PAEROA FOOTBALL.

The monthly meeting of the Ohinemuri Rugby Union was held at Waikino on Monday. It was decided to play Thames at Paeroa on the 21st, also Waihi next Saturday at Waihi. Arrangements were made for both matches. The combined team to play the Thames will be chosen next Saturday after the Waihi match. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Auckland Rugby Union asking them to play Ohinemuri combined at Paeroa on 4th August. A Karangahake player, for abusing the referee last Saturday, was disqualified from playing for five years, and from admission to the football ground for two years. A spectator at Waikino, for using insulting language to the referee, was debarred admission to the football grounds for eighteen months.

WELLINGTON MATCHES.

The matches played on Saturday resulted as follows:—Rugby matches, senior championship: Poneke v. Oriental, Oriental 5, Poneke 5; Wellington v. Petone, Wellington 13, Petone 3; College Boys v. Melrose, Melrose 14, Old Boys 5.

The following championship points have been scored by the senior teams in the fixtures to date:—Melrose 16, Athletic 11, Petone 7, Old Boys 7, Oriental 6, Wellington 6, Poneke 5. Melrose, Petone, Oriental, and Wellington have three matches yet to play, Athletic four, and Poneke and Old Boys five each.

In the Association senior matches the Diamonds won the championship by scoring six goals against one goal scored by the Swifts. The Rovers beat Petone by two goals to nil.

The competition for the championship has now concluded, leaving the points as follows:—Diamonds 15, Rovers 14, Petone 4, Swifts 3.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Y.M.C.A. DRAW WITH GRAFTON.

Y.M.C.A. winning the toss took the advantage of the wind and defended their western goal. Brodie kicked off, and soon the Grafton forwards got to work. For some time Grafton continued to press, but the defence of the Y.M.C.A. backs was too good. From a throw-in about mid-field G. Totman obtained possession of the ball, and passing to A. McDougall, this player after a nice bit of play succeeded in getting in a shot which beat Smith. From the kick-off Grafton did their utmost to score, but none of the shots sent in were successful, and half-time was called with the score Y.M.C.A. 1, Grafton 0.

In the second spell A. Smith came from goal to half-back, F. Goldie taking his place in goal. Grafton at once got under way, and the Y.M.C.A. defence was kept very busy. Several corners were conceded to Grafton, but nothing came of them. A combined rush by the Grafton forwards ended in Bell scoring. The score now being equalised, Grafton continued the pressure, and were on the eve of scoring several times, but the defence of Y.M.C.A. was too good. From this on there was no further scoring, the game ending in a draw—one goal each.

For Y.M.C.A. Hayman, Totman, and Yates were the pick of the backs; A. McDougall and G. Totman, forwards, played good games. For Grafton, Goldie, McDougall, and Brodie, forwards, and Wright, Harding, and F. Goldie, backs, were the pick. Mr Nyberg gave every satisfaction as referee.

LACROSSE.

GRAFTON (7 Goals) V. SUBURBS (1 Goal).

(Referee: Mr G. Robinson.)

Wilson (Grafton) and Foubister (Suburbs), the rival centres, faced off. Grafton were immediately on the aggressive, but excellent defence by Brown, Owen and Herrold put the red and blacks' goal out of danger. Fast open play was the order for the next ten minutes, but neither side gained any material advantage. Suburbs were then penalised, and this enabled the black and whites to gain ground. Luckie, Atkinson and Thomson stood out for good passing work, and, after a short scramble, H. Thomson followed up quickly and drove the rubber under the posts for the first time for the city men. The red and blacks made brilliant attempts to get even, but could not do so. Their homes lost two chances by reckless shooting. From this till half-time was sounded no further scoring was done, but some remarkably good play was brought off by both sides. Second spell Suburbs attacked with great vigour from the jump. Lex Walker threw a beauty, making the score one all. After this the black and whites attack gave Brown, Owen and Herrold a hot time of it, and the latter warded off several splendid shots. Play remained about neutral territory till change for the last quarter was called. For five minutes even play took place, then the red and blacks failed to rally, and Atkinson scored Grafton's second goal, which seemingly had a bad effect on the opposing side, and the black and whites settled down to work properly. Suburbs' defence was repeatedly out of place, and Atkinson notched four more goals. Close on time Stewart, from a brilliant run from half-way, shot Grafton's seventh and last goal.

NORTH SHORE (7 Goals) V. GREY LYNN (Nil).

Miller (Shore) and Gummer (Grey Lynn) started the game. No advantage was gained by either side in the first ten minutes. Then Richardson, Kelly, Tizzard and Wynyard participated in a passing rush, and the lastnamed dodged cleverly and opened Shore's account with a neat one. The red and whites managed to break through the opposite defence a couple of times, but failed to score. Alexander cleared the blues' lines with a well executed throw, and Wynyard took a good pass from Tizzard and recorded the second goal for the Shore. Patterson and Cooks were kept very busy defending for Grey Lynn, but could not frustrate the efforts of their opponents, and Tizzard got third goal for the blues before half-time. Second spell: The red and whites opened this half auspiciously by immediately invading opposite territory, but selfish play and badly timed passing spoilt their chance. Wynyard was again to the fore for the blues and threw their fourth goal. From this till time was called Grey Lynn were but continually checking, but their efforts were fruitless. Wynyard got 3 more goals and Tizard one. North Shore were thus victors by 7 goals to nil. Mr Percy White had charge of the game and pleased all concerned.

PONSONBY V. PARNELL.

(Ponsonby, 12 goals; Parnell, 1 goal.)

Peacock (Ponsonby) and Ruddock (Parnell) faced off. The blue and blacks at once invaded opposite ground, where they found a stubborn defence. They kept up a hot fusilade for ten minutes, when Lundon was responsible for first goal, with a clinking throw. R. Noton a short time afterwards notched a second goal for Ponsonby. The whites managed to keep the ball at the centre for about five minutes, when the blue and blacks' attack broke through once more, and Lundon accounted for number three. A long throw by Ward caught Ponsonby napping, and fast following up by Ruddock, Thomson, Lennox and Walker resulted in the last named driving the rubber under the posts. (Ponsonby 3; Parnell 1.) Close on time R. Noton wriggled through, and notched fourth goal. Then half time was sounded.

Second Half: The blue and blacks back men were rarely troubled in this half, and the well timed passing of their forwards, chiefly headed by Davis, Peacock and Lundon ended in eight more goals being added to their total (R. Noton 6, Short 1, Ward (Parnell) by a misjudged throw, 1).

The duties of referee were carried out excellently by Mr W. Robinson.

NOTES.

In the game Suburbs v. Grafton, the former did remarkably well till the latter's second goal was got, then they seemed to completely lose their heads. Had they kept their positions then properly, a drawn game would in all probability have been the result. Running all over the field has been their chief failing all along; for three parts of the match different tactics are used with good results, then they go back to their old game, with no success whatever.

Herrold, the goal for the losers, did excellent service, and his throwing was well judged.

Owen at point kept Atkinson well in hand for the greater portion of the game, then like the rest of his comrades lacked condition and judgment.

Alan Brown accounted for some useful throwing and checking.

Foubister was quite equal to his vis-a-vis Wilson at centre. He grafted consistently throughout.

Walsh and Allen played serviceable games.

Walker did not play up to his usual form, and did not handle his team very well.

Morrin and Rendall were fairly successful on attack.

Atkinson kept up his good record. He was well fed by Graham, Luckie and Hardingham.

Kilander displayed true form in goal.

Stewart, Ashton and Roberts foiled many brilliant efforts on the part of the Suburbans.

Richardson is rapidly striking form, and his play was most unselfish.

A. Watson was enabled by his pace to put in serviceable work.

Wynyard had quite a day out, those five goals got by him were the result of clever play.

Miller at centre showed decided improvement.

J. Alexander played his usual sound game.

Had Patterson been well backed up by his brother players, the scores would have been much more even.

A. Bradly brought off some useful work, but he is very weak in handling his team.

Cooke, Gummer, White and Sayers were perhaps the best of the rest of Grey Lynn's team.

R. Noton was in good scoring form, and he was well looked after by his attack comrades.

Lundon played a useful and unselfish game.

Peacock got through his usual large share of the work at centre, his only fault being that he was inclined to hang to the ball too long.

A. A. Davis, at right attack, did remarkably well. He is a valuable addition to the now formidable Ponsonby team.

W. Noton, Anderson and Nolan were quite up to their best form on the defence.

Lennox and Ruddock were the only two Parnell men who troubled Ponsonby's defence.

Goldsboro was very patchy in goal.

Hicks did good service at cover point.

Thompson, Dennison, Moore-Jones and Stubbs showed improved form.

Parnell on the whole performed very disappointingly, and will have to show better form if they want to win any more matches.

GOLF NOTES.

(By Bogey.)

The third and final match for Mr Captain's prize was played on Saturday, with the result that Mr H. D. Kissling wins Mr Brassey's prize, and Bamford wins Mr Turner's prize, Mr Mr Caldwell wins the third prize provided by the Club. Mr Bamford has played very consistently throughout the series of matches, and thoroughly deserves his win.

The following are the leading scores:—

H. D. Bamford	94	90—184
H. G. Kissling	96	91—187
D. R. Caldwell	91	97—188
J. H. Hooper	96	95—191
C. Arnold	96	97—193
Dr. Gordon	97	97—194
A. Hogg	96	98—194
Dr. Reid	99	95—194

The following are some of the cards returned in the third match:—

H. D. Bamford	102	12— 90
H. G. Kissling	100	9— 91
Dr. S. B. Reid	103	8— 95
W. N. Leutham	101	6— 95
Dr. F. W. Gordon	112	15— 97
D. R. Caldwell	103	6— 97
A. Hogg	102	4— 98
C. Arnold	111	14— 97
E. Turner	105	8— 97
J. L. Bloomfield	106	6—100
W. B. Colbeck	101	—101
J. B. Kyd	102	—102

Three cards, which, however, cannot affect the result, were put in about an hour after the players had completed their round. These cards will be dealt with by the committee. The rule on the subject is that dealing with the method of keeping the scores, and it states distinctly that the scores must be handed in on completion of the round. Decisions have recently been given by the Rules of Golf Committee of St. Andrews, stating that no card can be put in except immediately on the completion of the round. The competitor may not keep it in his pocket ten minutes or a quarter of an hour, and then claim to put it in.

Another recent decision of the Rules of Golf Committee is that the flag in stroke competitions must in all cases be removed when the ball lies within 20 yards of the hole under penalty of one stroke. This is a rule which should be vigorously enforced, for it seems more honoured at Green Lane in the breach than in the observance.

There is great interest being taken in the Maponite balls, which are to be brought out this month. Mr Horace Hutchinson, the chairman of directors of the Maponite Company, has already won several important competitions with it. Now we hear that the ball is to be used by J. H. Taylor in the Open Championship. This in itself is a sufficient testimony to the qualities of the new ball, for Taylor is not likely to mar his great chance of winning the championship by playing with a ball in which he has not the fullest confidence. The ball is said to be almost unhackable, and if this is so it seems to me the company is acting against its own interests in selling balls at 6/ per dozen. Any ball which is otherwise really good, and at the same time unhackable, should command a fancy price.

The programme of the Ladies' Golf Championship meeting has just reached me. It is neat and attractive, and states that the meeting will be held at Christchurch on the 27th of August and the ensuing four days, under the auspices of the Christchurch Golf Club. Miss E. M. Cowlishaw is the honorary secretary.

The programme does not state on what links the championship will be played. I presume this has been intentionally omitted, in the hope that the new links at New Brighton will be fit for use, but I can hardly think it will be ready so soon, natural links though it is. Russley, the abandoned, is out of the question, so I presume the tournament will be held on the Hagley Park course.

I trust that a number of our lady golfers will make a big effort to go to the meeting, for unless the Auckland Ladies' Golf Club is represented there will be a very poor chance of ever getting the Ladies' Championship held in Auckland.

It has been proposed, and the suggestion has been warmly taken up, that the Ladies' Championship meeting shall be held either immediately before or immediately after the New Zealand Championship meeting, and on the same links. The suggestion has many points in its favour, and to my mind practically none against it. It would be very nice, for example, for wives to accompany their husbands to the venue of the championships, and the question of chaperonage of unmarried ladies would not be nearly so difficult as it is at present, for golfing goes in families. Reduced fares could be obtained for travelling parties, and this is no small consideration in such a long country as Maoriland. It is just as far from Dunedin to Auckland as it is vice versa, but each place is a considerable journey from the other. When matters are in swing it is almost as easy for the local club to carry out two championship meetings as one, and unless it is very exceptional weather, and on a very sloppy green, the first meeting should not in any way spoil the greens for the second meeting. I think it distinctly in the best interests of golf, and especially of ladies' golf, that the two meetings should be held together, and it would create more interest and enthusiasm, especially in the city, which was holding the meetings of the year.

CHRISTCHURCH, July 4.

The third monthly medal competition took place on Hagley Park on Saturday last, when there was an entry of between 30 and 40 members, and the teeing grounds were frequently very much congested in consequence. Mr. Kitto again won the medal for the best gross score, doing the round in 80, while the handicap medal was won by Mr. C. Treweek, who, with a handicap of 14, returned a net score of 73. Mr. Treweek is a comparatively new player, and has come on very fast since he took up the game. He has a good eye, and a good understanding of the points of the game, and he is sure to do even better before long. The following are the leading scores.

	Gross Score.	Hdcp.	Net Score.
C. Treweek	87	14	73
C. Gresson	93	16	77
W. Reid	91	12	79
R. M. L. Kitto	80	scr	80
D. H. Reid	91	11	80
S. Batchelor	94	14	80
J. F. Miles	93	11	82
M. Ormsby	100	18	82
F. Pyne	107	25	82

Messrs. E. D. O'Rorke and L. B. Wood have been appointed to lay out the course on the new links at New Brighton, and I understand they will undertake the task forthwith. Members are eagerly looking forward to the time when competitions can be played there, as the crowd on Hagley Park gets worse week by week.

NIBLICK.

WELLINGTON.

The members of the Wellington Golf Club are still increasing, and the want of a new clubhouse is now being much felt. The new clubhouse will be erected near the "Drift" hole; tenders are now being called. Mr. Arthur Duncan is still playing very well. In the last monthly competition he with minus 4 tied with C. Grove minus 7. The match was against Bogey, and each returned a card of 3 up. In playing off the champion won, coming in 4 up. Mrs. Todd put up a record for the ladies last week against Bogey, not losing a hole, and coming in 10 up, with a score of 81. Miss Ella McManis has also been playing well. Mrs. Bidwill, of Featherston, and Miss Rattray, of Dunedin, are now playing golf in Wellington. Mr. R. H. Rhodes, M.H.R., will play while in Wellington, and is joining the club.

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