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## THE CUP FIXTURES.

#### FIRST FIFTEENS.

June 9-City v Newton, North Shore v Suburbs Parnell v Grafton, Ponsonby bye.

SECOND FIFTEENS.

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## THILD FIFTEENS.

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## THE CUP MATCHES.

There was a very fair attendance at Potter's Paddock on Saturday last. The Auckland Bugby Union gave over the takings of the day to the Auckland Cricket Association. Only one senior match eventuated, as Suburbs failed to put a team in the field against City. (ity came out and kicked off in order to claim the match, and I noticed George Smith out again for his district. It is to be hoped that George will continue to don the jersey this season, as his presence in the three-quarter division will greatly strongthen City's team.

Ponsonby and Newton played on No. 1 ground at Potter's Paddock on Saturday last, Mr P. Macky officiating as referee. Newton won the Macky officiating as referee. the greater part of the first spell. The play during the first half was very fast and even. During the greater part of the first spell, play was confined to the forward divisions. The second spell fined to the forward divisions. The second spell was marked by fast play, which was characterised by passing rushes on the part of the two back divisions. Ponsonby's defence was very sound until the end of the second spell, when the backs collapsed and Long succeeded in scoring. The shot at goal was a failure. Shortly after this, Newton again got Ponsonby hemmed in, and from a loose forward scramble, Eaton succeeded in scoring. Haton himself took the shot, which oring. Recon filmser took the enot, which iled. Newton 6, Ponsonby 0.

Pillenger and Lovett, the two opposing full-

acks, were not good in their play. The former fumbled and kicked injudiciously. Lovett was altogether too slow, and this fault or his cost Ponsonby the first try scored against them.
Of Newton's three-quarters, Paul was undoubt-

edly the best. He got on several dangerous runs and kicked with judgment
Mills and Hoberts 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 di-

vision. 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 ter-

ritory, Galloway being perhaps the best. R. Rule was not a success as five-eighths, his passing was erractic and he did not kick freely

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

Grafton defeated the Shore on Saturday by the small margin of one point, the scores being Grafton 4, Shore 3. Grafton had the best o the game all through, and out classed thei opponents in the scientific parts of the game Grafton's forwards showed up well, and al worked hard to a man. Stewart acquitted him self in an able manner at full back for Grafton. Kiernan, Campbell, and Taylor were the best of the black and white's back division. vanguard division worked hard; and the three quarters Frankham, Gerrard and Walsh got in some fine passing runs. Wynyard played a good game behind Shore's pack, as did also Smith at full back.

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 coverted b. Foster

Ponsouby 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

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. Gladding two tries, and Little and Ramsay one a piece were the score getters.

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

Napier-street defeated Ponsonby by 6 points to 5.

In the B. Section Bayfield defeated Chapelstreet by nine points to nil.

Newmarket drew with Epsom. Beresford-street defeated Newton East by 15

points to nil. Onehunga defeated Mount Eden by 43 points to nil.

Karangahake seniors and juniors met and defeated both grades of the Paeroa Club. The seniors beat Paer a 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 Carlton by six points to nil.
Mr 8, Somerfield has been elected secretary of the Suburbs Football Club, vice Mr Leahyre-

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

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

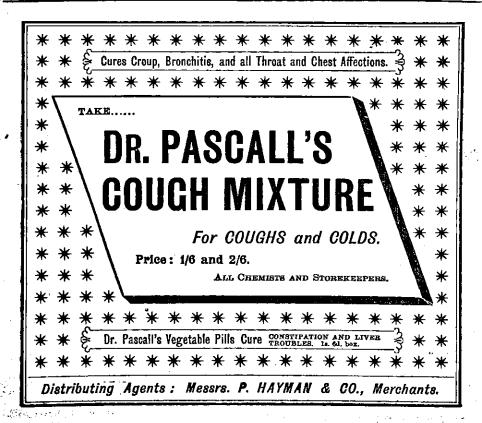
A: Kick-out at twenty-five, the action being

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

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 rolly forward as above. Is this a throw forward?

"Touch," in the New Zealand Times, write as follows: — Wellington football has an unenviable reputation for roughness, but it has seldom, if ever, been demonstrated to such an extent as was the case last Saturday. There seems to be a taint coursing through the veins of senior footballers which requires a very strong prescription to thoroughly eradicate. A few salutary lessons would have the desired effect, for if the growing tendency to rough play is not at once checked it will ultimately ruin the game



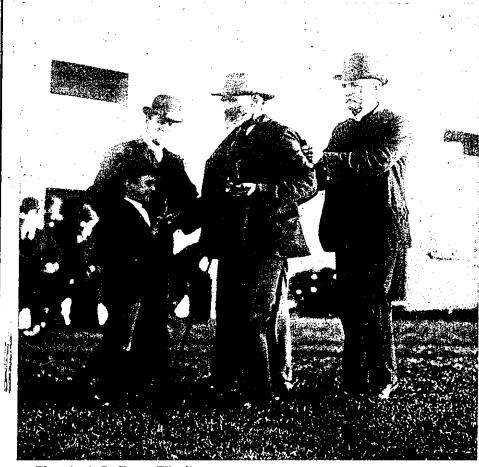


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altogether. Hard knocks must always be ex expected in the Rugby game, and no exception is taken to what may be termed "willing" but when deliberate and cowardly attempts to cripple a player are made then surely it is time to take such rigid measures as will forever crush out such conduct. The same remarks may well apply to several matches recently played in Auckland and the Upper Thames. The element of roughness is becoming too prominent of late. Referees should do all in their power to put a stop to it, as it must in time absolutely spoil the



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. Mr W. Ward is chairman of the syndicate, and Mr Gray, who was secretary for the old Club has been appointed again.

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"Amesbury" 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. By the way, Mr Bladon is as noted for his game fowls as for his Bladon is as noted for his game fowls as for his greyhounds, which means a lot. He has sold Bilberry (to a Toowoomba sportsman, I believe, although I forgot to ask him), but his other second season dogs, Blue Devil, Booty, and Beeline, looked in great heart; so, too, did his April puppies by Leopold—Bessnt. I had a look, also, at the two Dearon—Bunny whelps—and at shapely Bunny, too. Mr Bladon has added to his string since I was last up, for, in addition to his string since I was last up, for,, in addition to his Deacon—Besant saplings, he has a brace by Black Douglas from Benalla Nellie. 1 spent a very pleasant couple of hours, chatting about the longtails with Mr Bladon and Miss Buckley -not only was the time pleasurably spent, but it is instructive to talk to the veteran, and his niece

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

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An earthquake, with its mystry, Will cause the stoutest heast to pause, The bravest men in history Have trembled at old nature's laws. The man who then invokes the saints Would rather sickness long endure, He knows the thing for chest complaints IsiW. E. Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

# 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. The players of the six clubs competing were to a man garbed in the uniform of their respective. clubs, and to look on the field one could not help but admiring them in their handsome costumes Afternoon tes was handed round in fi st-class style by a Committee of Grafton district ladies under Mrs P. Luckie. The Association has made wise move by helping to carry out this arrangea wise move by neiping to carry out this arrange-ment. The most important game was played between Suburbs and Grafton. A very close finish was expected on account of the Suburbans defeating the black and whites i the tournament recently held. However, Suburbs did not play up to expectations. Immediately after the face off the red and blacks carried the rubber into Graftons' to ritory. Walker had a shot; the ball went a shade wide, then a series of loss scrambles enamed. Morrin, from one of these. scrambles ensued. Morrin, from one of these, drove the rubber into the net. The black and whites shifted play into neutral quarters, where it remained in close proximity for five minutes, then by a bit of neat passing invaded Suburbs' territory. Atkinson got the ball in his crosse, and beat a couple of his opponents and shot Grafton's first goal. Suburbs after this were again on the aggressive. Faulty play by Walker lost a chance of scoring, and Stewart shot up the field, passing to Graham, who in turn passed to Atkinson, who again returned to Graham; the latter then managed to beat the goal keeper. It was noticeable Suburbs' defence was not complete without Owen who was on the attack. Thomson, who took his place, was new to the position, and failed to check Atkinson properly. The latter and Hill shot one each before the spell was sounded. Directly after the face-off Suburbs forward men inaugurated a passing rush and a score seemed imminent. Kallender, however, secured, and threw well out of danger. Luckie started a good passing run for Grafton. This resulted in Atkinson shooting a fifth goal. Grafton would have increased their score had it not been for the splendid defence of Brown and N. Somerfield. From this till the whistle blew the black and whites had the best of it, and Atkinson shot two more goals.

Mr W. B. Lyre 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. Soon after this clever play by Sweet and Watson resulted in E. Bradley making things even. Shore had a couple of openings given them, but their shooting was not very straight, and nothing resulted. Just before the finish of this spell E. Tizard drove the "blue sashs'" second goal under the posts. Play was fast throughout the second portion of the game. Eagleton threw Shore's third goal. Sweet replied with a splendid shot. Then after play was carried up and down the ground for a play was carried up and down the ground for a while "Tab" Wynyard shot a nice one for Shore, Tizard got another two for the Shore by clever work. Watson now got Grey Lynn's