

# OUTDOOR SPORTS.

## RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

### FOOTBALL.

#### RUGBY.

#### GOLDFIELDS V. AUCKLAND.

##### THE VISITORS BEATEN BY 15 TO NIL.

The second inter-union match of the season took place Saturday at Epsom, and resulted in another victory for Auckland. The match attracted an attendance of about 400, the sum of \$100 being taken at the gates. Mr. (the) Katterer officiated as referee, and Messrs. Ohlson and H. Bright acted as line umpires.

Mr. Wood captained the Auckland team, and Garvey that of the visitors. The home team won by 15 points to nil.

The exhibition was in marked contrast to the display of the previous week. We were then treated to some fast, exciting work by both teams, but on Saturday it was anything but interesting beyond a few flashes of brilliant work by the local men. The Goldfields forwards were ahead of those of the Thames, but lacked the necessary knowledge to take advantage of the chances that came their way in the scrum, but they more than held their own in line-out work. To individualise the players, his Henwick at full-back was very patchy, his handling of the ball being faulty. While there was no real distinction to stop rushes. Of the three-quarters, McKenzie was the pick, and gave a good display. The pace he showed after he intercepted a Goldfields pass at his own 25 was an eye-opener to those who have always classed him as a slow man. Murray, on the other wing, played a good, sound game, and made no mistakes. He is as good as any of them, which is saying a lot. He played a long way below his form. Of the halves, Ward was the best, and was responsible for some tricky work. Wood was evidently not over-exerting himself, and beyond a flash and light took matters easy. He showed a tendency to hang on to the ball too long, and threw away one or two good chances. Kieruan behind the pack was good, but is not yet showing his usual hard game. The forwards as a whole seemed to take matters anything but seriously, but woke up now and again and made things interesting. There was marked improvement in handling the ball from the scrum, it coming out quicker and cleaner than on the previous Saturday. Lewis, Nicholson, Tyler, and Seeling were perhaps the most prominent, although Joyce and Grey then were conspicuous on several occasions. Of the Goldfields team, Howland at full-back played fairly, but was weak in his tackling and taking the ball. He badly missed McKenzie when the latter scored his second try. Lewis was the best of the three-quarters, Cook on the other wing getting very few opportunities. McEneaney in the centre gave a very poor display, and is evidently a long way below his old form. Lewis at three-quarters was the best of the Goldfields backs, and was responsible for a lot of good, useful work. His want of pace was against him. Garvey as a promoter got very few chances to show prominently. There was very little to choose between Bramble and Fraser on the wings, both showing a decided tendency to off-side play. The forwards all played hard, solid game, but were lacking in the line-out work. Their line-out work was splendid. Cunningham, Caplin, Sorrensen, and Arms were about the best. McEneaney was sadly wanting in condition.

In the evening the two teams dined at the Commercial Hotel, and afterwards visited His Majesty's, where they witnessed "The Maximus" by the Woods-Williamson Company.

On Sunday afternoon the Goldfields team were taken for a drive, calling around at Onehunga to see Mr. Murray, the selector, off to Wellington. Mr. Murray's trip was made for the purpose of assisting in the selection of the New Zealand team to meet the Britshers.

#### AUCKLAND V. NORTHERN WAIROA.

The match between the Auckland "B" team and the Northern Wairoa representatives, played at Awarua on Saturday afternoon, resulted in a win for the country team by 16 points to 14. W. Harrison (Northern) was the star, who scored a try and a goal, and gave a very fair display. Mays (fullback), Absolom (three-quarters), and Moran (wing) played well for Auckland.

Clayton Stibbury, manager of the Auckland team, is of opinion that Harrison should be given a trial in the "A" and "B" match next Saturday.

#### AUCKLAND TRIAL MATCH.

A trial match will be played at Alexandra Park on Saturday by Mr. Murray, the Auckland selector, in picking the Auckland team to play Wellington on 8th August. The teams are:

A Team: Fullback, Henwick; three-

quarters, Asher, Gerrard, McKenzie; five-eighths, Ward; halfback, Kieruan; wings, Moran and Fraser; forwards, Tyler, Gahner, Nicholson, Lewis, Seeling, Joyce, Trevelyan.

B Team: Fullback, Mays; three-quarters, Absolom, Murray and Curran; five-eighths, Magee; halfback, King; wings, Wells and W. Tyler; forwards, Irving, Caplin, Auldridge, Cunningham, H. Hayward, Francis, McCluskie.

Emergencies: Phillips, Wood, R. McGregor, Lendrum, Scott, Mackell, Whana, Herring, MacCormick, Warbrick, Heath.

#### THIRD FIFTEENS.

Ponsonby and North Shore played a drawn game, neither side scoring. These teams are leading for the championship, and will probably play off again on Saturday next.

#### OLD BOYS' MATCHES.

Beresford-street (18) beat Grafton (all). Parnell and Richmond-road drew (no score). Ponsonby won from Mt. Eden by default. Onehunga (21) beat Newton (nil).

#### PUBLIC SCHOOL MATCHES.

Remuera v. Bayfield.—Remuera won by 3 points to nil.

Parnell v. Ponsonby.—Parnell won by 3 points to nil.

Wellesley-street "B" v. Manurewa Bridge.—Wellesley-street won by 6 points to nil.

Wellesley-street "A" v. Nelson-street.—Wellesley-street won by default.

Marist Bros. v. Beresford-street.—Marist Bros. won by default.

Cochrane v. Newton East.—Onehunga won by 9 points to nil.

Newmarket v. Mount Roskill.—Newmarket won by default.

The draw for the supplementary round in the "B" grade competition commencing on Saturday, July 30th, is as under:—Bayfield v. Epsom, Remuera v. Ellerslie; Bayfield v. Remuera, Epsom v. Ellerslie; Bayfield v. Epsom, Remuera v. Remuera.

#### SECONDARY SCHOOLS MATCHES.

St. John's I. beat Sacred Heart I. by 5 to 3.

St. John's II. beat Sacred Heart II. by 4 to nil.

#### FROM THE GOLDFIELDS.

##### THAMES, Monday.

On Saturday the Cup competitions were continued. In the senior match, Native Rose v. Thames, the former won by seven points to five. For the winners James scored a try, and Newland kicked a goal from a mark. For Thames Cora scored a goal, which Newell converted. The junior match, Rivers II. v. Thames II., was won by the former by 3 points to nil.

##### PAEROA, Monday.

The junior representative match, Paeroa and Karangahake, was played on Saturday at Makarotown, and was won by the latter by 13 points to nil.

##### WAIHI, Monday.

The final for the junior championship football cup was decided on Saturday afternoon on the local reserve, Suburbs meeting City. The game was mostly noted for forward play, little passing being indulged in. At half-time no scores had been recorded. During the second spell Berriman got over the line for Suburbs, but the try was not converted. No further score resulted, Suburbs thus winning the cup for the fourth time in succession. Mr. McWhirter gave general satisfaction as referee.

Thames and Waikato met on Saturday for the second time this season, at Waikato, the latter winning by five goals to two. For the winners, goals were scored by Seelye (2) and Torrens, Roberts, and Ulrich. For the losers Horne scored one goal, and Williams one. Home and Martin were best among the forwards, and the Rev. Williams and Whitehead of the backs. For the winners Seelye and Ulrich played finely, the former's two goals being particularly good. McKinty, Gray, and McIndoe were the best of the Waikato backs.

##### HAMILTON V. CAMBRIDGE.

##### HAMILTON, Monday.

Hamilton defeated Cambridge by 6 to nil; and Huntly and Ngawawahia played a draw, scoring 3 points each. The former won the championship. To Awamutu defeated Otorohanga by 11 to 0; and Kihikihi beat Patetangi by 15 to nil.

##### WAIPIA UNION.

##### TE AWAMUTU, Monday.

Te Awamutu beat Otorohanga by 11

points to nil, thus securing the Waipa Rugby Union's senior championship for the year.

##### WHANGAREI UNION.

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The competitions for the Whangarei Union's shield cup were concluded on Saturday, when Whakapara defeated Whangarei by 10 points to nil. Whakapara thus win the Union's shield and cup for the year. Whakapara also won the junior championship, beating the South Juniors on Saturday by 6 points to nil.

##### TARANAKA CUP MATCHES.

##### TARANAKA, Monday.

The cup competitions under the auspices of the Taranaka Rugby Union were continued on Saturday afternoon in perfect weather, when Taranaka met and defeated Paengaroa by 20 points to 5.

##### TARANAKI BEAT WANGANUI.

##### HAMILTON, Monday.

The representative football match Taranaki v. Wanganui was played at Hawera last week, and resulted in a victory for Taranaki by 11 to 3. In the first half Goun, for Taranaki, scored a penalty goal, and also a try, which was converted by Glasgow. O'Sullivan also obtained a try (Taranaki 11; Wanganui nil). In the second half, tries were obtained by Thompson (Wanganui), and Hunt (Taranaki).

##### HAWKE'S BAY DEFEAT BUSH UNION.

##### NAPIER, Monday.

Despite the wintry weather, there was a good attendance to witness the Bush Union (North Wairarapa) v. Hawke's Bay match. The home team won easily by 21 to nil. The play of the winners was very creditable, but not up to their previous Wednesday's form, their passing at times being faulty. The losers played a plucky uphill game throughout, and with combination would give a good account of themselves. Before the teams had crossed over Hawke's Bay had scored three tries, per the medium of Smith, Toohill, and Bishop. McVay converting two with lovely kicks. In the succeeding spell Toohill and Bishop crossed the visitors' line, McVay negotiating the ball over the cross bar on one occasion. Mr. Logan was referee. The visitors returned to their homes by this morning's express train.

Hawke's Bay play a return match with Dannevirke in Napier on Wednesday.

G. Willis, forward, has been recommended by the Hawke's Bay selector for inclusion in the New Zealand team.

##### WELLINGTON MATCHES POSTPONED.

##### WELLINGTON, Monday.

On account of the inclement weather, the Rugby Union's local matches were postponed.

##### WAIKARAPPA BEAT WELLINGTON.

##### MASERTON, Monday.

A fresh southerly breeze, accompanied by showers of rain and a strong wind, were the conditions under which Wellington and Wairarapa rep. teams played their return match of the season at Carterton. In the first half McKenzie pointed high, and McGregor, who tried to take the ball with one hand, naturally missed it, with the result that the green forwards carried the leather over. Cadwallader gaining the first try, O'Leary converted. A charac-

teristic dash by Warner enabled the home team, per the medium of Jackson, to add its second try before the town men had recovered from the first score. In the next spell the ball was kicked over the wing—over the line and at stake and Wilson captured the opposition, the former scoring under the posts. Ardinger converted. Roberts shortly afterwards got over the completion's chalk-line, but the referee disallowed it. The game ended: Wairarapa 6; Wellington 5. The culture of the referee (Mr. Thutless) was puzzling to the visitors. Several of his decisions against Wellington were open to grave question.

The Wairarapa rep. team leaves on its Northern tour to-morrow morning. Matches will be played against Taranaki, Wanganui, Manawatu, and Bush Union.

##### RESULTS FROM WANGANUI.

##### WANGANUI, Monday.

The final for the shield between Hulla and Matros, played at Ahuriri, ended in a win for the home combination by 4 points (a goal from a mark) to nil. Tennant landed a beautiful goal from a difficult angle. The game was well contested from start to finish.

In the cup matches, Wanganui effected a slight surprise by defeating Huteri by 10 to 11. The game was chiefly remarkable for the fine forward play of Wells. Mitchell started scoring by crossing the Wanganui line at the corner, and a few minutes later he performed exactly the same feat. The second spell put a different complexion on the game, Wall scoring three tries and Chapman one for Wanganui. Dunlop started scoring by crossing the Wanganui line, Holland adding the major points.

Kaitera v. T.Y.M.I. resulted in the easiest of wins for the former, the score at "no sides" being Kaitera 17; T.Y.M.I. 3. For the winners, Tregear kicked a goal from the field in the first spell. After crossing over Kaitera piled on 13 points through the agency of Fregoe (twice) and McLennan, Tokorangi adding the major points in two instances. A try was notched at try for the losers. Several of the crack players did not take part in the above matches owing to injuries received in the Taranaki match.

##### MANAWATU MATCHES.

##### MANAKAPU, Monday.

The Wanderers v. Bush Union ended in a victory for the former by 10 to 3. McKenzie scored for Levin in the first spell, Wallace and Smith registering tries for Wanderers in the next half. The game was productive of plenty of excitement, and was evenly contested throughout.

##### PAUMOTU, Monday.

The Manawatu trial rep. match on Saturday was something in the nature of a frost, only half the players selected putting in an appearance.

At the invitation of Mr. Hinton v. Hulas, a great considerable interest, Hulas winning by 9 to nil.

Campbell Street School beat High School by 13 to 8.

##### SOUTHLAND BEATEN BY CANTERBURY.

##### CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

Although the football match between Southland and Canterbury was played in drizzling rain, it attracted quite a large attendance. The game was won by Canterbury by 6 points to 5 points. Considering that the ground was slushy, and the ball soon became sodden, the play was really good. Southland had the ground been hard would probably have won. So long as the ball remained fairly dry their tactics of holding the scrum and heeling on to the backs answered well, and for the first half an hour they were much superior to their opponents. Then the latter altered their methods, and substituting offloading for passing, more than held their own. The backs on neither side could hold the ball on any of the few occasions on which the Canterbury rear-guard managed to hold it long enough to accomplish a little accurate passing they scored. When the Canterbury forwards changed their tactics they put a man out on the wing, and for the rest of the game played seven scrum-inners against their opponents. Under the conditions which prevailed, it is difficult to compare the teams, but there is a consensus of opinion among the critics that the visitors were stronger forward than the local rep.

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