

OUTDOOR SPORTS.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

AUCKLAND REPS.

A trial match between the "A" and "B" teams took place at Epsom on Saturday, and resulted in a draw—14 all.

The teams were as follows:—**A Team:** Kenwick, Absolom, Murray, Carlaw, R. McGreggor, Kiernan, Fraser, Heath, Tyler, Gaisner, Lewis, Nicholson, Mackrell, Joyce, Trevarthen. **B Team:** Mays, Marshall, Phillips, Lendras, Shera, Young, Wells, W. Taylor, Irvine, Capill, Cunningham, Antrigee, Scott, Francis, McCoskie.

With so many of the originally chosen "A" team absent, it was hardly to be expected that a first class game would be witnessed, and beyond a few flashes of exciting play, the game was very uninteresting. Kenwick, at full-back, was again disappointing, and his omission from the representative team will not cause any surprise. Of the three-quarters, Murray was a long way the best, his handling of the ball being first class, while his kicking was excellent. It was a pity the kick he received compelled him to retire, as after his retirement the "B" scored eight tries. Absolom is not the Absolom of old. Carlaw was patchy. Dick McGreggor unexpectedly turned out (and although there was a trifle too much condition noticeable), gave a good display, he has lost none of his old tricks, and will be a decided acquisition to our team. Kiernan took matters easy. The forwards were evidently only out for exercise, and did not play with the dash that we know they can show when called upon to do so. Joyce and Nicholson were perhaps the most prominent. Of the "B" team Mays at full did not play up to expectations. His kicking was the strongest point, but his tackling was watched. The three-quarters were very moderate, Phillips doing the greatest amount of work. Shera, at five-eighths, was not prominent, but Young, at centre half played right up to his last form, and got through his work in good style. Wells on the wing, was easily the best of the wingers, some of his foot work being splendid. Of the forwards Irvine, Antrigee and Scott showed up most prominently.

TO PLAY WELLINGTON.

Mr Murray's final selection of the Auckland team to represent us against Wellington next Saturday was posted after the "A" and "B" trial match. Mr Murray has sprung a bit of a surprise on us in the selection of Harrison as full-back. After Gerrard's inclusion in the New Zealand team for that responsible post, it was looked upon as almost certain that he would be called upon to act in the same capacity for the local team. In choosing Harrison Mr Murray has evidently been guided by the opinion of those who saw him play against the Auckland team. Harrison has lately shown a good form as he displayed last year to justify his inclusion. Mr Murray has decided to drop Wood on account of his unaccountable, and in replacing him with R. McGreggor has made a good move. Certainly McGreggor is a bit above himself, and may not do himself justice against Wellington, but by the time the British match is played ought to be a right well. There is no doubt to be found with the forward division, every man of whom has well earned his place.

THE THIRTEEN.

Full-back: W. Harrison (Northern Wairoa); three-quarters: Acher (City), Gerrard (North Shore), McKenzie (Grafton); five-eighths: R. McGreggor, Ward (Grafton); half-back: Kiernan (Grafton); wing forward: Gallaher (Ponsonby); forwards: Gray (City), Irvine (North Shore), Lewis (Newtown), Nicholson (City), Seehing (City), Trevarthen (Newton), Joyce (North Shore).

Emergencies: Murray, Young, Mackrell, Francis.

CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY PONSONBY.

The Ponsonby and North Shore third fifteens played off for the championship again on Saturday last, the match of the previous week having resulted in a draw. Ponsonby had the better of the game throughout, and won by nine points to nil, thus winning the championship for the season 1904. Tries were scored by Carlaw, Matheson and Trevarthen.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS MATCHES.

Sacred Heart I. v. Grammar School I.—Sacred Heart won, 8 to nil.
King's College I. v. Prince Albert I.—King's won, 12 to nil.
Grammar School II. v. Sacred Heart II.—Grammar School won, 12 to nil.
Prince Albert II. v. King's College II.—Prince Albert won, 12 to 2.

OLD BOYS' MATCHES.

Onehunga v. Mt. Eden.—Onehunga won, 27 to nil.
Beresford-st. v. Chapel-st.—Beresford-st. won, 29 to nil.

PUBLIC SCHOOL MATCHES.

Nelson-street v. Newton West.—Nelson-street won by 3 points to nil.
Parrell v. Richmond-road.—Parrell won by default.
Onehunga v. Wellesley-street.—Onehunga won by 4 points to nil.
Ellerslie v. Remuera.—Ellerslie won by 3 points to nil.
Marist Brothers v. Mt. Eden.—Marist Brothers won by 18 points to nil.
Bayfield v. Epsom.—Bayfield won by 14 points to nil.

NORTH V. SOUTH ONEHUNGA.

Teams representing the North and South Onehunga Clubs played a very well contested game at the fairs on Saturday, the result being a win for North Onehunga by 7 points to 3. In the evening dinner was served in the Public Hall.

A. AND T. BURT V. MASSEY BROS.

Teams representing these firms played on No. 8 ground on Saturday, the result being a win for Burt's team by 4 points to 3. J. Taylor kicked a goal for the winners, and A. Wannop scored a try for Massey Bros.

COASTGUARDS V. PSYCHE B TEAM.

The former won by 20 points to all. Tries were scored by Woodward (2) and Little (2). Woodward and Little converted one each, while Booker kicked a goal from a mark.

WISEMAN'S V. D.S.C.

A team from Messrs Wiseman and Sons met a team from the D.S.C. at Ellerslie on Saturday, and played a very interesting game. The match resulted in a win for the former by 13 points to 6.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO THE NEWTON TEAM.

A complimentary dinner was tendered by Mr P. Quinlan at the Clarendon Hotel last week to the members of the Newton District Football Club, to commemorate their success in the senior championship for 1904. Fully 80 guests sat down to dinner, which was served in host Quinlan's best style, the menu cards being neatly printed in the colours of the club. Mr H. Conquer, president of the Newton Club, presided, and as soon as the eatables were disposed of gave the toast of "The King." Mr F. J. Ohlson, chairman of the Referees' Association, followed, and in a neat speech proposed the health of the Newton Football Club, coupled with the names of the captain (Mr T. Roberts) and the chairman. In the course of his speech Mr Ohlson congratulated the team on their success, and on their conduct on the field. Messrs. Conquer and Roberts suitably replied. Other toasts honoured were the "Auckland Rugby Union," "Kindred Clubs," "Auckland Referees," "the A.R.U. Selector" (Mr Murray), and "Our Host." The chairman, in proposing the last-named toast, referred in eulogistic terms to Mr Quinlan as a constant supporter of the Newton Club and of football generally, and on behalf of the senior team presented him with a handsome shield of the members of the committee and the team. The popular host suitably responded. Musical items were rendered during the evening by Messrs. Lewis, Chevis, Brown, Perry, Lockhard, J. Quinlan, jun., McAuliffe, and Forl. Amongst the guests present were the members of the A.R.U. Committee, and representatives of the Referees' Association and kindred clubs.

WAIKATO MATCHES.

In the football matches played here on Saturday City beat No. 1 by 5 to 4, making a tie for the championship. Paterson defeated Pirongia by 17 to 0. Kihikihia and Otterohanga had a draw, 8 all.

FRANKLIN RUGBY UNION.

A meeting of the delegates of the above Union was held on Friday, July 23rd, in the Pukekohe Hotel, Mr Reid (president) in the chair. There were eight present. The chief business was the consideration of certain statements made by the Waiuku Club against Mr Williams, who acted as referee at a match played at Waiuku three weeks ago between the Waiuku and Pukekohe teams, and the refusal of the Waiuku Club to pay the referee's expenses. After careful investigation and hearing Mr Williams' statement, the delegates decided to disqualify the Waiuku Club for two years. A member of the Waiuku team was also disqualified for ten years on a charge of having insulted the referee.

PAEROA V. WAHII.

The inter-union football match, Paeroa v. Waihi, was played here on Saturday afternoon, but was not very interesting. The ground was heavy, and the game was confined practically to the forwards. Up to within five minutes of the time no score had been registered, but then James got the ball from the line, and Vingar passed to Bickets, who made a nice run. Then he gave to Coote, and the latter ran over. No goal resulted. Immediately on resuming Paeroa got the ball into Waihi's 25, and from forward rush Bickets picked up and forced his way over. The game thus ended: Paeroa, 6; Waihi, nil. Mr J. McGreggor gave every satisfaction as referee.

MANAIA V. COROMANDEL.

TWO PLAYERS ORDERED OFF.

The Rugby Union cup match, Mania v. Coromandel, was played in Bates' paddock on Saturday, and after a very rough game resulted in a victory for Coromandel by 6 points to 3. For the winners, tries were scored by J. Gairdner and W. Jones, and Doctor scored for Mania. Two players were ordered off the field for rough play. Mr Fernandez was the referee.

WHANGAREI UNION.

A large number of spectators were present at the Union matches in North's paddock on Saturday, the weather being fine. The Whangarei seniors played the Mangawhai juniors, the match ending in favour of the home team by 12 points to 8. During the match C. Foote, of Whangarei, had his collarbone broken, and McKenzie, who attempted to jump over one of the Mangawhai men, was thrown heavily to the ground, a number of his teeth being knocked out. The Mangawhai juniors played the Whangarei juniors, the result being a draw.

HAWKE'S BAY UNION.

NAPIER, Monday.

A large number of spectators found their way to the Grand Stand on Saturday, and were treated to the finest exhibition of Rugby seen on the ground for many years. Both Seaside and Te Aute teams were in excellent fettle, and the game was fast and exciting throughout. In the first half the ball went up and down the field with great rapidity, owing to the College backs invariably securing it from the scrum and starting dangerous passing rushes, which severely taxed the defensive powers of the opposing backs. Seaside forwards were a shade better than Te Aute's. They put in some fine dribbling rushes, and only hard kicking when near the line prevented several likely scores. Half-time was sounded without a score on either side. The second spell opened and ended merrily. Bishop dashing up gained possession from a punt by McVay, but when near the line lost the ball, which was snatched up by Snyvik, who registered a try. McVay converting with a lovely kick. A magnificent passing rush by Te Aute ended in Grennell dashing through his opponents and going over at the corner flag. Erekan had a simple kick, but failed to equalise matters. The final result was: Seaside 5, Te Aute 2.

The junior match, Te Aute v. Tongarewa, was won by the former by 9 points to 5. Mr F. Logan, president of the Rugby Union, delivered a short address on Saturday night on various points of the game, to a large assemblage of footballers who evinced great interest in the proceedings. The Hawke's Bay team selected to play Wellington on Tuesday is regarded as a very strong one in all departments, and is expected to give a good account of itself against the visitors.

Handicap sub-union matches resulted:—Seniors: Tamatea v. Heretaunga United.—This match was very keenly contested, and ended in a draw, neither team scoring. The

latter team have now secured the senior cup for the season. Juniors: Havelock (0) beat Tamatea (0); Rovers (4) beat Rovers (1) (0); Waihi (1) won by default. Heretaunga United failing to put a team in the field. The contest for the junior cup is still very open, as there are three teams within a few points of each other.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Owing to the representative team being on tour no senior matches were played. The junior championship matches resulted:—Melrose 6, Johnsonville nil; Petone 3, King's College nil; Athletic 13, Oriental nil. Third Class: Athletic 19, Selwyn nil; St. Patrick's College 30, Old Boys nil. Fourth Class: Selwyn 4, St. Patrick's College nil; Athletic 25, St. James' nil; Railway 16, Oriental 3. Fifth Class: St. Patrick's College 18, Selwyn nil. The Athletics' Oriental fixture was postponed, the referee failing to turn up.

WELLINGTON BEAT MANAWATU.

PALMERSTON NORTH, Monday.

The northern tour of the Wellington rugby team opened successfully at Palmerston North on Saturday, when Manawatu were defeated by 8 to 2. The show ground was in good order, and the weather conditions perfect, until the beginning of the second spell, when light rain converted to a fall. The game was very contested, and although the better team won, the result was marvellous all through the second spell. The Manawatu men lacked combination in the first half, but they improved considerably from the second half on. Wellington forwards did some great work in the first spell. A new feature of their play was the passing rushes from the line out. The backs on both sides were not above their form. Coote was probably the best forward on the field. Wilshear, McMillin (2), Johnston, and Heppner were the picks of Manawatu scrummers. In the first spell a loose forward rush of the visiting forwards closed with Moss diving over at the corner, passing rush by the black forwards enabled Catton to add another try, which Wallace converted. Manawatu scored a try in the next half, A. McMillin breaking through the Wellington corner from 25 yards. The game ended Wellington, 8; Manawatu, 2. Wallace has been elected captain of the Wellington team on tour.

About 2000 people witnessed the game, which constituted a record attendance at a football match in the district, and amounted to 268 1/2. There was a very large attendance of ladies.

L. Allen, late of Taranaki, is coaching the local reps.

WANGANUI RUGBY TO WAIRARAPA.

WANGANUI, Monday.

The Wanganui Rugby Union were indeed unfortunate in regard to the conditions prevailing for the Wanganui-Wairarapa match, which was played on the "Bee." Up till one o'clock the weather promised most favourably, but it gradually clouded over, however, and the match was played in a dreizzling rain, which practically settled the chances of the Wanganui team. The heavy Wairarapa forwards proved veritable "amphibians" in the soft, gelling, and their weight combined with their strength and staying, and the clever work of their backs, proved altogether too much for their lighter opponents. During the first twenty minutes before the ground and the players became saturated, the local men held the upper hand, and their play and scores at this stage suggested that with a dry ground the result might have been different. Their running and passing was very effective, and their all-out come when the ground became soaked, caused their supporters great disappointment. Owing to D. Udy being injured Jackson took his place. Shortly after the start O'Leary kicked a penalty goal for Wairarapa. Both sides were evenly matched, but it was passed to Sheehan, who scored at the end. Mitchell next made a good run and scored for Wanganui. (3-6) Wanganui backs continued the attack, and some clever line-out work followed. Wairarapa tried a try, (6-6) Caldwell was the next to score for his side. (8-6) In the second spell Wairarapa dribbed over the line, and Jackson scored. This time O'Leary converted. (14-6.) In quick succession tries were scored by Rogers and Wrigley, and the game ended Wairarapa 29 points, Wanganui 6.

WAIKARARA JUNIORS.

MASTERTON, Monday.

The results of Wairarapa junior matches on Saturday were:—Carters beat Matimbore by 8 to 3; Gladstone beat Thibungui by 11 to nil; Carterton and Gladstone drew 11 to 11. The champions of the district, the School beat Gladstone by 6 to nil. A good practice of the Wairarapa School reps, was held, and first-class form was shown.

MANAWATU MATCHES.

MANAKAU, Monday.

There was a large crowd of spectators to watch the match between Wanders and Otaki at Wairoa. The game was evenly contested in the forwards. In the first spell the game was slightly in favour of Wanders, who scored a try, which was not bettered. Wanders received a pass and scored a try, which was not converted. After this Otaki went to pieces, and Hiltchinson, Taitui, and Hiltchinson were the only ones who showed any form, one of which Wines converted. The game ended: Wanders 17, Otaki nil. The positions of the teams are:—Levin, played 0, won 4, lost 3, drawn 2, points 10; Wanders, 8-4-2-3-10; Otaki, 8-3-2-2-