

rushed over and Eaton secured it, but the same player failed in his shot at goal. The score now stood at ten to nine, and there was less than ten minutes still to go, so that the occupants of the stand were worked up into a high state of excitement. For about five minutes nothing eventuated, though Newton were almost incessantly on the attack, and then, for off-side play, a free kick was given against City. This time Eaton was successful, and brought the score to 12 points to 10 in Newton's favour. The game at this stage appeared to be all over, as there was only about three minutes to go, and in addition City seemed a thoroughly beaten team. However, the unexpected happened, as from the kick of the play centre, and Asher picking up dashed through the Newton backs, and passing to Absolom in the nick of time the latter player got over at the corner. The score was obtained just in time, as the bell sounded directly the shot at goal had failed.

Though the game was a hard fought and interesting one, in fact, at times it was wildly exciting, it cannot be said that it was a good game from a football point of view. As a matter of fact it was one of the poorest exhibitions of scientific football seen in any big match this year. The backs on both sides almost without exception played downright bad games; indeed one would expect a better display from schoolboys. In all departments of the game, with the exception perhaps of tackling, was the same weakness shown amongst most of the backs, and even the tackling was not first-class. As for taking the ball, the majority seemed to have absolutely no idea of it, and their attempts in this direction were often ludicrous in the extreme. On the other hand, the forwards of both teams did some exceptionally fine work, and it must be admitted that the vanguards were very evenly matched, neither side being in a position to claim any great advantage in this respect.

For the winners Donovan, at full, played a fair game, though at times his kicking was hardly up to the mark.

Of the three-quarters McGee played a safe and steady game, but his passing occasionally was erratic. Absolom showed some glimpses of real good form, notably on the occasion of scoring his first try, but between whiles he was very weak. Stevens gave a wretched display, both his taking and kicking being extremely poor.

Asher, at five-eighths, although at times he was responsible for some brilliant pieces of work, made several awful mistakes and seemed to altogether lose his head. He was directly responsible for one or more of Newton's scores.

Young only played a fair game. Of the forwards Tyler was the most prominent, and he gave a really remarkable display, as good as any seen this season. Of the others Bonella and Scott were the best, and both did excellent work, as did also Brown on the wing. One at least of City's forwards was not doing his share of the work in the pack.

Milfinger was rather slow as full for Newton, and altogether was none too safe. None of the three-quarters were up to the mark, Paul being about the best and Roberts the worst.

Wood, at five-eighths, was Newton's best back; in fact, he played about the best back game on the ground, and that really is not very great praise. Still he played a good sound game, both in attack and defence, and would no doubt have done even better had he received proper support.

Every one of Newton's vanguard appeared to do his utmost, and the result showed that there were no wastes in their ranks, as they quite or more than held their own with their formidable opponents. A. Wilson was in great form, and his kicking was of great advantage to his side. Of the others Long was about the best, although when all played so well it is difficult to discriminate.

PARNELL V. SUBURBS.
(Suburbs 14, Parnell 0.)

This match was played on No. 2 ground, and created little interest beyond the fact that whichever team was defeated would be lowest in the senior competition. Parnell won the toss, and elected to play the first half. Shortly after the game started Suburbs made a rush and by following-up Cooper, the Suburbs three-quarter scored. Austin failed with the kick. Suburbs 3, Parnell 0. Parnell followed for some time, until Parnell assumed the defensive, and for some time kept Suburbs penned in their 25. Beyond a force, however, nothing resulted. Just before the close of the first spell, Cowan, Cunningham, and Sutherland took part in a passing run and eventually Walker scored.

Austin converted. Suburbs 8, Parnell 0. Shortly after the resumption of play for the second spell, Cooper got across the line again, and by the aid of a scrum, with the kick. Suburbs 11, Parnell 0. The Suburbs forwards made repeated attacks and got over the line twice, but lost the ball. Towards the end of the second spell an opening was made by Cowan and Dempsey, and Cooper scored his third try. Austin failed to convert, and the game ended. Suburbs 14, Parnell 0.

NOTES.

Though the game was somewhat uninteresting throughout, yet it was fairly fast. Play was, however, almost entirely confined to the forwards. Suburbs were superior to their opponents in all branches of the game, and their win was well deserved. Parnell, who had a very weak team, with a good many in it, played a very fair game. The forwards, especially the three-quarters played good games, especially Cooper, who for a young player played a very clever game, scoring three tries. Cummins, Sutherland, and also in good form. Gray at half played an excellent game, probably the result of playing behind a superior front rank. The forwards were weaker with the ball, the best perhaps being McKinnell, who has been playing his games throughout the season. The Parnell back division was very weak. Cunningham and the other backs played up to form. Suburbs gave a fair display. The forwards were outclassed by their opponents, the only ones showing good form being Tulloh on the wing and Haddock in the pack.

THE SECOND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following table shows the position of the teams which competed in the second junior grade:-

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For.	Agst.
City A.....	8	7	0	1	26	0
Ponsonby B.....	7	5	0	1	31	13
Parnell.....	7	5	2	0	39	19
Grafton.....	8	5	3	0	42	11
City B.....	4	2	1	1	10	44
Newton.....	7	0	6	1	12	35
Ponsonby A.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suburbs B.....	5	0	0	0	0	0

Suburbs B lost all matches by default. Match Ponsonby B v. Parnell was not played.

THAMES DEFEATS OHINEMURI.

(Thames 13; Ohinemuri nil.)

PAEROA, Saturday.

Fully 1500 people, the largest crowd ever seen on a football field in Ohinemuri, assembled this afternoon to witness the Thames-Ohinemuri match at Paeroa. The Thames excursion train brought about 400, and hundreds came in from Waihi, Karangahake, Walkino, and Waitekauri. The general opinion before the start of the game was that Thames would be victorious, and this greatly assisted to increase the attendance. Contrary to expectation, however, Thames won easily by 13 points to nil. The game is easily described, as Thames had complete control of the scrum and line play, in which the two teams were pretty evenly matched, and it was only in the latter half of the second spell that the Thames backs went in for systematic passing, in which they far excelled Ohinemuri. Swinziey captained Thames and Garvey Ohinemuri.

Ohinemuri kicked off, and shortly after, for off-side play, Thames got a free kick, and McLean had a shot at goal. Shaw returned into touch, but Thames immediately pressed Ohinemuri, and rushed the ball over the line. Shaw saving and kicking a dead ball line. Douglas kicked out, and the Ohinemuri forwards got a dribbling rush on which Buckland stopped. Thames worked the ball into Ohinemuri's 25, and Douglas made a short dash and passed neatly out to Dick McGregor, who dodged over between the posts. McLean added the major points, and the set-off a lot of line play followed. Garvey stopping rushes in good style and kicking into touch. Towards the end of the spell Ohinemuri tried some passing, but owing to McLean's habit of ordering to take the pass no good resulted. Several scrambling rushes by the forwards on both sides, 4 of whom were working hard, and one or two backs by the backs, and the game ended without further score. Thames 5; Ohinemuri nil.

The second spell opened with scrums from one side of the field to the other, until Thames forwards rushed the ball down the field. Thom saving and kicking into touch near half-way. Thames forwards again worked the ball along the line, and a kick into touch by Stephenson brought the ball into Ohinemuri's 25. From a scrum here the ball was thrown out to McGregor, who made a short dash and fell over the line, scoring his second try. McLean brought the score up to 10 points. From the kick-off, the Thames backs got the ball, and a splendid bit of passing by Riley, McGregor, Buckland, and Dick McGregor, and the last named grassed on the line. Ohinemuri was now entirely on the defensive, the Thames backs attacking with considerable success, and finally, from a scrum in Ohinemuri's 25, Wood passed to Riley, who made a fine run and scored near the posts. McLean's attempt at goal was a failure. Ohinemuri rallied somewhat after this, but were never really dangerous, and the game ended—Thames 13; Ohinemuri nil.

Mr A. Campbell was referee, and Messrs A. McGuire and McGregor line umpires. J. Ames was present from Auckland to watch the form of the various players. The weakness of the Ohinemuri team was undoubtedly in its back division. The forwards held their own with Thames, getting on some good dribbling runs in the open, and in the scrums getting the ball as often as the Thames. But Ohinemuri's backs did not seem capable of stopping the passing of Dick McGregor and Buckland, nor did they take the ball at all well, or stop forward rushes. Coming to individual play, for Thames Dick McGregor was the best of the game, and is playing perhaps better than ever in his life. Riley, also, at five-eighths, played a good game, and so did Buckland, though he had few opportunities than McGregor and Stephenson. Although not equal to McGregor or Buckland, but Woods, at half, was disappointing, though his stopping of rushes was

very good. McLean, at full, had nothing to do. Amongst the forwards Cunningham and Smith appeared about the best of a really good side.

On the Ohinemuri side Shaw, at full, kicked well, and took the ball well, but should have stopped McGregor once. On the whole his play was good. Thom, Field, and Johnston, at three-quarters, were disappointing, as was also McColl, five-eighths. Though these four occasionally played well, they all made a number of mistakes. Garvey, at half, played a splendid game, stopping rushes, making and kicking into touch, and saved his side on many occasions. In the forwards Cook was the best wing of the ground, spoiling Woods behind the Thames pack times out of number, tackling, dribbling, and playing a splendid game, and that, too, against such a veteran as Sam McGregor. Mathias, on the other wing, also played well. In the forwards it was hard to single out any, as all were doing their best, but McGuire, Douglas and Sorenson pleased most. Needless to say, Mr Campbell gave the utmost satisfaction to both sides.

WELLINGTON NOTES.

The match between Melrose and Wellington on Saturday was very closely contested throughout. The play was very even in the first spell, but in the second Melrose made a vigorous onslaught on the territory of their opponents, and kept Wellington busily engaged in warding off determined rushes. Spencer registered and Woods carried the ball from the centre past all the Melrose backs, and up to their line, but fell at a critical moment. A few points having been registered on both sides, the play became desperately fast. A splendid goal was kicked by Spencer, but Wellington strove very hard to equalise matters. The game ended Melrose 9, Wellington 5.

The match Poneke v. the Athletics was an even and interesting struggle, the Athletics winning by 7 points to 3. The play in the second spell was very stubborn on both sides.

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

The senior championship points scored by the respective clubs up to Saturday were as follows:—Melrose, 19; Athletic, 14; Petone, 9; Old Boys, 8; Oriental, 8; Poneke, 8; Wellington, 6. Melrose lost one match, against Athletic, in the first round. This is the fourth time the Melrose team has secured the honours, it having carried off the competition in this class in 1896, 1897, and 1898 successively. Melrose and Oriental have one match yet to play, Petone, Athletic, and Wellington two, and Poneke and Old Boys three; but in view of the championship having been decided, and the number of representative matches to play, the remaining fixtures are likely to be declared off.

GOLF NOTES.

(By Loggy.)

The crowning glory of golf for 1906 has this year fallen to the great professional J. H. Taylor, who has won the open championship at St. Andrews with what is the finest performance that has yet been seen. Taylor's average of 77 for 4 rounds of medal play on the difficult St. Andrews course is far ahead in point of merit of any individual record round of the links. When it is considered that after the thousands of times this course has been played by the leading professional and amateur talent of the generation the record stands at 73 strokes, in the names of W. Auchterlonie and Andrew Kirkaldy, the greatness of Taylor's performance will be fully appreciated. The weather, which was inclement, did not assist him, but his deadly accuracy and the sterling quality of his play in all departments, and especially in his putting, alone gave him victory. His rounds of 79, 77, 78, and 73 speak for themselves. For the third time Taylor is entitled to call himself champion. Harry Vardon, who was second, proved his merit by a return that would in any other year have placed him at the head of the list, and thus gave a most convincing denial to the assertion of many that after his American tour he would not be found in the Iron rank. Vardon's performance has been so consistently good for the last two or three years that his merit is only if anything enhanced by his performance in the championship. James Hraid occupies the third place, and his position is one which is quite in keeping with his merit. The amateur division was headed by Mr Maxwell, while Mr Hilton, the amateur champion, from whom great things were expected, lost all chance

of a high position by his first two rounds.

The following are some of the chief results:—

J. H. Taylor.....	79	77	78	75	309
H. Vardon.....	79	81	80	77	317
Mr R. Maxwell.....	82	81	80	78	321
J. White.....	80	81	82	80	323
W. Auchterlonie.....	81	85	80	80	326
W. Park.....	80	84	81	84	329
Mr R. Maxwell.....	81	86	81	81	329
Archie Simpson.....	82	82	83	78	325
Ben Bayers.....	81	83	85	81	330
Alex. Hraid.....	81	85	81	81	331
A. Kirkaldy.....	87	83	83	79	321
Tom Vardon.....	79	87	84	81	331

J. H. Taylor has for the third time won the open championship, and on the last occasion it was played at St. Andrews, in 1895, he won with an average of 80. This year, when the course laid off is recognised as the longest and most difficult yet laid out for the championship, his average is 4 strokes better than in 1895.

If Taylor, as he announced, played with the Maponite Ball, the future success of the new ball is assured.

Mrs George Todd, of the Wellington Golf Club, did a remarkable performance lately in winning a bogey match from two behind scratch without losing a single hole. She won ten holes and lost five, her score showing 81, a record for the ladies' course.

On Thursday the members of the A.L.G.C. were favoured with beautiful weather for the twelfth and final competition for Mrs Archie Clark's prize. Only four leading players competed, and the lowest score returned was Mrs W. Bloomfield's 56 plus 1-57. This gave Mrs Bloomfield her fifth win out of the 12 competitions, a very creditable performance, which is rewarded by the first prize falling to her lot. Miss Gillies was second with three wins.

WANGANUI.

There is considerable activity in the local golfing world, owing to the continued fine weather. The members of the Ladies' Club are especially energetic, and they are finding that the extension of their membership has greatly increased the enthusiasm for the game, and brought out many promising players. Miss Cave, who is only in her second season, is on the limit mark, and should be heard of later on. Her play is at present more effective than graceful, but with a little coaching she will doubtless soon be heard of in championship matches. A visit from the Palmerston ladies is talked of, and should prove interesting. In Mrs. Still Palmerston has lost a player whose style is beyond reproach. The Wanganui Club sent away twelve men to battle in the return match with Palmerston on July 14th; and a second team of sixteen engages the Maroro (St. John's Hill) Club on the 21st. As the last encounter between the two clubs resulted in a win for Wanganui by one hole only, the return is being looked forward to with great interest. I would call the attention of your members to the annual tournament instituted by the Manawatu Club, which this year begins on September 4th. This meeting is always capably managed, and is always quite one of the jolliest fixtures of the golfing season.

The return match between the Manawatu and Wanganui Golf Clubs, which was played at Palmerston on Saturday, resulted in a win for the Wanganui Club by two holes, after an exciting game. The weather was fine, except for one heavy shower, but too bleak and boisterous for good scoring. The links were in good order, and the greens carefully attended to, and a great deal has been done to make a naturally inferior country into a good course—one that is not nearly so easy as it looks. Everything was done to promote the pleasure of the visiting team, and the arrangements were in every way complete.

The play, on the whole, was somewhat streaky. Harold and Meldrum won comfortably from their opponents, Strang and Perston, both formidable players. G. Saunders had a capital match with Dr. Wilson, and Fitzherbert just got ahead of J. S. Wilson. The middle men mostly suffered severe defeats, and but for the capital scores of H. Pynsent and H. Hole, Wanganui would have lost the match. The Manawatu team was considerably weakened by the non-arrival of two good players, W. and T. Strang. The thanks of the visitors are due to the Manawatu Club, and not least to their lady members, for their very kind and hospitable treatment. The following are the full scores: