

the ball. The Auckland back division appeared unable to get going, several likely-looking passing rushes being nipped in the bud through some fault or another.

Waikato won the toss, and took advantage of the sun and a strong breeze, but were unable to do more than hold their own against the blue and whites. Auckland led off attacking, and carrying play into Waikato's 25, McGuire picked up the ball from a scramble and dived over and registered Auckland's first try. Hall failed with the shot at goal. Waikato then placed the blue and whites on the defence, Coote finally taking a mark in Auckland's territory. Clarke was entrusted with the shot at goal and was successful in equalising the score. From the kick-out the Waikato men started a forward rush, which resulted in McCauley obtaining a try. Clarke failed with the kick at goal. Both sides then made repeated efforts to score, but without success, half-time being called with the score: Waikato 6; Auckland 3.

With the weather conditions in their favour in the second half, it was thought the Aucklanders would have little difficulty in running up a score, but the sound defence of Waikato, together with mismanagement on the part of the blue and whites, was responsible for the home team being unable to realise the expectations of their supporters. Play had not long been in progress before Coote ran in and scored Waikato's second try. Clarke again made an unsuccessful shot at goal. From then onwards the blue and whites made determined efforts to get over their opponents' line, but time was finally called without any further score, the Waikato men being returned victors by nine points to 6.

For Waikato, Coote and Hughes put in valuable service in the rear division, the latter playing a particularly fine game. Of the forwards, the most conspicuous were McKillop and Macaulay. Miller, at full, for Auckland played his usual safe game, making no serious mistakes. Twiname, at centre, was responsible for a good display, as was also Hogan on the wing. McDonald, on the wing forward, grafted like a Trojan. McGuire was the pick of the forwards, putting in no end of graft. Peterson also showed out conspicuously.

**NOTES.**

The British Rugby Union has arranged twenty-eight fixtures for the visiting Australian team, commencing with Devon on September 26, and embracing matches with England, Ireland, Wales, the Universities, various counties, and concluding with a match against France on January 1.

It is reported (says the "Otago Witness") that one of the North Island members of the New Zealand professional team which recently returned from a tour of the Northern Counties, cost his side some £300 to smooth out a few of his little peccadilloes while on the English football circuit.

In Johnston's opinion the two most valuable backs of the late professional team were Messenger and Turtill. "It is a pity," said Johnston, "that the former had not been brought up in New Zealand football, where he could have been schooled by such players as Roberts, Hunter, and Wallace. As a place-kick he stands on a pedestal of his own. In an exhibition of goal-kicking during the interval of one of our matches at Home, out of 24 attempts from half-way he placed 22 goals."

According to the "Referee," H. Bullock cannot make the trip. James Hughes, John Hughes, and W. F. Matthews are very doubtful about obtaining leave. P. Carmichael is a Queenslander, as are E. Parkinson, T. Richards, and P. Flanagan.

Australia defeated the Maori team on Saturday at Sydney by 20 points to 10. The visitors led off strongly, scoring ten to nil, but went to pieces at the finish and were easily beaten.

New South Wales beat Queensland on Saturday in Sydney by 17 points to 10.

The Sydney First Grade semi-finals are University v. Glebe, and Newtown v. South Sydney, both to be played on August 1. If the Glebe defeat the 'Varsity, and Newtown de-

feat South Sydney, the positions of the club will be as follow: Newtown 24, University and Glebe 22 each. In that case the two clubs named last will need to play off to decide which shall meet Newtown in the final, but if the Glebe be downed by the 'Varsity, the latter will play Newtown in the final, even though South Sydney beat Newtown in the semi-final. 'Varsity have so far won ten out of eleven matches, while Glebe after losing two matches have won nine without a break.

As was only to be expected with the best players away in Australia, the Rotorua Maoris were badly beaten by the Anglo-Welsh team on Tuesday, the visitors winning by 24 to 3.

Mr. Angus Campbell will referee the test match on Saturday next.

The Southern members of the N.Z. Rep. team have arrived in Auckland, and useful practice has been indulged in at Victoria Park.

A movement has been initiated to present W. J. Wallace with a big testimonial.

The New Zealand University team has left for home beaten in all three matches (says the "Sydney Referee") but the Sydney football public is indebted to them for three most entertaining games. Their forwards played good hard football in every match, but while superior in getting the ball out from the ruck and the loose to the backs they were up against other-wise stronger sets of forwards in all three games. If they could only have mastered the enemy forward the side would probably have shown some beautiful back play, as on occasions in the two 'Varsity matches they made some very pretty movements.

**COUNTRY MATCHES.**

At Paeroa the home team were defeated by Piako by 5 points to 3.

At Whangarei the match between Whakapara and South Ward resulted in a draw, neither side scoring.

At Coromandel, the final match was played between the Northern and Southern Clubs for the cup, and resulted in the former winning by 11 points to 8.

**THE GAME IN THE SOUTH.**

The Senior Grade matches at Dunedin resulted as follows:—Alhambra (3 points) drew with Dunedin (3 points); Southern (21 points) beat Zingari-Richmond (nil); Kaikora (13 points) beat Port Chalmers (nil); Pirates (11 points) beat Union (nil); Taieri Rovers secured a win against University by default.

The interprovincial match between Canterbury and Wairarapa was won by the former by 15 points to 5.

**SOUTH CANTERBURY'S TEAM.**

The following is the South Canterbury team for the Northern tour:—D. Scott, H. May, Bradley, G. Spillane, G. Coles, E. Horgan, G. Priest, M. Melvin, J. O'Brien, W. Carlton, W. Scott, A. Budd, W. Hooper, B. Mollison, J. Roddick, E. Fraser, M. Darcy, A. Smith, K. Rodgers, and K. Robertson.

**THE BRITISHERS' MISTAKE.**

In connection with the complaint of the Britishers over their loss of the Taranaki match, the Taranaki "News" says:—"The statement is misleading. Dive did not run in unopposed. He raced neck and neck with Vassall and Dyke, and much to the surprise of everyone beat them. It is true two of the Britishers stopped playing just before the ball was whipped out by Coleman, but even if McEvedy and Smith had been in their right positions it is improbable that the score would have been averted so smartly was the ball taken by Hunter and transferred to Dive. Had Dive been collared Cameron was lying handy, and probably would have got over. It is unfortunate," adds the "News," "that the Britishers should take the defeat in such a spirit. The referee did not blow his whistle to stop the game, and if two of the visitors stopped playing for the nonce it was their own loss, and should not be made an excuse for the Britishers' inability to win a match in which all impartial critics agree Taranaki held the advantage. Taranaki won by playing to the whistle; Britain lost by neglecting it."

**FRANKLIN V. AUCKLAND.**

The following team has been chosen by Mr. D. Gallaher to represent

Auckland in the inter-union match against Franklin next Saturday:—Full-back, Renwick; three-quarters, Murray, Magee, Wilson; five-eighths, Bater and Morse; halfback, Kiernan; forwards, McDonald (wing), Herring, McGuire, Kinder, McGuire, Waddell, Hall, Petersen; emergencies, Todd, Griffen, Bamford, Miller, Twiname, Carlaw.

**AUSTRALIANS GOING HOME.**

Much interest has been taken in Sydney as to who will form the team for England. The selectors (Messrs. J. F. MacManamey, James MacMahon, and J. C. O'Donnell) have picked the following players:—Backs: Dix, Carmichael; three-quarters: Russell, Smith, Daly, Parkinson, Carroll, Mandible, Hickey; halves: Woods, McKivatt, McCabe, Matthews; forwards, Barnett, Griffen, Middleton, McIntyre, McCue, Burge, Murnin, Row, Richards, Flanagan, Caniffe, Moran, Hughes (2), Bullock.

**NEXT SATURDAY'S BIG MATCH.**

In the event of fine weather there should be another vast attendance at Alexandra Park on Saturday to witness the third test match between the Anglo-Welsh fifteen and New Zealand. The chances of the former have been rather desecrated after the defeats by Taranaki and Auckland, but if the visitors can place their best men in the field it will mean that they will have a much better combination than was the case on the occasions mentioned. The team will not be decided upon until the return from Rotorua. The Dominion will have the following players in the field:—

- Full back: Coleman.
- Three-quarters: Cameron, Mitchinson, Deans.
- Five-eighths: Hunter and Stead.
- Half-back: Roberts.
- Forwards: Ready, Glasgow, Francis, Cunningham, Seeling, Patterson, Hayward, Gillett (wing).
- Emergency: Wilson (forward).

On paper this looks a powerful side, and if the ground is dry I think they will win comfortably. On a heavy ground, which has the effect of putting the fast and slow men on an equality, the game should be even. Everyone will hope that Harding will be able to play all his best men for this important match.

**AQUATICS.**

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On Saturday Ben Thoroughgood beat W. Fogwell in a sculling race for the championship of Australia and £100 a-side on the Hunter River. Up to the mile it was a "ding dong go," but then a foul occurred. Thoroughgood got away quickest and won by eight lengths in 18m. 20 2-5sec. Both scullers protested and the umpire's decision was in favour of Thoroughgood.

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Mr. Samuel Hordern, the well-known Sydney yachtsman, was the guest of Sir Thomas Lipton on the Shamrock on the Solent last week.

Mr. Morton has purchased the yacht Siola, and it is probable she will be fitted with an engine.

Mr. Sims, of Ponsonby, has bought the Mahaki. She is one of the smartest of her class on the Waitemata.

The Devonport Yacht Club is holding a prize night and smoker at the Masonic Hall, Devonport, on August 7.

The executive of the Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron have been hard at work of late considering scantlings in connection with the new measurement rules. There are rumours of two or three yachts to be built to it.

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