

quite within the range of possibilities that the City boys may prove stayers.

The following are the positions of the clubs for the different championships:—

SENIORS.						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts. for	Agst.
City	2	2	0	0	14	8
Parnell	1	1	0	0	16	0
Newton	1	1	0	0	6	0
Ponsonby	2	1	0	1	16	12
Grafton	2	1	0	1	12	6
Suburbs	2	0	0	2	3	24
North Shore ..	2	0	0	2	5	22

FIRST JUNIORS.						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts. for	Agst.
North Shore ..	2	2	0	0	24	8
Parnell	1	1	0	0	24	0
Ponsonby	2	1	0	1	25	14
Grafton	2	1	0	1	9	21
City	2	1	0	1	6	19
Newton	1	0	0	1	4	6
Suburbs	2	0	0	2	0	30

N.B.—North Shore and Ponsonby dispute their match, but the above position is in accordance with the referee's decision.

SECOND JUNIORS.						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts. for	Agst.
Grafton A	2	2	0	0	15	9
Ponsonby	2	1	0	1	18	14
Parnell	2	1	0	1	19	23
Newton	2	1	0	1	10	9
Grafton B	2	1	0	1	23	20
City	2	0	0	0	8	18

Writing on the subject of Rugby Referees the Sydney Referee remarks:—"Everyone who witnessed the New Zealanders play here last season will recollect that when our men fell on the ball and endeavoured to hold it, or when the ball was held and they refused to put it down in front of them, the visitors appealed for a free. When the New Zealanders found that they could not get the free on appeal, they worried the player with the ball, and sometimes dragged him roughly along the ground if he still refused to let it go. Sydney referees permit men to hang on to the ball until the forwards swarm up, instead of having it put down at once. By thus ignoring the rule the referee robs the player who follows up with great pace of his legitimate reward, and gives the sluggard who loafs behind encouragement to continue the loafing game. If referees were to strictly enforce this rule they would greatly add to make Rugby faster, more exciting to onlookers, and more enjoyable to the players. By being allowed to hug the ball in club matches in the way indicated, Welshmen are also placed at a pronounced disadvantage when they meet the New Zealanders, who will not stand that kind of thing at all."

This is what "Cynic" of the Referee says of Olly Riely, at present in Sydney. "O. Riely, the new Randwick three-quarter from New Zealand, is a player much after the style of Jervis, the crack three-quarter of the last New Zealand team. He has a fast gliding run, passes well, and is quite cool. He played centre three-quarter on Saturday, and put in a lot of good work on the defence."

Olly's first game has evidently created a favourable impression, and if he is the Olly of last season I feel pretty confident a place will be found for him in the N.S.W. team which visits N.Z. in September next.

TARANAKI FOOTBALL NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

May 18. A Junior Cup match was played in the Recreation Grounds on Thursday afternoon (May 17th) between Clifton and Tukapa, the latter winning by 8 to 5. For the winners Austen and Elliot scored tries, and Petty converted the latter's effort. For the Clifton, Jones scored and Snell converted. The same day Inglewood drove 28 miles to Oakura, and met Kaitake in a Cup match. After a fast and furious game, the result was a draw, no score being made on either side.

[BY WIRE.]

May 21. Star beat Patea by 24 points to nil in the Senior Cup match on Saturday. Waimate beat Clifton by 15 points to nil; and the same day Stratford beat Hawera by 12 points to nil. There is every indication that Taranaki will turn out good rep. teams this year in juniors as well as seniors.

HAWKE'S BAY FOOTBALL.

(BY WIRE.—FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

May 22nd. The Pirates Football Club played their second senior cup match on Saturday, when their fifteen met and defeated the Te Aute College boys by 22 points to 5. The Pirates had all the best of the game from start to finish, their goal only being in danger on two occasions. Being one-sided, the game was not very interesting to watch. James, O'Connell, Williams,

Bransfield and Cheer each scored one try and Caldwell two for the winners. Jack O'Connell and W. O'Connell converted one try each. Wi Hapi scored for Te Aute, Tuhere converting. Caldwell, Malcon, Swan and Cheer were the best of the winners, and McDonnell, Tuhere, and Park of Te Aute.

The third fifteen match Napier and Stars resulted in a win for the latter by 6 points to 3. The display of football on both sides was ludicrous to a degree. Each player manifested a desire when he got the ball to sling it anywhere but in the right place. Gilbert scored two tries for Stars, and Miller one for Napier. F. Jago and McVay showed best form, and Gilbert, Tankard and H. Bear were good for the Stars.

The Pirates and Napier first fifteens will meet on Saturday next.

Athletics.

Athletes of this city have little or nothing to engage their attention at present. For a few months there was quite a boom in amateur foot-racing, the meetings of the Auckland and North Shore clubs and the Garrett benefit coming almost on top of one another. However, after the storm comes the calm, and athletes will now have to console themselves with the hope that there is a "good time coming."

I heard during the week from one who should know that the Garrett benefit will not exceed £100.

Mr L. A. Caff has written to the Sydney Referee on the question of Kellet's right to the Australasian record for pole-vaulting. His letter contains some useful information on records in general. I extract the following: "Neither New Zealand, New South Wales, or Victorian Association can pass a performance as 'Australasian Record,' but if the record of either Association is better than its neighbour's, it *ipso facto* becomes the Australasian record under the present mutual recognition of records by all three bodies."

The ten miles Amateur Championship of Scotland took place on April 2 last at Edinburgh, and was won by Andrew Hannah, Clydesdale Harriers. Hannah cut out the distance in the fast time of 54min 2 3-5sec, or 16sec better than the previous record held by him. The winner reduced all existing Scottish records from five miles upwards.

On the Moorfield Grounds, Failsworth, England, on March 24, Steve Farrell won the Manchester Company's £100 130yds handicap from the 99yds mark in a yard outside 12sec. Mr T. Wright, of the White Swan Hotel, Leicester (says the London Sportsman) is prepared to back Farrell to run any man in the world the best of three races at the following distances:—120, 300, and 440 yards, for £100 or £200 aside.

Cycling.

The following entries were received on Saturday night for the road race from Papakura to Parnell, which comes off on the Queen's Birthday:—F. W. Triggs, T. A. Patterson, A. Coubrough, P. Selby, C. R. Surman, G. Henning, A. M. Skeates, P. E. Skeates, A. E. Smith, W. H. Allen, F. G. Allen, W. W. Phipps, A. G. Buchanan, S. Howden and H. Schmidt. The affair will take place under a sealed handicap.

L. A. Simpson, whose victory in the Ten Miles Championship of New South Wales, I announced last week, has (says the Referee) "fully sustained the reputation as a first-class rider which he gained at the late Parramatta meeting. On Friday last, at North Shore, after being badly paced, he rode ten miles in record time of 26min 18 3-5th sec.

An English inventor has brought out an electric starter and time recorder for bicycle races. It consists of a couple of discs, one at the starting point and the other at the finish. When the tape is broken at the finish the time is recorded, and at the same moment the instrument takes a photograph of the finish, showing the winner and those close to him.

MELBOURNE NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MELBOURNE, May 7. The healthy condition of the turf in South Australia is strongly evident by the success which has attended the recent S.A.J.C. Autumn meeting. When this club framed a programme of reduced stakes the local critics were loud in their condemnation of the act, and that fact, in addition to the abolition of the bookmaker from the course was sufficient to damp the spirits

of the executive. Fortunately, however, the attendance was exceptionally good on the various days of the meeting, and as the percentage on the totalisator receipts, which amounted to £42694, nearly provided the whole stake money, the Club will come out on the right side of the ledger with a substantial balance. So as to checkmate the authorities the fielders converted themselves into "walking totalisators" and did a small business in laying machine odds. The racing on the whole was very good. In winning the Adelaide Cup Mr W. Blacker's Port Admiral, by Richmond out of Footstep, showed excellent form. He made his own running from the jump and was never headed, his rider, C. Quinn, preferring to drive him along, especially in the straight, to testing his courage in a struggle with Lady Rose and Quality. Lady Rose ran a splendid mare, and had it not been for getting a bad start she would undoubtedly have made the finish a more exciting one. At the mile post she was at the tail, but she had improved her position so much at the distance that her victory was announced, but the son of Richmond had a better run in him. This is Quality's third defeat in the Adelaide Cup race, and it is quite evident from her running that her distance is limited to a mile and a couple of furlongs. Much to Mr Cook's chagrin the Sailor Prince cut a sorry figure in this race, and signs were not wanting that he has gone very stale. Mr Eli Jellett's Royal Master ran a good fourth, and showed that his owner had not miscalculated his form when he said if 2min 53sec was not broken his colt would not be far out at the finish. The distance was covered in 2min 52½sec. Broken Hill's performance was much below his previous exhibitions; while Hortensius failed to display the galloping powers Mr Crozier was confident he possessed. On the concluding day Port Admiral won the Fisher Stakes of a mile and a quarter, in 2min 13secs. The other places were filled by Royal Master and Broken Hill. Mr P. T. Haywood's Foxtail annexed the S.A.J.C. Handicap, Quality running second, and Principle third. The three mile Steeplechase fell to Mr B. McDonald's Sardine, his nearest attendants being Expectation and Specilast. In the Selling Race Orpheus, who was the favourite, had the misfortune to fall at the last hurdle, when he looked to have the race well in hand. He broke his neck, but his rider, Brewer, escaped unhurt, although he received a good shaking. The event accordingly went to Gladness, with Inferno and Jack Spratt second and third respectively. The Goodwood Handicap furnished a nice win for Mr Green's black colt The Arab. In this event Selim ran very badly, and shortly afterwards went out and easily won the Baker Handicap. This reversal of form was so astonishing that the Club called on Brewer, the rider, for an explanation. However, there was no evidence to show that Selim did not run upon his merits, and the matter dropped.

Mr Eli Jellett, at the sale of the Fulham Park yearlings in Adelaide last week purchased a two-year-old brother to Broken Hill for 510 gns. A Thunderbolt colt out of Repose was transferred to Mr J. Crozier for 150 gns.

Amongst the recent deaths reported is that of the sire Hughenden, who came to Victoria in 1875. The best of his stock were Duration, Dizzy and Coningsby, who at one time was reported to be superior to Darebin.

The pony clubs are at present at variance, with the result that the Ascot and Fitzroy proprietors are making a big attempt to squelch the Richmond Club. The pony owners, however, have resolved to stand by the latter organisation.

An attempt is being made to form a trotting association amongst the Melbourne registered clubs.

The Adelaide sports intend to arrange a complimentary meeting for Mr Wm. Filgate and Mr T. Jordon, two well-known racing men whom fortune has not smiled upon in their old age.

At the recent Caulfield Meeting the Two-year-old Handicap was easily won by Mr S. Miller's gelding Relgar, one of Malua's get. Tommy Hales' Historian, who is not a likely looking colt, finished second and Mr Punche's Goldsmith third. The Mill Park stable also had another win in the Handicap Hurdle Race, in which Titanic beat Shandon home by two lengths, Brownie filling the other position. Orestes, one of Mr Uphill's late purchases, carried off the Glenhully Handicap, The Friend and Woorage filling the minor positions. The Handicap Steeplechase introduced the public to a lovely fencer in Gillie Cruabb, who hails from Mount Gambier.

Barbour had the mount on Gillie, who caught the judge's eye with a two lengths' advantage over Broker and Tayforth, the second and third horses. In this event Mikado II. was called upon to carry 13.10, but even with the assistance of Corrihan the old fellow could not make any headway with such a thumper. The gelding Lord Hastings carrying a hood and blinkers won the Welter Handicap without an effort, Eumarrah running second and Trio third.

A great deal of interest was manifested in the inter-colonial eight-oared race on Saturday. Crews representing Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland competed, but after a short distance had been traversed the race settled into a battle between the two first named teams, who are old rivals. Eventually the home team winning, N.S.W. second, but the Queenslanders were nowhere.

Apparently a trivial accident has been the death of a young footballer named Alexander Stuart. He was playing at Cheltenham on Saturday, when he accidentally received a blow on the right temple from the elbow of another player. He did not attach much importance to the knock, simply complaining of a headache. Shortly after the game was finished he collapsed and died early the next morning.

"The Racing Earl."

AMONGST the many anecdotes related of "the Racing Earl," Lord Glasgow, is the following told by Sir George Chetwynd. The eccentric nobleman just mentioned was notorious for never naming his animals, and the number of horses he ran by Brother to Rapid Rhone or some other of his stallions must have caused great confusion both to the man who entered his horse for him, his trainer, and the Publisher of the Stud Book. Mr Payne used to relate that when he went down to pay the last tribute of respect to his old friend—the two famous owners trained in the same stable—when the funeral was over, they all went into the drawing-room to hear the will read. Not unnaturally he expected his name would be mentioned as one to whom a legacy had been left, and this suspicion was raised to conviction by the way in which the family lawyer handed him a chair in a prominent position in the group already collected. He was not disappointed, as besides a sum of money the whole of Lord Glasgow's stud was left to him and General Peel, who both sold the produce for many years afterwards as yearlings at Doncaster, the stud farm being at Enfield. Lord Glasgow's language was often strong, but perhaps its strength was justified on one particular occasion. His lordship was taking his ticket for some town where a race meeting was about to be held, and tendered a five-pound note. The booking clerk asked him to write his name on the note, which Lord Glasgow did. After scrutinising the signature the clerk rudely handed back the note to him and said, "It's your name I want; I don't want to know where you come from."

Coursing.

NOMINATIONS for the Forbury Cup and St. Leger, to be run at the Dunedin Plumptre Meeting on June 6th, 7th and 8th, will close on Wednesday, May 30th.

Dr. Dickson has donated a 50 guinea cup to be competed for the next year's Dunedin Challenge Stakes meeting.

Mr J. Jerome has been appointed North Island representative for the National Coursing Club.

The Witness writes it is just possible Lord Zetland will come up to the Auckland meeting.

The payments in connection with the Auckland Coursing Club's recent meeting were as follow:—Maiden Stakes: Mr J. Russell (White Star), £26 and cup presented by Mr McCready; Messrs Fenton and McEwin (Poacher), £13; Mr Lynch (Papakura), £6; Mr A. Beatty (Couranto) and Mr P. Quinlan (Pat), £2 5s each. For the All-aged Stakes: Mr Appleby (The Rambler), £14; Mr Ligar (Rock-bail), £7; Mr C. G. Gordon (Castaway), £3. The total paid on the Maiden Stakes was £49 10s, and on the All-aged Stakes £24.

Dilemma has again met with ill-luck (writes "Mazepa.") He somehow struck one of his forelegs when doing a gallop, and a tendon became injured, with the result that the horse had to be taken off work just at a time when his trainer was beginning to fancy that he might have a say in one of the races at the May meeting. That settles his hash for the season, and we shall see no more of him till the spring. By that time it is to be hoped he will be ready for another shy at the New Zealand Cup.