

[By Vigilant.]

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THIRD FIFTEENS.

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THE CUP MATCHES.

There was a very fair attendance at Potter's Paddock on Saturday last. The Auckland Rugby Union gave over the takings of the day to the Auckland Cricket Association.

Ponsonby and Newton played on No. 1 ground at Potter's Paddock on Saturday last, Mr P. Macky officiating as referee. Newton won the toss, and chose to play with the strong sun behind them in the first spell.

Pillinger and Lovett, the two opposing full-backs, were not good in their play. The former fumbled and kicked injudiciously.

Mills and Roberts did good work individually, but Roberts's old characteristic of selfish play somewhat marred his display.

Woods, at five-eighths, was not so brilliant as usual.

Newton's wings, Dobbs and Clarke, did good service, but they were not nearly so good as their opponents.

Long was the best of Newton's vanguard division.

Ponsonby's three quarters played a good defensive game, and with the exception of Munro, they were very good in their attacks on Newton's territory, Galloway being perhaps the best.

R. Rule was not a success as five-eighths, his passing was erratic and he did not kick freely enough.

The evergreen Albie Braund again donned the jersey for Ponsonby, and played by far the best game played behind a pack this season.

Doran and Stephenson, on Ponsonby's wings, played good games, and were at all times too smart for their adversaries.

Ponsonby's forwards worked hard, and were much better than Newton's vanguard in their foot work.

Grafton defeated the Shore on Saturday by the small margin of one point, the scores being Grafton 4, Shore 3. Grafton had the best of the game all through, and out-classed their opponents in the scientific parts of the game.

Parnell II played Grafton II, and after a very close game Parnell won by 8 points to nil. The scores were registered by Carpenter two tries, one of which was converted by Foster.

Ponsonby II won their match with Newton II by default.

Two matches were played in the third grade, and they resulted in wins for City A by 6 points to 3 against Parnell, and Ponsonby B against Grafton by three points to nil.

City B won their match with Ponsonby A by default.

Two matches were played in the second grade, and resulted in wins for City II and Parnell II.

Suburbs II met City II, and a very interesting game ensued. City gained on their opponents from the first quarter of an hour's play and eventually won by 12 points to nil.

Four matches were contested in the Public Schools Championship A Section:

Parnell defeated Grafton by 11 points to nil.

Wellesley-street defeated Richmond Road by 28 points to nil.

Napier-street defeated Ponsonby by 6 points to 5.

In the B. Section Bayfield defeated Chapel-street by nine points to nil.

Newmarket drew with Epsom.

Beresford-street defeated Newton East by 15 points to nil.

Oneshunga defeated Mount Eden by 43 points to nil.

Karangahake seniors and juniors met and defeated both grades of the Paeroa Club. The seniors beat Paeroa by nine points to nil, while the juniors won by 25 points to three.

At the Thames True Blue defeated Rovers II by six points to nil, while in the second juniors True Blues defeated Carleton by six points to nil.

Mr S. Somerfield has been elected secretary of the Suburbs Football Club, vice Mr Leahy resigned.

At a meeting of the Lancashire County Referee's Society, held on February 27th last, the following questions were discussed and answered:

Q: A half-back dropped a goal. The ball was touched in flight by an opponent and then rolled dead. Attackers claimed a fine-yard's scrum-mage, defenders a knock-out at twenty-five.

A: Kick-out at twenty-five, the action being passive.

Q: A three-quarter, after making a five run, and going over the line for a try, is held up in goal by a defender. In the compact of the tackle the ball was thrown forward over defender's shoulder on his back. It then rolled forward a yard or so (towards the dead-ball line), and was pounced upon by a member of the attacking side for a try.

A: This is no try, being thrown forward, but ranks as a dead ball, and should be kicked off at twenty-five.

Q: Now, supposing this man stretches his arm over the defender's shoulder and drops the ball on to the tackler's back. It then rolls forward as above. Is this a throw forward?

A: No.

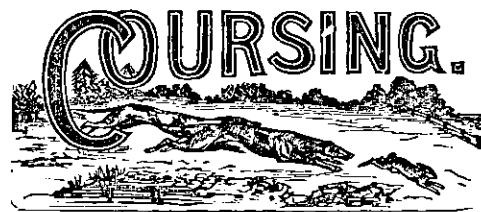
"Touch," in the New Zealand Times, writes as follows:—Wellington football has an undeniable reputation for roughness, but it has seldom, if ever, been demonstrated to such an extent as was the case last Saturday.



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Assistance in Photography—A snapshot of the veteran MR JACK CHAFFE.

altogether. Hard knocks must always be expected in the Rugby game, and no exception is taken to what may be termed "willing" play; but when deliberate and cowardly attempts to cripple a player are made then surely it is time to take such rigid measures as will forever crush out such conduct.



The lease of the Napier Plumpton Park, with all the improvements thereon, to-day was sold by Mr H. P. Cohen, acting on behalf of the trustees of the old Club, to a syndicate whose intention it is to form a new club and continue the sport of coursing.

"Amebury" writing in the Sydney Referee of May 23rd says:—I was at Rooty Hill last week, and paid Mr S. Bladon a visit. The veteran was in excellent health and spirits. He showed me his hounds and his fowls, and all looked the picture of health.

Mr Martin Taylor left Auckland for Sydney on Monday travelling by the Mararoa. He took his four dogs over with him. They will compete in the Sydney Challenge Stakes and in the Melbourne Waterloo Cup.

Nearly every other person is suffering from some form of cold; colds are dangerous, and when neglected lead to consumption. Neglected Colds give more work to the doctor and undertaker than any other complaint.

An earthquake, with its mystery, Will cause the stoutest heart to pause, The bravest men in history Have trembled at old nature's laws.

Lacrosse.

[By COVERPOINT.]

June 9—Ponsonby v Suburbs, Grey Lynn v Grafton, Parnell v. North Shore.

START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES—WINS FOR GRAFTON, NORTH SHORE AND PONSONBY.

The view of the beautiful Domain Cricket Ground last Saturday afternoon was indeed a very nice one. The pavilion was well filled with lady enthusiasts and their escorts, while there was a large sprinkling of people on the slopes.

Mr W. B. Kyre had charge of the game. The marine suburb men were too good for Grey Lynn, and won by 8 goals to 3.

The game was fast from the start. The Shore had a lot of quick men. Miller threw to "Tab" Wynyard, who sent the ball on to Eagleton; the latter shot the first goal of the match.