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FOOTBALL.

RUGBY UNIONS CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR.

NORTH ISLAND.

AUCKLAND.

FIRST AND SECOND FIFTEENS.

June 6—Ponsonby v. North Shore, Parnell v. Newton, Grafton v. City.
June 13—Ponsonby v. Suburbs, Parnell v. North Shore, Grafton v. Newton.
June 20—Parnell v. Suburbs, Grafton v. North Shore, City v. Newton.

AUCKLAND CHURCH RUGBY UNION.

June 6—Tabernacle v. St. Benedict's, at Domain; Alexandra Street v. Holy Trinity, at Domain; All Saints' v. St. Mark's, at Remuera; St. Patrick's v. St. Andrew's, at Epsom; Helping Hand a bye.
June 13—Tabernacle v. Helping Hand, at Epsom; St. Benedict's v. St. Mark's, at Domain; Holy Trinity v. St. Andrew's, at Otahuhu; All Saints' v. Alexandra Street, at Domain; St. Patrick's a bye.

OHINEMURI.

June 6—Waihi v. Karangahake, at Waihi.
Junior matches in the same rotation, one week later.

THAMES.

June 6—Nelson II. v. Rover II.; Thames II. v. Waitemata.
June 13—Waitemata v. Nelson II.; Rover II. v. Britannia.
June 21—Thames II. v. Rovers II.; Nelson II. v. Britannia.
June 27—Britannia v. Waitemata; Nelson II. v. Thames II.

TARANAKI.

SENIOR.

June 6—Star v. Waimate, at Mania; Hawera v. Tukapa, at Hawera; Normanby a bye.
June 11—Tukapa v. Waimate, at New Plymouth.
June 12—Hawera v. Normanby, at Hawera; Star, a bye.
June 19—Star v. Normanby, at Normanby.
June 20—Waimate v. Hawera, at Hawera; Tukapa a bye.

JUNIOR.

NORTHERN DIVISION.
June 4—Inglewood v. Star II., at Inglewood; Tukapa II. v. Clifton, at Clifton.
June 11—Tukapa II. v. Star II., at New Plymouth; Clifton v. Inglewood, at Inglewood.

NORTHERN DIVISION.
June 4—Manganui v. Normanby, at Midhurst; Eltham v. Hawera, at Hawera.
June 11—Manganui v. Hawera, at Hawera; Normanby v. Eltham, at Eltham.

COASTAL DIVISION.
June 6—Ake Ake v. Okaiawa, at Mania; Waimate v. v. Opunake, at Opunake.
June 13—Ake Ake v. Opunake, at Opunake; Okaiawa v. Waimate, at Okaiawa.

WELLINGTON.

SENIOR.

June 6—Petone v. Melrose, Petone No. 1; Wellington v. Ponoka, Park No. 1.

SOUTH ISLAND.

DUNEDIN.

June 6—Kaikorai v. University, at Bishopscourt; Dunedin v. Zingari-Richmond, on ground to be arranged; Alhambra v. Union, at Opoho; Caversham v. Pirates, at St. Clair.
June 13—Kaikorai v. Dunedin, at Bishopscourt; Alhambra v. Pirates, at Carisbrook; Zingari-Richmond v. Caversham, at Montecillo; Union v. University, at Tahuna Park.
June 20—Kaikorai v. Zingari-Richmond, on ground to be arranged; Dunedin v. Caversham, at St. Clair; Alhambra v. University, at Tahuna Park; Union v. Pirates, at Carisbrook.
June 27—Kaikorai v. Alhambra, at Carisbrook; Dunedin v. Union, on the Caledonian Ground; Zingari-Richmond v. Pirates, at Montecillo; Caversham v. University, at St. Clair.

QUEENSLAND FOOTBALL TOUR.

Saturday, August 8—Auckland.
Tuesday, August 11—Taranaki.
Thursday, August 13—Wellington.
Saturday, August 15—New Zealand match, at Wellington.
Thursday, August 20—Canterbury, at Christchurch.
Saturday, August 22—Otago match, at Dunedin.
Tuesday, August 25—Southland, at Bluff.

The Senior Championships.

A beautiful bracing day greeted the continuation of the championship fixtures on Saturday last, and as a consequence there was present at Potter's Paddock, Epsom, the largest attendance that has been seen on the ground this season. The visitors were duly rewarded for their visit by witnessing one of the most interesting and exciting matches played on the ground since the inception of the district scheme. I refer to the contest between City and Parnell. The honours were fairly divided in the earlier part of the game, and at half-time City held a lead of one point, the scores being—City 6, Parnell 5. In the second half, however, the players from the central district proved too strong for the opposition, and kept the maroons penned in their own twenty-five for the greater part of the spell, the game ultimately ending in a victory for City by 17 points to 10. That the best team won there is no doubt, not even in the minds of Parnell's supporters, and I must congratulate the City lads on the grand game they played, both individually and collectively, a remark that may also be equally applied to the wearers of the maroon jerseys, who, though beaten, were by no means disgraced, and must be credited with having fought out every inch of the ground in a manner typical of old champions. The remaining matches need little or no comment, that between Newton and Ponsonby falling to the former by 16 points to 5. This does not indicate the play in the first half of the game, which was decidedly even, but in the second half the Newton fifteen made a runaway game of it, keeping their opponents busy on the defensive during the greater portion

of the time. North Shore defeated Suburbs by 5 points to 4, but the match was only noticeable for the absence of really good play, and its rough-and-tumble take-it-as-it-comes sort of play that was carried on. The teams played about half an hour and then gave up for the purpose of having a look at the other contests. The particulars of the matches are as under:—

CITY v. PARNELL.

No. 1 Ground was the scene of action, and Mr Parker (referee) manipulated the whistle in a highly successful manner. At the very jump Parnell got in a score, Tait crossing the coveted line, and Murray successfully negotiating the shot at goal.—Parnell 5, City nil. This raised the hopes of the maroon's admirers, who greeted the auspicious opening with perfect howls of applause. Matters continued very lively for the next ten or fifteen minutes, both teams going at it for all they were worth, and men were being bowled over like skittles in all directions, one actually having to retire. Elliott, Jervis, and Ronayne were getting off some nice passing runs for Parnell, and showing sound defence, while Surman, Absolum, and Smith were doing likewise for City, and the forwards on either side were grafting like veritable demons. The scene of action was rapidly changing from end to end. The City vanguard, headed by Sid. Brown, dribbled over Parnell's line, but Hedges saved; but the players of the central district, not to be denied, came at it again, and in a few minutes Absolum crossed the line amidst frantic applause, and recorded three points for City. Stone failed in his shot at goal—Parnell 5, City 3. City continued to keep close to Parnell's line, and fine play was witnessed by Creagh and Absolum. The last-named very neatly intercepted a pass from Eviit, and got over the line, scoring City's second try. Oliphant took the shot at goal, which was unsuccessful.—City 6, Parnell 5. There was no further score in the first half. On resuming, the play was principally in Parnell's ground, and their goal line was several times in danger. The ball was then taken right up to City's line, and Hancock got over. Murray landed a lovely goal, which put Parnell four points ahead, amid frantic delight on the part of Parnell's barrackers—Parnell 10, City 6. Shortly after the kick-off Surman took the leather from Smith and made the run of the day before he was grassed by Hedges. A few minutes after Smith sent the leather out to Absolum, who again crossed the line, but Creagh did not add the major points.—Parnell 10, City 9. The excitement increased, and Parnell forced the game. At half-way both teams were in a bunch, and Surman picking up the ball only had to pass three men when he had a straight field from about three-quarter way, and not a man to stop him. He scored behind the posts, Thomas adding the major points—City 14, Parnell 10. From a mark by Taylor, Murray made a good shot at goal, but was not successful, and Elliott also made a dashing run and nearly succeeded in crossing the line. The ball was worked up and down the field several times, and once when Parnell were right on City's line a maroonite got over, but the ball having been thrown on a scrum was ordered. City worked the enemy back to half-way, where Smith made a dashing run, and was all-but scoring when Jervis dropped him. A scrum followed, and City thereafter clung to Parnell's line for a very long time. Parnell defended most doggedly, but after several efforts on City's part Surman again scored. The try was not converted, and the game, by far the best this season from a spectator's point of view, ended—City 17, Parnell 10.

NORTH SHORE v. SUBURBS.

The full time was not played in this contest, and what there was of it showed an absence of combination and passing of a second-rate nature, with an occasional glimpse of decent individual play. A nice passing run between Wynyard and McKenzie, early in the game, resulted in the first-mentioned player crossing the line and scoring first blood for North Shore. Walker took the shot at goal, and he succeeded in putting the oval safely over the bar, and the game stood—North Shore 5, Suburbs nil. Later on McPike potted a goal from the field for Suburbs, and as no further scores were obtained by either team, the game ended—North Shore 5, Suburbs 4.

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