef.