

# THE FOOTBALL WORLD.

The second round of the Auckland district Rugby championships was commenced on Saturday, rain falling heavily during the afternoon, while the ground was in a sloppy condition. The attendance suffered in consequence, about 1000 enthusiasts gathering at Alexandra Park, where Parnell and University offered the chief attraction on No. 1 ground. These two teams were expected to furnish spectators with a close game, and this proved to be the case, the Parnellites securing a victory by a narrow margin. When Parnell and University met in the first round, the students defeated the maroons by 8 points to nil, but on that occasion the Parnellites did not display their true form, their lack of combination being plainly evident. As it was the maroons' first cup match of the season when they had University as their opponents in the first round, whereas the students had played together on the previous Saturday, Parnell's showing perhaps can to some extent be accounted for, and their supporters were therefore not surprised when they turned the tables on University on Saturday. The maroon forwards played with better combination on Saturday, and made the game willing from the commencement, and outplayed the students both in the pack and in the open. The 'Varsity backs were unable to get going properly, the swooping rushes of the Parnellites spoiling many of their opportunities. The University forwards gave a very moderate exhibition, and were not of too great service to their rear division,

even, and University made an unsuccessful effort to equalise the score. Finally from a neat passing run by the Parnell backs, Twiname scored a meritorious try, badly beating the 'Varsity fullback. Hardwicke added the major points: Parnell 8, University 0. Repeated efforts by the 'Varsity backs to cross the maroons' line all ended in failure, and half-time was sounded with the Parnellites attacking hotly: Parnell 8, University 0.

University supporters considered the blues' chances very bright with the wind in their favour in the second spell, but the 'Varsity players failed to fulfil the hopes of their barrackers and made a poor showing. The Parnell forwards made matters lively, and quickly dispelled any opinion that the blues would win. Play dragged for a considerable time and nothing of much interest happened until the concluding stage of the game, when, from a determined attack by the students, Wilson sent the ball across the line, and Dineen spurred up and scored University's only try. Wilson failed with the shot at goal, and the bell rang with the score: Parnell 8, University 3.

For the winners Martin, Smith and Harris showed out most conspicuously of the forwards, and were a hard-grafting trio. Twiname, on the wing-three-quarter for Parnell, gave a very sound display, his work, both on attack and defence, being of a creditable order throughout. Clarke, at half, lost no time in getting the ball to his backs, and on the whole played a useful game. Saunders, at full, was very safe, and got through his work in a competent fashion.

Bamford and Dineen both played solidly among the University forwards, and headed a number of the blues' rushes. Wilkes shone out at times, but was not up to his usual form. Of the backs, Wilson stood out most prominently, his fast and tricky work being of great service to the 'Varsity team. Poananga made one or two mistakes, but fully justified his inclusion. Robinson took a hand in a good deal of the work, and acquitted himself with credit.

## CITY (31) v. NEWTON (0).

City had the advantage of the wind in the first half, and it was not long after the kick-off before Estall secured a mark in a good position. R. Magee had the shot at goal and succeeded in sending the ball over the crossbar: City 3, Newton 0. The city backs commenced throwing the ball about in good style, and a passing run by Hanley, Tobin and Estall resulted in the last-named player scoring City's first try. R. Magee made a successful shot at goal: City 8, Newton 0. Some fast work followed, and Skillen snapping up the ball smartly, passed to Tobin, who crossed the line and scored. R. Magee's attempt at goal proved fruitless: City 11, Newton 0. The city backs were displaying excellent form, and a passing run in which half-a-dozen players handled the ball enabled Lindsay to go within an ace of scoring. This effort, however, was rewarded shortly after, Lindsay marking in a good position, and Magee kicking a goal: City 14, Newton 0. Williams was the next try-getter for City, and R. Magee was successful in adding the major points, half-time being sounded with the score: City 19, Newton 0.

With the conditions in their favour Newton started off well, but it was not long before Williams registered his second try for the red and blacks. R. Magee made a fruitless attempt at goal: City 22, Newton 0. Soon after Estall scored two tries in quick succession, and taking both kicks himself he failed to add the major points in either case: City 28, Newton 0. The last try of the match was scored by Skillen, who raced over and obtained the red and blacks' final score, the whistle going with City victorious by 31 points to nil.

Williams played a sterling game for City, and on Saturday's form has a big claim for Auckland representative honours. Herring proved a veritable grafter among the forwards, and was associated with the bulk of the rushes. R. Magee was in excellent form at five-eighths, and gave a good all-round exhibition. Skillen showed much cleverness in the rear division, and made the most of the opportunities that came his way. For Newton, Callaghan and Todd

played willing forward games, the latter particularly being responsible for some serviceable graft. Of the backs, Farrant, at half, gave a good account of himself, while Linkhorn, who took the fullback position, got in some useful defensive work.

## PONSONBY (61) v. NORTH SHORE (0).

This match was played at Devonport and resulted in a runaway victory for the blue and blacks. North Shore had the advantage of the wind in the first spell, but this did not stop the onslaught of the Ponsonby men, who scored rapidly from the start. Murray registered the first try for the blue and blacks, getting over from a passing run. O'Leary was successful with the kick: Ponsonby 5, North Shore 0. From a scrum the ball travelled from Webb to Bater, and on to Murray, the last-named scoring his second try. O'Leary was again successful with the kick at goal: Ponsonby 10, North Shore 0. Clarke was the next to get over the green and whites' line, but O'Leary failed with the attempt at goal: Ponsonby 13, North Shore 0. Soon after Elliott got across and registered Ponsonby's fourth try. O'Leary's kick at goal again proved fruitless: Ponsonby 16, North Shore 0. A few minutes later Clark scored his second try for the blue and blacks, but Hall failed to add the major points: Ponsonby 19, North Shore 0. The next try was obtained by O'Leary, who followed up a long kick of Webb's, from which he scored. Elliott was entrusted with the kick and landed a good goal, the spell ending: Ponsonby 24, North Shore 0.

Play had hardly commenced before Bater was over for the blue and blacks, and Cunningham piloted the ball over the crossbar from a difficult angle. Following this tries were obtained in succession by O'Leary, Bater, Murray, Elliott, Sellars, Morse, Nicholson, and Francis, while four of them were converted by Webb, Blakey, Hall and Cunningham respectively. The final score was: Ponsonby 61, North Shore 0.

This match requires little comment. Every man Jack of the Ponsonby team showed up prominently at times, and the majority of them managed to notch points for their side. The Shore team were outplayed in all departments of the game, but nevertheless some of the green and whites put up a great defence. Warbrick and Neighbour grafted hard in the forwards, while Woodward and Miller were the pick of the backs.

## JUNIOR MATCHES.

### SECOND GRADE.

Newton III. defeated Marist Bros. by 11 points to nil.

Ponsonby beat North Shore II. by 13 points to 3.

Parnell II. had a win over Grafton II. by 16 points to 8.

### THIRD GRADE.

Ponsonby III. won from Newton III. B by default.

### FOURTH GRADE.

Newton IV. defeated Chelsea by 5 points to 3.

City IV. beat Grafton IV. by 12 points to nil.

St. Patrick's defeated Clarence by 9 points to 6.

Parnell IV. won from Ponsonby IV. by default.

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS' MATCHES.

King's College beat St. John's College by 56 points to nil.

## COUNTRY MATCHES.

At Hamilton, in the senior competition, City defeated Suburbs by 20 points to nil, while in the junior grade City proved victorious over Suburbs by 5 points to nil.

At Paeroa a junior match was played between Suburbs and Paeroa, and resulted in a drawn game, each side scoring a try.

At Waihi a representative match was played between Waihi and Paeroa, the latter team winning by 3 points to nil.

In the cup matches under the Rotorua Rugby Union, Walkite defeated Kahukura by 12 points to 3. The Wal-

kite team has won the championship this year again, this being the fourth season in succession that they have proved winners of the Rotorua Rugby Union's senior competition. The junior match between City and Arawa was won by the former fifteen by 6 points to 5.

At Coromandel the cup match between Northern and Southern resulted in a win for the former by 12 points to 3.

At the Thames the senior match between Suburbs and County was won by the suburban fifteen by 15 points to nil. The first junior match between County A and City resulted in a drawn game.

## THE GAME IN THE SOUTH.

The senior football results at Wellington were as follows:—Petone beat Ponoka by 11 points to 3 (Ponoka had won all their previous matches this season); Old Boys and St. James' played a drawn game, neither side scoring; Oriental beat Southern by 42 points to nil; Athletic beat Victoria College by 17 points to 5; Melrose beat Wellington by 3 points to nil.

Owing to the unfavourable weather conditions the Canterbury Rugby Union's matches were postponed until Saturday next.

The Otago senior football results were:—Alhambra beat Pirates by 18 points to nil; Southern beat Union by 6 points to 3; Zingari-Richmond beat Dunedin by 11 points to 3; Kalkoral beat University by 14 points to nil; Port Chalmers beat Taieri Rovers by 15 points to nil.



D. MILLER, the North Shore fullback, who is playing very soundly for the marine suburb.

while the Parnell backs handled the ball in pleasing fashion and participated in numerous passing runs.

The match between City and Newton on No. 2 ground evinced little interest, the game being a foregone conclusion, the red and blacks romping over the Newtonites. City piled up their score rapidly, while the red and whites were unable to register a single point. The latter period of the game was of a humorous nature, the City backs beating the Newtonites badly and scoring several tries.

A remarkable score for senior grade football was put up by the Ponsonby team in their match against North Shore at Devonport, the result being more like that of a cricket match. From the moment the ball was kicked off the Ponsonby fifteen set out to run up a big score, and they managed to succeed beyond all anticipations, the nice score of 61 points being placed to their credit. The game was of a very one-sided character throughout, and the green and whites were compelled to resort to defensive tactics during the whole period of play.

## PARNELL (8) v. UNIVERSITY (3).

Parnell winning the toss played in the first spell with the wind in their favour, while there was no sun to trouble either teams. Play was of a fast nature from the commencement, and Parnell hard pressing the students. Harris got over from a scrum in the blues' territory, and drew first blood for the maroons. Hardwicke made a good, though unsuccessful, shot at goal: Parnell 3, University 0. From then onwards matters were fairly



S. DEANS, the Grafton forward, who is showing good form this season.

## AN AMUSING GAME.

### BOOKMAKERS v. "TOTE."

A football match, which has been a great topic for discussion amongst the sporting fraternity during the last week, was decided at Victoria Park on Tuesday, when fifteen of the totalisator staff were pitted against a team chosen from the ranks of the pencilers. Up till the teams took the field the "books" were favourites, a slight shade of odds being laid on them. However, the betting underwent a complete change when the teams took the field, and the "totes" were made favourites, as they appeared to look more like winners than their opponents. The match was for a dinner. Soon after the game started the favourites took command, and, making the pace a "cracker," they kept the issue round the "bookies" goal, but the solid defence of Nolan prevented them from registering on more than one occasion. Not to be denied the "tote" continued the attack, and were at last rewarded when McNamee got across and drew first blood. The shot at goal failed: "Tote" 3, "Books" 0. Continuing to have all the best of the game, though losing several chances through not working together, the "tote" were indulging in a little passing, while the "bookies" never appeared to think of it, and seemed to be all "on their own." From a mark in the pencilers' 25, Blakey kicked a splendid goal, and the score read: "Tote" 6, "Books" 0. There was no alteration in the score at half-time.

During the interval the "books" wanted to replace one of their side