

play being very fine, whilst he was always at the head of the local rushes. He deserved his try.

The trio of three-quarters, I. Kitching, Butland, and Harrison, all played sound serviceable games, both their offensive and defensive tactics being good, though in passing they evidently have a lot to learn.

The five-eighth man, Smith, played the best game for the visitors, kicking and collaring well, besides being responsible for a neatly potted goal from the field. E. Phelan, at half, also did yeoman service for Wairoa, and may be said to have shared honours with Smith.

The play of the visitors' vanguard was characterized by great dash right through, the local division being smothered in all points of the game. Their line play, combination, and fine dribbling rushes were worth witnessing, and they may also be said to have had all the best of the scrum work. The whole pack are to be congratulated on their play, though C. Molloy, Matthews, Barker, and Baker were perhaps the most conspicuous.

On Saturday next our second fifteen will play the Waikato Rugby Union representatives at Potter's Paddock, Epsom, and if anything like fine weather prevails

lighter than the front division of the opposing team, held their end up in great style, and on the whole may be said to have had somewhat the best of the struggle. The representatives of the Windy City are credited with having played with hard luck, the over-eagerness of their forwards being to some extent responsible for the verdict, they, after initiating fine dribbling rushes, would either overrun the ball or kick too hard and a force down would result. The victors played a dashing game right through, and if they had possessed a decent place-kick, should have added the major points to the two tries obtained. The Wellington score was a goal from the field.

The final contest for first junior championship honours between Ponsonby and Newton resulted in a win for the former by 18 points to nil. The game was fast and interesting throughout and though the Ponsonby lads had far and away the best of the go the Newtonites played a good game. The victors are undoubtedly a smart lot, and have just reason to feel proud of their achievements during the season, they having played eleven matches in all, in ten of which they were returned victors, whilst in the exception they drew with Suburbs. I hear that host Buck, of the Ponsonby

The well-known Wairarapa back, A. D'Arcy, has retired from the football field. A great loss to the district this, as Archie was a tower of strength to the back division.

The decision of the New Zealand Union Appeal Committee, establishing an arbitrary centre of the scrum and enacting that any player outside the scrum going beyond it shall be penalised, which was referred back to the Committee last week, is to be modified. It will now read that all players run to their own side of the ball when it is put in the scrum, and players are not off-side when behind the ball.

The North and South Island match, which was to have been played at Christchurch on the 22nd inst., has been postponed until next year. This action was decided upon by the Management Committee of the N.Z.R.U., owing to the fact that Auckland and Otago were unable to play on account of their pending match of the 24th.

An old Otago "rep.," who has been attending the practice matches of the Canterbury Probable and Possible teams, gives it as his opinion that Otago is stronger this year than Canterbury. This being the case, our lads may expect strong opposition down below, as Can-

W. M. Servies, of the Humber Cycle Depot, is always to the front in novelties. He has now on view the latest thing in cycles, the flying Boudard-gear Humber, the only one in New Zealand, which can be inspected at this gentleman's premises in Queen Street.

The Zealandia cycle is to be found in all parts of New Zealand, and Mr N. Oates' machines are now widely known and fit to rank with anything produced in the colony—or, for that matter, outside of it. Particulars of this well-known brand of cycles can be found in our advertising columns.

Coursing Notes.

[By SLIP.]

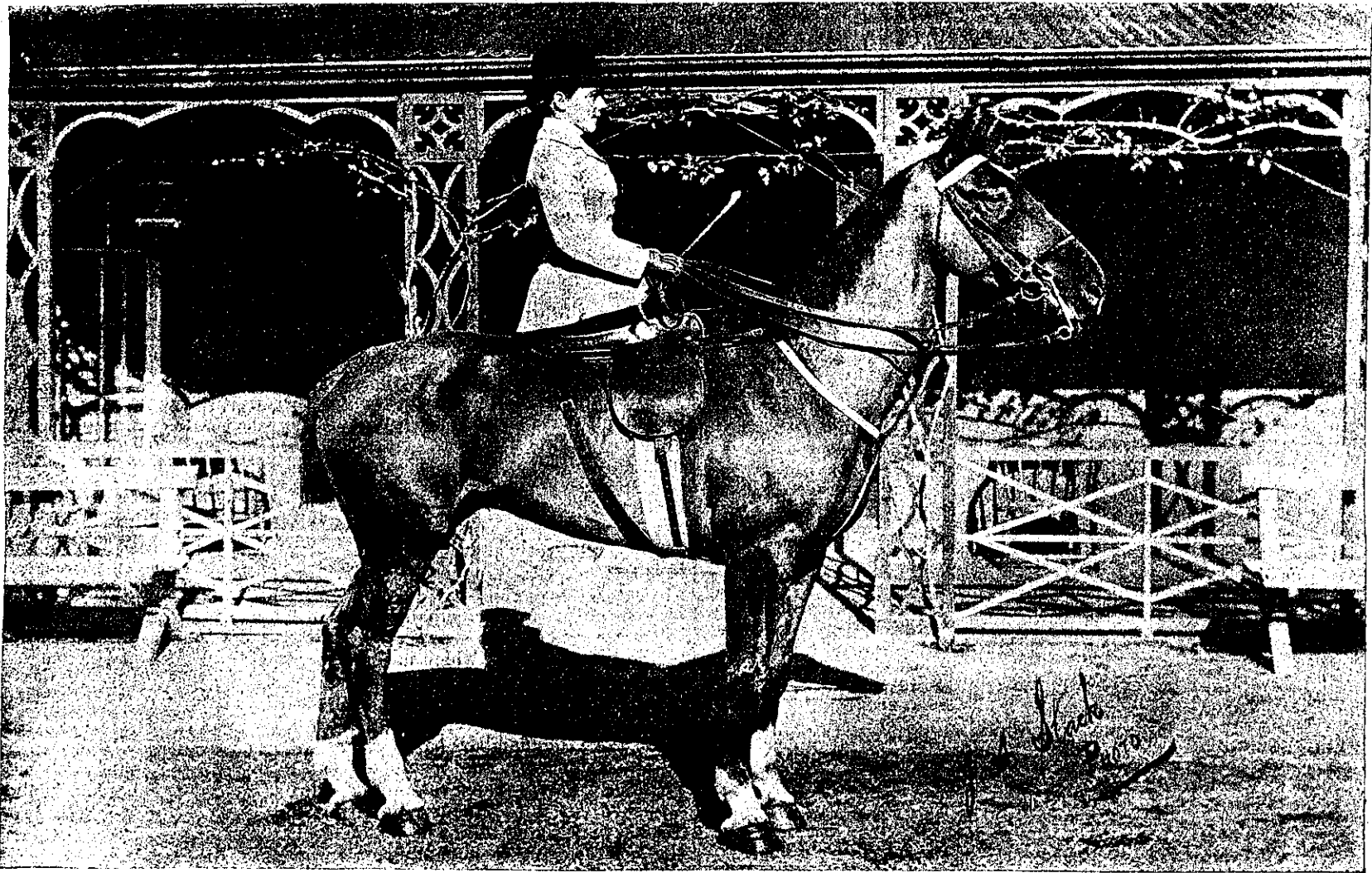
FIXTURES.

August 21 and 24—Auckland C.C. Champion Collar Stakes, Sapling Stakes, Recovery Stakes, and Final Stakes.
Sept. 4—Hawke's Bay Plumpton C.C. Gathering

Nominations for the Hawke's Bay Plumpton Coursing Club September Meeting closed last (Wednesday) night. Final payments are due on Monday, September 2nd.

The greyhound, Greater Scot, who with Hirschel decided the English Wa-

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LADIES WHO HUNT (Mrs Bilbrough).

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a very fair attendance should be present, as the match should prove quite as interesting as the fixture of last week. The Waikato boys are said to be stronger this year than last, and this being the case they may be expected to make a strong bid for victory. The following team (which differs very little from that of Saturday last with the exception that Gage's place will be filled by Hay, and one or two alterations in the forwards) has been chosen to do battle for Auckland:—Full-back, Smith; three-quarters, T. Roberts, J. Breen, C. Hay; five-eighth, W. Elliott; half, C. Caradus; forwards, Williamson, Eaton, Hogan, Flynn, Sterling, McConnell, Gallagher, Freeman, and Hancock. Emergencies, Sutherland, Warnock, D. Hay, Ramsay, Cole, and Thompson.

The representative match, Canterbury v. Wellington, played at Lancaster Park, Christchurch, on Saturday last, resulted in a win for Canterbury by 6 points to 4. There were between two and three thousand spectators present to witness the contest, though on the whole the game was somewhat disappointing from a spectator's point of view, the play being confined to the forwards, a lot of uninteresting scrum work resulting. The Canterbury vanguard, though somewhat

Club Hotel, who is a vice-president of the Ponsonby Football Club intends giving the boys a befitting wind up to their season in the shape of a banquet shortly.

The Waikato reps. play Franklin reps. to-day (Thursday) at Pukekohe.

The Otago v. Southland match of Saturday last resulted in a win for Otago by 3 points to nil. The weather was anything but conducive to good Rugby, and the winners are said to have had somewhat the best of both spells.

The N'tu Ahuriri Maori team, who carried off the junior honours at Canterbury this season, are now on tour and will play Kotahitanga (a Maori Club) at that place to-day (August 22nd), and the Wairarapa junior representatives at Masterton on the 24th.

The Queensland Rugby Union have written to headquarters at Wellington urging that the New Zealand team should meet Australia next year, notwithstanding the Queensland visit this year having been postponed.

That old battler, "Bob" Whiteside, is credited with a great game in the semi-final round of the Sydney Association's Cup fixture between Pirates and Randwick, in which the former won by a potted goal (4 points) to nil. Whiteside played for the losers.

terbury defeated Wellington on Saturday, and the latter have a strong team, whilst Otago is looked upon by the above writer as better than Saturday's winners.

The committee of the Canterbury Rugby Union are evidently on the right track. If players chosen by the selection committee do not put in an appearance they want to know the reason why, and very sharp, too. If the result of the investigation does not suit their palate the delinquent rugbyite gets into trouble. And quite right, too! No half-hearted reasons seem to appease the Southrons.

ATHLETICS, Etc.

Entries for the Amateur Steeplechase Race of Saturday week (August 31st) close with the Secretary, Mr. W. Speight, at the Metropolitan Hotel, on Saturday evening next by 9 o'clock. Several well-known runners, including Beers, Roberts, Reid, H. V. Buchanan, Frost, and others are now in training, and next week I shall endeavour to locate the probable winner.

The Melbourne contributor to the *Wheelman* writes that Zimmerman will pass through New Zealand. Jimmy's wife, Kaufman, the trick rider, and Walford accompany him.

terloo Cup in 1887, was recently destroyed. He was hardly a success at the stud, his best get being Ivan the Great.

Messrs Kelly and M'Gillicuddy's greyhounds will be sold on Monday next, August 26th. Several of the members of this famous Australian kennel will doubtless realise big money.

Results of yesterday's (Wednesday) coursing will be found on a later page of this issue, and a detailed report of the meeting will appear in our next week's.

In addition to the money prize a handsome silver collar, presented by the committee, will go to the winner of the Champion Collar Stakes.

Acceptances closed for the three stakes of the Auckland Coursing Club's August Meeting on Monday evening last, when 48 dogs accepted for the Final Stakes, 13 for the Champion Collar Stakes, and 4 for the Recovery Stakes. The card was called over at the Occidental Hotel, and though a large number of owners were present, very few seemed inclined to back their nominations. One or two lines at long prices were written in the Final Stakes, and a few tidy bets made in the Collar Stakes, the principal wager of the evening being that of Mr C. Whitten, who took £50 to £5 about Guy Fawkes.