

# OUTDOOR SPORTS.

## RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

### FOOTBALL

#### RUGBY.

#### AUCKLAND CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS.

The Rugby football championships were continued at Alexandra Park and Devonport on Saturday, when the third round of matches was played. After a hard game at No. 1 ground City defeated Ponsonby by a converted try to nil; while on the No. 2 ground Newton had a runaway victory over Suburbs, who were beaten by no less than 42 points. At Devonport the home team met and defeated Grafton by 17 to nil, after having the best of the game all through.

#### CITY V. PONSONBY.

A hard, stubborn game was fought out on the No. 1 ground between last year's champions and the Ponsonby team, and though not in a team nature, the game was interesting. City, winning the toss, took the western end, having the advantage of a light wind behind them. The only try of the game was scored towards the closing minutes of the game from an opening made by Young and George. Tyler laddered a beautiful goal, and the match ended City 5, Ponsonby nil.

Though far from being a scientific exhibition of football, the game was "willing" throughout, the contest being stubborn and hard-fought from the kick-off. Ponsonby were at a disadvantage owing to their light pack, which could do little against the weightier vanguard of the winners. In the scrums the latter had things practically their own way, and in the line-outs the advantage was theirs. Ponsonby had the advantage in the backs, however, and the play was of an even character that a win might have gone either way. A very disappointing feature of the game was the absence of the open rushes which contributed so much to the success of City last year. The red and white trusting to the superior weight of their forwards, kept the game as close as possible, especially after their score, while Ponsonby sought to open out the game in order to give their backs a chance. While a better pack, however, they could not succeed in making the game very open, and City held all the advantage in the close forward play. The absence of dash in the open on the part of the City forwards may have been due to the absence of several members of the regular team, but they were lamentably weak in this department. The City backs played fair individual games, but their concerted play was not up to the mark. Young played up to his usual form, and made several good openings, while Magee was safe. George did not play as even a game as usual, though he was responsible for one or two flashes of brilliancy. City's try was scored the result of one of these, the score being very cleverly obtained. After making a nice run, George kicked for blue, while the opposing backs were expecting a pass to Asher, and the wing three-quarter had only to dash across the line and fall on the ball. Gladding was the weakest of the backs, and Donovan was none too sound. The blue and black forwards played a hard up-and-down game, which was picked up by Dawson, playing a fine game all through. Carder also did good work, and Doran was prominent in the open. A feature of the back play was the line-kicking of Rowlock, who found the line with the scrum, but only once failed to gain ground for his side. Carder had very little to do, while Riley was decidedly below form. He failed to take pass after pass, and was slow in getting the ball away when possessed. Taylor at five-eighths played a good game, while Kenyon at full-back proved himself to be well fitted for the position, fielding the ball well and kicking nicely.

#### GRAFTON V. NORTH SHORE.

This match was played on the Devonport Domain, and ended in a win for Shore by 17 points to nil. Mays kicked a pretty goal from the field, and Keohau laddered a penalty goal. Tries were scored by A. Wells and Gerrard, both being converted by Youland.

The game was fast and fairly interesting to watch. From the start it was evident that the Shore team were superior, and it cannot be said that the score represents the merits of the two teams. Grafton certainly were aggressive at times, but then these were as flashes in the pan, and it must be remembered that the description of the game does not cover a deal of play which took place. King, the Grafton half, played a splendid game, and saved his side time after time with clever marks and kicks, and on the rare occasions that the ball came through the scrum he got it away quickly and neatly. His defensive work was a tower of strength to his side. Ward made a very creditable showing at five eighths, but he did not get many chances. McKenzie and McMahd were responsible for a lot of good defensive work, but Klerman, the other three-quarter, played a wretched game on the wing. Marshall,

the full back, made no mistakes. Huddlestons was the only forward that is deserving of note. On the Shore side W. Jones, B. Warbeck, McTuskie, A. Wells, and S. Irvine were prominent in the forwards; P. Gerrard, C. Frankham, and A. Mays the pick of the backs. Gerrard and Mays played particularly good games.

#### A HOLLOW WIN FOR NEWTON.

Newton met Suburbs on No. 2 ground, and scored the easiest of victories by no less than 42 points to nil. Tries were secured by Roberts (3), Blackwell (2), W. Heath, Freeman, Trevarthen, H. Rowe, and Hearne, Eaton converting 3. Suburbs stuck gamely to their task in spite of the overwhelming strength of their opponents. The Newton team, even allowances being made for the weakness of their opponents, made a really excellent showing both in the backs and forwards. The passing of the backs was like clockwork, and the forwards showed better footwork than on the previous Saturday. Gray and Roberts were perhaps the best of the backs, and Eaton, Leig, and Lewis the most conspicuous in the forwards. Most of the Suburbs defence was done by R. Sutherland (full-back), Absolom (three-quarter), and Beach (five-eighths). The place-kicking of Eaton was wretched, only three out of twelve tries being converted.

#### FIRST JUNIORS

North Shore beat Grafton by 18 points to 0. The match was played at Devonport, but was discontinued when the first spell was about half over. Ponsonby beat City by 3 points to 0. Newton beat Suburbs by 25 points to 0.

#### THIRD FIFTEENS.

Suburbs beat Newton by 13 points to 0.

#### SCHOOL MATCHES.

##### A SECTION.

Onelunga beat Richmond road, 18 to 0. Nelson street v. Parnell resulted in a draw, each scoring 3 points. Wellesley street beat Mount Eden, 9 points to 0. Ponsonby beat Newton East, 37 to 0. Beresford street beat Newton West, 3 points to 0. North Shore beat Nelson street by default. Marist Brothers a bye.

##### B SECTION.

Remuera beat Ellerslie, 9 points to 0. Epsom v. Newmarket resulted in a draw, neither side scoring. Mount Roskill beat Mangere, 0 points to 0. Bayfield beat Marist Brothers, 20 to 0. Wellesley street a bye.

#### WAIKATO COMPETITIONS.

##### HAMILTON, Monday.

Saturday's football matches resulted as follows:—No. 1 (14) v. Suburbs (0); Houty (3) v. Taupiri (3); Te Awamutu (3), Pateangi (3); Pirounga (19) v. Kihikihiki (0); and Otorohanga (49) v. Hia (0).

#### GOLDFIELDS MATCHES.

##### THAMES, Saturday.

Rovers defeated Native Rose to-day by 5 points to 3. For Rovers, Keating scored a try, and Winder converted it. Taylor scored for Native Rose. Rovers II, defeated Thames II, by 9 points to nil, Kicket scoring two tries for the winners.

##### PAEROA, Saturday.

The football matches to-day under the control of the Paeroa Union were of an interesting character. East seniors were defeated by Suburbs by three points to nil; whilst West juniors defeated Suburbs juniors by 25 points to 4. In the former match Kicket made a splendid run, and scored right behind the posts. It is evident that Suburbs seniors will be difficult to defeat for the Cup this season. Mr. P. Flynn was an excellent referee. During the match T. Edwards, the Suburbs half back, received a nasty cut in the head about three inches long.

##### WAIHI, Saturday.

To-day West beat City by 8 to nil. For the winners McElkie and Ferry scored, Cunningham converting the first try. Cunningham played with all his old dash.

#### TAURANGA SEASON OPENED.

##### TAURANGA, Saturday.

The first football match of the season, Tauranga v. Ngawaro, was played here this afternoon, and after a very interesting game resulted in a victory for the former by 17 points to nil. For the winning team tries were obtained by Healey (2, one of which was converted by Cooke), Asher, Cullen, and Talkato. Mr. Hy, Tanner had charge of the whistle, and gave general satisfaction.

#### THE GAME AT ROTORUA.

##### ROTORUA, Saturday.

Kabukura met City and Whakarewareware at Rotorua to-day, and both matches were drawn, there being no score in either game. Both matches were fast and keenly contested.

#### HAWERA MATCHES.

##### HAWERA, Monday.

Considerable interest was taken in the Hawera-Waimate senior match on Saturday, as both teams would have been equal for the cup if Waimate had won. Waimate had an excellent forward team, and had their opponents completely beaten in the scrums, the ball almost without exception going to their half back. In the loose the forwards were more evenly matched; Hawera, though beaten by weight, were cleverer and in better form. An interesting game ended: Hawera 11 points, Waimate 8. The senior match Patea v. Eltham was not a brilliant exposition of football, the visitors winning by 16 points to 3. Ohaiwa v. Opunake was played at Ohaiwa, and ended in a win for Opunake by 9 points to 3.

In the junior matches Waimate beat Hawera by 8 to nil, and Opunake defeated Ohaiwa by 10 points to nil. The second junior match, Hawera v. Waimate, ended in a draw, neither side scoring.

#### THE GAME AT NAPIER.

##### NAPIER, Monday.

Beautiful weather prevailed for Saturday's matches. In the Senior Shield competition Ahuriri defeated Te Aute by 11 points to 8. The game in the first half was uninteresting, as Ahuriri, aided by a good breeze, had their opponents continually on the defensive. Beach and Smith crossed Te Aute's line six times, converting his own try. Before half-time Smith registered his second try, which was not converted. On changing ends the Collegians attacked strongly with real passing rushes, and just missed scoring on several occasions. Eventually from a line-out King broke through and scored, Grennell falling with the kick. Te Aute made desperate efforts to improve its position, and one of the greatest passing rushes seen on the ground ended in Inougo touching down behind the posts, Erakana converting on the call of time. The Collegians were very disappointing in the first half. They were probably reserving themselves for the Australian tour, which commences next week. The winners worked hard, and showed a decided improvement in form.

The Junior Shield proved a very exciting game of the season so far, being won by the former by the narrow margin of one point. There was no score in the first spell. Early in the second half Scudde was penalised, and D'Arcy placed a line goal. Scudde retaliated, and in their opponents' territory Bishop potted a pretty goal. Scudde swept the ball over their opponents' goal-line on three occasions, but lost the ball. McVean made a beautiful shot at goal, which was unsuccessful. A hard fought game ended as above. The opposing forwards were well matched, but the blue division, which suffered by comparison with Scudde's. Bishop, the erstwhile representative full-back, considerably strengthened the winners' rear-guard. In the Junior Flag competition the results were:—City (10), Te Aute (nil); Tangio (0) v. Suburbs (nil); Scudde forfeited to Ahuriri. In the President's Cup matches Scudde scored 17 points against Ahuriri's 2. The Junior match proved the justification of the Hastings suburban body resulted as follows:—Tamatara juniors beat Waiohiki by 11 to nil; Hawdock Harriers beat Rovers by 11 to nil.

#### WANGANUI MATCHES.

##### WANGANUI, Monday.

There was a large attendance at the T.Y.M.I. Old Boys' match on Saturday. Old Boys scored an easy win by 16 to nil. T.Y.M.I. were handicapped by the absence of Meill, the backbone of its rear-guard, and without him they seemed quite disorganised. The Old Boys' backs played well throughout, and their forwards exhibited great dash, particularly in the loose. Murray (1), and Craig scored tries in the first spell, and Bell potted a goal. On resuming N. Pownall and G. Pownall crossed the T.M.I. line, but neither try was converted. The Wanganui-Waverly game, played at

Waverly, ended in favour of the home team by 15 to nil. Wanganui were minus the services of several of their best players, six juniors being pressed into service. The Waverly line was never seriously threatened, and the game was simply an exercise canter for its reps. During the game Duncley, a Wanganui back, was severely kicked in the head, and was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition. From latest advices he is much better.

In the junior match the results were as follows:—Kuiarau 15, Waverly nil; Piritea 6, Blackberries 3. The third class match, Piritea v. Kabanau, resulted in a victory for the former by 6 to 5.

#### WELLINGTON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

##### WELLINGTON, Monday.

Good weather and a fairly neutral wind were the prevailing conditions for Saturday's senior Rugby games, and some fast and interesting play was witnessed. In the first spell Wellington scored in a good fight with Ponoka, and when the teams crossed honours were even. With a clever passing run, initiated by Breubner, and carried on by Scott, Wilson, Pascoe, and Carey, Wellington drew first blood. After a second of waiting Patrick Poneke scored near medium of Slater. In the second half the Poneke forwards attacked continuously, and nearly all the tries were the outcome of the forward pressure. McKay, McCree, Taylor, Grimthorpe and Mann crossed the Wellington chank mark. McKay converting the last mentioned try. Poneke won by 20 points to 3. The red pack played a fine game, Calnan and McCree being the pick of the bunch.

A win for Old Boys against Athletic was taken for granted, and the former soon rattled up 10 points. Dawson and Cleland were the try getters, Cleland converting both scores. For the remainder of the game Old Boys played without any system, while their opponents put in great efforts to retrieve their fortunes. Old Boys put on two more tries, Neilson and Gardner being the scorers, while Condy laddered down for Athletic, and Hales kicked a penalty goal. The final result was Old Boys 16, Athletic 6.

There was a disappointing exhibition of football in the Melrose-Oriental game, the latter unexpectedly winning by 7 points to nil. Early in the first spell Bush potted a neat goal, and Anderson noticed a try. The junior championship results were as follows:—Wellington 8, Old Boys 4; Victoria College 3, Poneke nil; Petone 8, St. James 3; Kin Ora 8, Oriental 3; Athletic 18, Johnsonville nil. Melrose default to Southern.

In the third class the games resulted:—Oriental 27, Victoria College nil; Old Boys 6, Poneke 3; Athletic 11, Wellington 3; St. Patrick's College 17, Melrose 3.

The fourth class match, Southern v. Selwyn, ended in a win for the former by 8 points to 3. McVean, a Selwyn player, broke one of his legs during the game.

#### MANAWATU MATCHES.

##### PALMERSTON NORTH, Monday.

The meeting of the Institute and Palmerston senior clubs produced a good struggle. McMilln scored the first try for Institute, Scott converting. With the wind behind them in the second half Palmerston were expected to win the match, but as the game progressed their forwards were pably tired. Stalker, leader of Oturo, got his side penalised, and Hewitt put the ball prettily between the uprights. Twice InSTITUTE passed their opponents' chank mark, but were called back in each instance. Baker subsequently dived across, Scott making an unsuccessful attempt to notch the major points. From a loose rush Adams scored another try for Institute. Scott scored a try for Oturo, but was called back on a scrum falling with the kick at goal. The final scores were Institute 11, Palmerston 3. The play of the winners was decidedly superior, their backs handling the ball with very good precision.

Old Boys met Awahuri on the latter's own ground, and suffered a heavy defeat. The county forwards walked over their opponents, who were considerably fagged after contesting the first spell against a strong team. Awahuri played a good solid game, and fully deserved their victory. The scores were: Awahuri 10, Old Boys 0.

The senior match Wanderers v. Otaki played at Otaki on Saturday, was won by the latter by 8 to 0. The game was fast and interesting throughout. Bevan scored for Wanderers, Swanson and Bevan converted. Levis, and full out of the senior contest, as they cannot get on their feet. The junior matches resulted as follows: Swainson and Beven (8) v. Levin (3); Wanderers and Tainui a draw, there being no score; Otaki (0) v. Ohau (nil). In the junior competitions Tokomaru forfeited to Pehianga, and Kin Tokomaru failed to obtain their undebated record, defeating Awahuri by 8 points to 3. Kelly scored two tries for the winners, Warner converting one. Awahuri's points were obtained from a try.