

at 4.32. Jervis again scored behind the posts after a grand run. He essayed the place himself, but missed. Parnell 6, City 0, at 4.37. Again Jervis with a fine run scored, Mackie though collaring well, being just too late. Smith tried a difficult place. Parnell 7, at 4.42. Elliott was the next to score, but Smith did not improve. Parnell 8, at 4.55. Shortly after Jervis made a tremendous run from just outside his own 25, touching down between the posts. Kissling sent the ball straight over the bar. Parnell 11, at 4.58. After a good run by Madigan, Elliott again scored, and Kissling improved. Parnell 14, at 5.3. A good dribble by Wright and Mellis ended in Lecky scoring. Madigan failed to convert. Parnell 15, at 5.6. Lecky scored again and Madigan missed the place. Parnell 16, at 5.9. A grand forward dribbling rush enabled Whyte to score a well deserved try. Elliott taking the place put the ball over in fine style, and the match presently ended in a crushing victory for Parnell. Mr. J. Webster was the referee.

PONSONBY V. NEWTON.

A determined struggle of which neither side could claim to have much the better. In the first spell Fred Murray, who as usual played a fine game, scored after a fine combined forward rush by Newton. Taking the place himself, he failed to convert. Roberts, who shone resplendant throughout the match, scored for Ponsonby after a splendid run. Flynn placed a fine goal, and the spell ended with the score—Ponsonby 3; Newton 1. In the second half, Newton forwards played a grand aggressive game, but Ponsonby backs defended well. Murray from a mark had a shot at goal, but failed. Masefield made a grand run, but did not score. Roberts again shone. Donald scored for Newton, but Murray did not improve, and the match ended in a victory for Ponsonby by 3 points to 2. Airey played a brilliant forward game, and was well backed up by McLean. Murray, Heffernan, Mills and Donald were to the fore among Newton forwards; Davidson and Beamish did best in the back division.

SUBURBS V. NORTH SHORE.

The Shore for the first time played their match at Potter's, but the "Rhubarbs" proved too good, winning a well fought match by 8 points to nil. The Shore forwards played an excellent game, but the Suburbs' backs were too powerful. The first score was from a penalty kick—Simson having held the ball. Peace placed an easy goal. Otway next got over the line after some fine passing between the backs. Peace did not improve. The spell ended with the score—Suburbs 3, Shore 0. In the second spell, Andrews, after a splendid dribble scored, but Peace again failed to convert. Good passing enabled Rhodes to score, and Peace placed a good goal. Hales by a magnificent run was the last to score. He took the place himself, but missed, and the game ended as above.

TARANAKI FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW PLYMOUTH, August 14.

On Saturday last the final round of Cup matches way played. Clifton easily downed Eltham to the tune of 18 points to nil; and Waimate beat Hawera by 7 to nil.

The Auckland reps.' visit is anxiously looked forward to.

The committee appointed to select the Taranaki team have not, apparently, completed their work, as no names have yet been published. They appear to me to be a bit slow in their work.

CRICKET.

"Robin Hood," of the *Australasian*, writes: The record for the highest aggregate score in a first-class match has just been broken, the match between Cambridge University and Sussex producing no less than 1,402 runs. Singularly enough the previous record, 1,339 runs, was made only last year by the same clubs on the same ground, and on the same Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Last year, however, the Cantabs made 900 runs of the total, while on this occasion the honours were equally divided. In other words Sussex were only beaten by 43 runs, after a glorious struggle. In their first innings they went in

with 412 runs against them, and less than four hours to get them in. Nothing daunted, they scored at such a terrific rate that 350 runs were up on the board with 40 minutes remaining in which to get the 62 runs then required, and five wickets still to fall. Just then, however, the sixth and seventh wickets—which had put on 217 runs—fell in rapid succession, and the three last batsmen added but few runs, the University getting them all out 20 minutes before time. Mr. G. Brown for Sussex played two magnificent innings—86 not out and 161. His was the only century in the match. Some of the papers say that the "record" is 1,441, made in the New South Wales v. Victoria match at Sydney, February, 1882. Others say that as the match took a fourth and even fifth day, therefore it cannot count.

The same writer says that the dashing Middlesex bat T. C. O'Brien, who scored 105 and 14 for the M.C.C. against the Australian team last year, is playing this season under the assumed name of J. C. Johnston. He is in fine batting form, and is so far third in the list of batting averages with 28.42 for fifteen innings. Why the assumed name, I know not; but the public conclusion is that J. C. has an enormously rich aunt, who would cut him off with a shilling if she knew he wielded the bat again.

The veteran cricketer Mr. Charles Absolom is still to the fore, though he is in his seventy-fifth year, and the other day at Fensbury Park he bowled three wickets for 10 runs. He always makes his thousand runs before the end of the season.

CYCLING.

Twenty-five well-known road cyclists started from London to York to prove what a body could do mounted on bicycles. They also determined to beat the time of Dick Turpin's celebrated ride to York, which was said to be 22 hours. The route they took was on the old Great Northern road, through Barnet, St. Albans, Stamford, Grantham, and Retford. By the time they arrived there half of them had retired through punctured tyres and disabled machines. However, ten of them—including G. Holbein—arrived at York, doing the distance in 21 hours 30 minutes. Shortly after an eleventh arrived, thus beating the time they set themselves to do it in by half-an-hour. Most of them used the pneumatic-tyred safeties.

A long distance road side match arranged by the Bicycle Club of Bordeaux, took place on May 23. The race was from Bordeaux to Paris, a distance of 358 miles. Five English road riders entered, including G. P. Mills and M. A. Holbein, who are well known as long-distance riders. The latter's chance was considered very good, as he had done 336 miles in 24 hours. All the Englishmen had undergone a careful preparation, but they laboured under the disadvantage of not knowing the road. The conditions under which the race was run were most unfavourable, as it rained all Saturday night, and the roads were in a bad state. The men were dispatched at 5 a.m. on Saturday morning, and the English riders at once assumed the leading positions. Jiel-Laral and Coulibœuf proved the best of the Frenchmen, but they succumbed at Poitiers, and ran a stern chase from there. Before half the distance had been ridden Mills got away from his opponents, and maintained his lead to the finish, arriving at the Porte Maillot Gate, Paris, at 7.36 a.m. on Sunday, riding the 358 miles in 26 hours 36 minutes. He used several pneumatic-tyred safeties during the ride, and sustained two falls. Holbein finished second, arriving at 8.52 a.m. J. E. L. Bates was third, and S. F. Edge fourth, but neither of them arrived until after eleven. Jiel-Laral turned up at 1.40 p.m. The movements of the men were checked in a log book, with which each rider was provided.

BOXING.

The *Sporting Standard* is of opinion that Tom Sayers would have held his own with any man his weight now living.

A match between Ned Ryan of Sydney and Herbert Goddard of Melbourne will be arranged to take place in the Melbourne Athletic Club at an early date for a substantial prize offered by that Club.

John L. Sullivan's manager (Jack Barnett) has stated his willingness to back Jack Ashton for £1,000 against Joe Goddard, and it is likely to be accepted. Ashton boxes every night on the Sydney stage with Sullivan, and is a heavy-weight.

The Club which promoted the Griffio—Murphy fight in Sydney and provided a very substantial purse for the same, has come out with a very satisfactory credit balance. After paying all expenses there will be about £300 to put away for a rainy day. In addition to this it seems that the members of the Club consistently backed Griffio, and many of the knowing ones pocketed a very good stake.

Billy Murphy is going to reduce himself to bantam weight, and has expressed a desire to fight Dixon at the California Club, if that body will put up a good purse. He says he can fight well and strong at the reduced weight.

It was expected (says the *Sporting Standard*) that John L. Sullivan's appearance on the Australian stage would have caused just about as much excitement as Sara Bernhardt, and prices were accordingly raised. Unfortunately, however, for the managers, such has not proved to be the case in Sydney, and the house has not had nearly so much patronage as was anticipated. Perhaps he will be boomed better in Melbourne.

Dick Matthews' brother Bob, defeated Jack Ellis in a boxing contest for £10 a side, at Danevirke.

Prices for terriers are going up like many other animals in England. The following prices were quite lately realised: a Bedding terrier 100 gns., a bull terrier—not a show dog, brought the same sum, while a couple of Dandie Dinmonts fetched 120 gns.



(Contributions to this column are invited. All communications should be addressed to "Torpedo," and reach this office not later than Tuesday in each week. Notes from country corps will be specially acceptable.)

RANGE TIME-TABLE.

August 22—Auckland Navals (old Davy), Ponsonby Navals

CAPTAIN COOPER of the Victoria Rifles is still of opinion his company can beat the "A" Battery; he says the Artillery fired above their average in the last match, whereas the Vics. fired below theirs. The Victorias intend to challenge their conquerors at the earliest opportunity.

The combined rifle companies are anxiously awaiting the challenge from the "A" Battery to fire the return match, they having beaten them on the last occasion by one point.

The Te Awamutu Mounted Infantry are forming a detachment at Whatawhata, where the next period of drill is proposed to be held. The troop is in a very flourishing condition, and Captain R. Bruce—their deservedly popular commander—is making arrangements to provide his men with the new regulation uniform. Jim Macalister is working energetically on behalf of the Whatawhata section of the troop, and they should not be short of a mounted vivandiere is such capable hands as his.

Lieut. Grant inspected the Hamilton Rifles last Thursday evening, 43 members being present. After a march out, headed by their own drum and fife band, the inspecting officer complimented them on their drill and smartness, and also referred to the absence of larrikinism in Hamilton. He was soon, however, undeceived upon the latter point, for a disturbance immediately commenced at the door, and had to be repressed.

The Auckland Navals mustered in good strength on Friday night last. One section at the Drill Shed were instructed in ground mines by Sergt. Grant of the Permanent Torpedo Corps, Lieut.-Commander Parker and Lieut. W. Smith being in charge; while a second section were at Fort Caulley undergoing a course of big gun drill under Lieut. Little.

The Royal Irish fired a match against the Newton Rifles on Saturday, and the match resulted in a close and exciting finish, the Newtons just managing to win by 3 points. At the first range the Royal Irish had gained a lead of 9 points but their opponents put on 5