

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

WANGANUI, Friday.

The following weights have been declared for the Wanganui Steeplechase meeting...

Wanganui Steeplechase: Plain Hill 12.2, Blackberry 11.0, Kihino 11.3, Blackbutt 11.2, Whangaroa 11.0, Dentist 10.10, Light 10.5, etc.

Flying Handicap: Tupihū 9.0, Chasseur 8.5, Home Field 8.12, Sundial 8.12, Jaxon 8.6, etc.

Suburban Steeplechase: Blackberry 11.12, Whangaroa 11.0, Dentist 11.0, Berleross 10.7, etc.

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First Hack Flat: Taylor 9.1, Brillantine 8.7, Val-Hill 8.5, Amazon 8.3, Com 8.6, etc.

First Hack Hurdles: Mappari 10.9, Wheta 10.7, Amethyst 9.12, Blue Rose 9.6, etc.

Hunters' Hurdles: Wheta 12.0, Epmont 11.7, Amethyst 11.4, Kaiwhakira 10.9, etc.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING. DUNEDIN, Saturday.

The following acceptances have been received in connection with the Dunedin Jockey Club's winter meeting...

Hurdle Race, 13 miles: Des 13.1, Voltair 10.7, Walker 10.5, Zola 10.0, Clunker 9.12, etc.

Hack Handicap, 6 furlongs: Par Niente 8.0, Witches 7.8, etc.

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game was to a great extent confined to the forwards, and in this department the two teams were fairly well matched, but whenever the backs took a hand the town players showed a distinct superiority, both in attack and defence.

NOTES.

NEWTON V. GRAFTON.

There was little or no brilliant individual play shown in this match, though an exception should perhaps be made in the case of Kiernan, the Grafton centre-half. The forwards were fairly evenly matched, though Newton were superior in the line-out and their front row men were generally successful in obtaining possession of the ball.

Clarence II. v. Pirates II.—This match was played at Steppay Grounds and resulted in a win for Clarence by 27 to nil. Tries were secured by Green (2), Walrond (2), Carlaw (1), Phillips (1), Anderson (1), Notton (1), three of which were converted by Gorman.

ROSEBERY V. WHITE STAR.—After a well-contested game Rosebery won by four points to three. Dickey kicking a goal from the field.

CLARENCE V. VICTORIA RIFLES (No. 1).—This match was played at Arch Hill on Saturday last, and resulted in an easy win for Clarence by 22 points to nil.

WARRIORS V. ONEHUNGA (at Otahuhu).—This match resulted in a win for Warriors by 15 to nil. For the winners Jenkins (2), Abbott and Harper each secured tries, while Jenkins kicked a goal from a penalty kick.

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SECOND FIFTEENS.

City v. Ponsonby.—City won by 13 to nil. Scott and Brown each scored tries. Scott kicked a penalty goal, and converted a try.

PARNELL V. NEWTON.—This match ended in a draw, each side scoring a try. Strong scored for Parnell, and Clark for Newton.

SUBURBS V. GRAFTON.—Suburbs won easily by 17 to nil. Murray scored two tries and Austin and Cauley also scored.

THIRD FIFTEENS.

City A v. Suburbs.—City won by default.

City B v. Newton.—City won by 9 to 3. For City McGurk, Anderson, and Parkes scored each a try.

PONSONBY A V. PONSONBY B.—The B team won by 9 to 0.

GRAFTON III. V. SUBURBS A.—This was played at Ellerslie, and resulted in an easy win for Grafton by 15 to 3.

IMPERIALS V. HOBSON.—After a well-contested game Imperials won by 4 points to nil. For the winners D. Green kicked a goal from the field.

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May 23.—Mount Eden v. Richmond Road, Parnell v. Ponsonby, Napier-street v. Onehunga, Grafton v. Newton East, Devonport v. Beresford-street, Nelson-street v. Wellesley-street.

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June 9.—Napier-street v. Grafton, Onehunga v. Richmond Road, Mount Eden v. Ponsonby, Beresford-street v. Parnell, Nelson-street v. Newton East, Wellesley-street v. Devonport.

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July 7.—Onehunga v. Nelson-street, Grafton v. Richmond Road, Newton East v. Parnell, Ponsonby v. Beresford-street, Wellesley-street v. Mount Eden, Napier-street v. Devonport.

July 14.—Napier-street v. Newton East, Ponsonby v. Nelson-street, Onehunga v. Wellesley-street, Grafton v. Beresford-street, Mount Eden v. Devonport, Parnell v. Richmond Road.

July 21.—Beresford-street v. Richmond Road, Grafton v. Nelson-street, Onehunga v. Devonport, Ponsonby v. Wellesley-street, Mount Eden v. Newton East, Napier-street v. Parnell.

July 28.—Mount Eden v. Parnell, Napier-street v. Richmond Road, Onehunga v. Newton East, Beresford-street v. Nelson-street, Grafton v. Wellesley-street, Ponsonby v. Devonport.

There will be only one round in the "A" competition this year. Delegates must certify to the secretary before the competitions begin that the players comply with conditions set forth in the rules of the union.

"B" SECTION (FIVE SCHOOLS). First Round. May 19.—Bayfield v. Epsom, Newmarket v. Wellesley-street, Chapel-street by.

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June 14.—Bayfield v. Wellesley-street, Epsom v. Chapel-street, Newmarket by. June 21.—Epsom v. Wellesley-street, Newmarket v. Chapel-street, Bayfield by.

OHINEMURI RUGBY UNION. The Cup matches in connection with the Ohinemuri Rugby Union commenced on Saturday, when Paeroa played Karangahake, and Waikino met Waitekauri.

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FOOTBALL.

Saturday was almost a perfect day for football, cold but fine, and if the opening day of the 1900 season only proves to be the forerunner of many more such beautiful afternoons the players and spectators will have little to grumble at, provided, of course, good football ensues.

Taking into consideration that most of the clubs were playing their first match of the season, the play shown was distinctly good, and looking at the results of the various games, the different teams promise to be much more evenly matched than was generally anticipated.

At Potter's the match that excited most attention was the one between Newton and Grafton, which was played in front of the stand. Most people fancied that the former team would prove more than a match for their opponents. Such, however, was not the case, and although Newton proved victorious, it was only by the narrow margin of a goal to a try, and had the back turned the other way I fancy Grafton would just about have got home. Winning the toss was certainly a great advantage to the victors, as they had the advantage of playing with the wind and sun in their favour in the first spell, and when winds were changed the wind had dropped considerably and the sun had disappeared behind the clouds.

The second senior match at Potter's was that between Ponsonby and Parnell, and it very even game resulted. Neither team was successful in crossing their opponents' line, and Ponsonby won by a penalty goal, an exceedingly fine kick. The match could hardly be called an exciting one, and the standard of play was not of the highest order, but both teams should show improvement later on.

At North Shore the local team was pitted against City, and though they made a gallant fight of it they suffered a rather decided reverse. The

PONSONBY V. PARNELL.

From a spectator's point of view, there was nothing especially interesting in this match, which was a hard fought and most even one from start to finish. In the forward division Parnell more than held their own, Hancock being the most conspicuous and playing a fine game. On the other hand the Ponsonby backs showed superiority, and at times they brought off some very fair passing runs, in most of which Galloway had a hand.

CITY V. NORTH SHORE.

This game being confined to a great extent to the forwards, was not a particularly exciting one for spectators. At times, however, when City got the ball out to the backs, the game livened up considerably. Asher was certainly the best back on the winning side, and he is shaping in greatly improved form this season. He is using his head far more than formerly, and to a great extent has dropped his bullocking style of play. If he goes on as at present it will take a good man to keep him out of the reps, as five-eighths. Young played his usual clever game, though he had not a great many chances, and of the other backs Absolum was perhaps the most conspicuous. Donovan, at full, was not so good as usual. Of the forwards, G. Tyler was the pick though all showed good form.

The Shore backs, as a whole, did not give a good exhibition, and their kicking especially was weak. The forwards, however, proved very strong, and quite held their own. Had they received better support from the backs the scoring would have been decidedly smaller, and the game much more interesting. Some of the new blood showed great promise, and if the backs improve the Shore will not be an easy team to defeat.



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