

All-round Sport.

[BY VIGILANT.]

FOOTBALL.

Parnell had a very good practice on Saturday with fifteen men a side.

D. McGill did not show us any of his dash of last season.

W. Brodie played a splendid game at three-quarter, his running being first-class. Brodie is a trifle on the light side, but a rattling good all-round man. He played for the first juniors last season.

G. Crozier, who played full back for the Parnell first juniors last year, was tried at three-quarter on Saturday, proving himself a good man in the position. The Parnellites would do well to keep him in this position, as his all-round work, running, collaring, and passing was really tip-top.

Edmonds and Bonayne are just as clever as ever.

Of the forwards, Murray and Wright were perhaps the most prominent, though good work was put in all round.

I hear that "Mother" Elliott will not don the club colours this season in the district championship fixtures. One thing is certain, and that is that he has not been putting in any practice yet. Elliott officiated with the whistle on Saturday, and if he does not play should prove a valuable acquisition to the Referee's Association. The Parnell III. players turned up in force on Saturday, and I should say they will take a deal of beating in the cup fixtures this season.

eventually two teams were selected from the Onehunga and Otahuhu players on the ground. A very even match ensued, Onehunga having rather the best of it in the first spell, a try being scored by Cook. In the second spell the better condition of Otahuhu began to tell, and the Onehunga men fagged perceptibly, though the game ended without any further score. For Onehunga, Sutherland at full-back and Rishworth at three-quarter showed very fair form, whilst amongst the forwards there were several promising players. Absolum, Todd, Owen, and Morrison were the pick of the Otahuhu players.

Suburbs promises to have very fine second and third fifteens from among these players, and combination and experience at Potters will make either team very hard to beat. Permission has been granted by the Rugby Union for Otahuhu to play in their own colours of red and black, instead of black.

At the recent meeting of the New Zealand Rugby Union, held at Wellington, it was announced that the Queensland Union would visit New Zealand during the season, also that the Auckland Union proposed going South, Poverty Bay to Auckland and Napier; Wellington to Wairarapa, Hawke's Bay and Canterbury. The Buller district and the West Coast proposed to exchange visits. Canterbury proposed to go South, and South Canterbury proposed visiting Canterbury. Wanganui proposed to visit Auckland, Taranaki, and Manawatu. Mr Wells (Auckland) said that unless Otago visited Auckland before the Auckland team went South Auckland would probably not visit it on the Southern tour.

The report of the New Zealand Rugby Union shows a deficit of £69.

football at Quartzopolis should be on the down grade, as their reps. have given we Aucklanders many a tough tussle in years gone by, in spite of the advantages we claim in point of numbers from which to select our representatives. I shall never forget the first appearance of our old crack, Bob Whiteside, at the Thames. Young Quartzopolians, ranging in age from six to twelve, were searching all over the field for the redoubtable champion, whose fame had gone before him, and when one of the Aucklanders, pointing to the smallest man in the team, informed the juvenile enthusiasts that this was Whiteside, the look of disgust and contempt that overspread their countenances was worth going miles to see, and the general verdict was that the home boys would simply smother him.

The well-known "light-weight" forward, Dave Stewart, is going to settle down over Ponsonby way, and should prove an acquisition to the Ponsonbyites.

"Reg" Hallamore is now a shining light in Wellington football circles.

The campaign started in real earnest down Christchurch way on Saturday last with the championship fixtures.

ATHLETICS.

What is to be done with the Victor Ludorum. Also when is this matter *re* the Championship Hurdle dispute going to be settled.

I understand the Committee of the Auckland A.A. and C.C. will meet on Saturday evening next, when the proposal of holding a cross country race will come up for discussion. How would the Ellerslie steeplechase course suit for an event of this description.

was the hero of the day, annexing the quarter and half mile events on the flat, and the quarter hurdles. The time for the quarter flat is not given in the local paper, but for the half mile, 2min 5½sec from the 20yds mark reads well, while the time for the quarter hurdles—61½secs from scratch—was a wonderful performance if the conditions were correct, as the winner had a large field to get through.

The Inter-collegiate Athletic Association of New York have decided to send a team [to England to compete against a combined team of Oxford and Cambridge.

Arthur Cavill, the well-known swimmer, asserts his ability to swim a 100yds under a minute. If he can do this he eclipses the world's best.

YACHTING.

The weather is now becoming rather unreliable for yachting, and owners are already arranging for winter quarters. The May and Kestrel are hauled up at Logan Bros' yard, where a larger number than usual will be housed at the end of the season.

The leading subject of conversation among yachting people in England at the present time is of course the coming contest for the America Cup, but a considerable amount of interest has been centred in the building and launching of a new yacht, the Ailsa, for Mr Walker, designed by Fife. She is 3ft 6in longer on the water-line than the Britannia, and has a great deal more beam, with a tremendous sail plan; in fact she is a kind of cross between the Britannia and Vigilant. The new flyer left England on a cruise in the Mediterranean, and arrived at Gibraltar after a very rough trip through the Bay of Biscay. Later

The Crack Junior Cricket Club—Belmont A.



F. WHITELEY A. MCKILLOP J. SRCCOMBE A. JOWITT A. GOODWILL C. BRIGHTON
 J. GILLESPIE A. J. PARKER (capt.) A. MOLLOY G. SPURWAY J. PORTER (umpire)
 R. BELL (scorer) F. G. EDMONDS F. GASH J. THOMAS

There was only a fair attendance of Ponsonbyites at the club's practice on Saturday.

Gillespie, Ramsay, and P. Flynn were the pick of the Ponsonby backs, whilst Gallagher, the ex-Parnell junior, was always prominent in the forward division. If he goes on as he has opened up, Gallagher will doubtless be able to lay claim to the coveted honour of a rep. cap this year.

"Ollie" Riley was an absentee on Saturday last, he being engaged in some of the events at the Forester's Sports.

The City and Newton clubs held a mixed practice match at Potters, and though correct football was not the order of the day some good solid graft was put in. By the way, the first-mentioned club have a strong forward division again this season, and with the assistance of Albie Braund behind the scrum and "Buff" Caradus at five-eighths, they should give a good account of themselves.

The North Shore Seniors and Juniors played a practice match on the new ground last Saturday, the Seniors being returned victors by two points, they scoring a try and two goals as against the try and goal of their opponents. Wynyard, Gage, Breen, and Nicholson were most prominent during the afternoon.

The practice matches of Saturday next will be held in the paddock adjoining Potters.

The secretary of the of the Suburbs F.C. writes:—A practice match of Suburbs District Football Club was held on Saturday last at Onehunga on the Farm, arrangements having been made with the Foresters, who were holding their annual sports, for the use of the ground. The teams picked did not all muster, particularly the seniors, and this occasioned some delay, but

The New Zealand Football Association hold their meeting at Wellington to-morrow (Friday). The Association has a credit balance of £10 for the year.

A Tauranga correspondent writes me that the season has fairly opened in that locality, and that good teams will be put in the field.

The Auckland Rugby Union came in for great kudos at the meeting of the New Zealand body, for their action in donating £31 7s over and above its guarantee for the expenses of players going to take part in the North Island match.

Judging from the cable news to hand, we are to be favoured with a visit from an English fifteen during season 1896. They may depend on a hearty welcome and good contests.

On dit that Surman, the New South Wales kickist, who visited us with the team from the other side last year, and who has been residing in Christchurch for some time past, has now taken up his abode in our midst, and will throw in his lot with Grafton.

Now that the Otago Union have decided to throw in their lot with the New Zealand Rugby Union, the Southland kickists will doubtless shortly follow in their footsteps, and peace and harmony will once more reign throughout the football world from this North Cape to the Bluff. By the way, the Otagoites owe we Aucklanders a visit, and it is reported that the Southerners will journey north this season, and Auckland will repay the visit.

I am sorry to hear that the Thamesites are losing several of their leading exponents of the good old Rugby game, they being attracted to the more flourishing mining districts of the Upper Thames. This, of course, will strengthen the Ohinemuri Union, but 'tis a great pity that

The Committee of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club were to have held a meeting on Saturday evening last, but it lapsed as there were not sufficient present to form a quorum. This was doubtless due to the clause in the new rules stating that it shall require seven members to form a quorum, whereas five was previously the recognised number. This is a sad lack of interest in matters athletic and no credit to the Auckland Club.

The English Amateur Athletic Championship gathering will be held at Stamford Bridge, London, on July 6th.

J. Doyle, of Wellington, giving an exhibition of weight lifting at the Wellington Gymnastic Club's rooms recently, put a 100lb weight the full length of his arm no fewer than nine times.

The Wellington Amateur Athletic Club have abandoned their cross-country race on account of the paucity of entries.

The New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association are congratulating themselves on the best credit balance of many years—£32 6s 4d. How does this compare with the credit balance of the Auckland Club?

W. Cobeldick, of Rangitata, Canterbury, offers to make a match with anyone in New Zealand for £20 to £100 a side to walk a mile and run a mile successively. At Blenheim Cobeldick was handicapped at 22yds in the Half and 30yds in the Mile. He, however, journeyed to Invercargill where he competed in the Mile off scratch, and was unplaced. Bowen, Leslie, and Warcup are all walking men who have gone in for running. The most successful walker and runner in this colony at present is E. Hall.

At the Gore Hibernian Society's sports, held on Easter Monday, J. A. Simson, an Auckland, reports say the Ailsa has met the Britannia in the Mediterranean regattas, and although hampered with a weak topmast and unreliable rigging she proved herself superior to the old champion.

Thus the English Yachtsman:—"It is freely mentioned that the new America Cup-defender now building for the Morgan-Iselin syndicate will be the only one turned out by the great Rhode-Island firm, and that she is to be a keel boat, as we had expected, but so arranged that a small centre-plate may be afterwards fitted, a statement which we regard as being apocryphal. That the vessel will have a considerably greater fixed draught than that of Vigilant is indicated by the fact that excavations are being made in the ground both inside and outside the shop, which were not necessary in the case of the last champion. The yacht will be built of Tobin bronze. The difference between the cost of a centre-board Cup-defender and a keel-boat is said to be 5,000dol. Capt. Terry has been appointed master of the new vessel."

It is stated by the Boston *Globe* that the new Herrshoff Cup defender will be more machine-like than her predecessors. There will not even be accommodation for her crew, who, the journal says, will be berthed in a steam tender. The N.Y. Yacht Club have decided that the yachts competing in the International Cup race should be entitled to carry three men to each 5ft of their racing length. This would give the Valkyrie a crew of 62 men, according to the measurements already indicated.

The recent gale used some of the yachts a bit roughly down at Wellington. The new half-raters were a good deal knocked about, and the Atalanta, which has not returned to Napier since the regatta, had her stern considerably damaged.

Boys' washing suits for 1s 11d at Fowlds' sale of Moore's salvage stock.