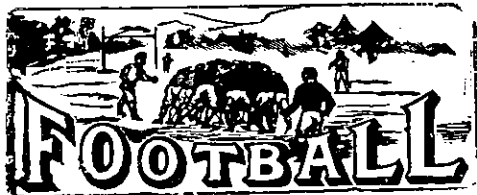


SPORTS AND PASTIMES



(By "Scrutator.")

The following are the fixtures for the New Zealand Representative Team:—
 July 18—Against New South Wales.
 July 22—Against Combined Country Team.
 July 25—Against New South Wales.
 July 29—Against a City Team.
 August 1 to 8—Against Queensland Representatives.
 August 12—Against Combined Northern Districts of New South Wales.
 August 15—Against Whole of Australia, at Sydney.

CITY V. PONSONBY.

Owing to the bad weather on Saturday last, there was a very poor attendance of spectators at Alexandra Park to witness the matches played there. The chief attraction, City v. Ponsonby, was played on No. 1 ground, with Mr Blaikie acting as referee.

From the kick-off City, with the wind behind them, seemed to pen their opponents in their own territory. A passing run by the Red and Blacks then endangered Ponsonby's line, but Gladding failed to take a pass from George when within a few yards of scoring. The leather was then sent into touch on goal. Soon after Stevens punted out at Ponsonby's 25 flag. From the throw-in Asher got away, but Carlaw collared him nicely, and the leather was sent over the line, where Stevenson forced. Cowan then, after a short run, punted down the field, and Lendrum following up smartly, sent the ball out in City's 25. Ponsonby was then penalised, and Young punted into touch. A loose rush by the Red and Blacks carried the leather into their opponents' half, and George, following up, sent the ball out at Ponsonby's 25 flag. George got possession again from the throw-in, and after running round the opposing backs scored the first try for City. Tyler had an unsuccessful shot at goal. City 3, Ponsonby 0. Soon after the kick-off Asher got away, but Carlaw again proved his stumbling block. A passing run by Young, George, and Gladding took the ball into Ponsonby's 25, and a few minutes later Ponsonby were relieved by forcing. W. Tyler then got away, and dribbling over the line fell on the ball, a neat goal being kicked. City 8, Ponsonby 0. Young returned the kick-off into touch at half-way. A nice dribbling rush by Morris transferred the ball into Ponsonby's 25, where Magee picked up and passed to George, who dashed across the line and scored City's third try. Tyler had a good but unsuccessful shot at goal. City 11, Ponsonby 0. The Red and Blacks, headed by Morris, carried the leather again into Ponsonby's 25, but the Blue and Blacks' strong defence prevented them scoring, until Tyler picked up and dashed over the line. Tyler again failed to convert. City 14, Ponsonby 0. The bell then rang terminating the first spell.

A few minutes after the kick-off Ponsonby were relieved by forcing. Carlaw, by following up a kick by Cowan, smothered Stevens' return and sent the leather out in City's 25. A free kick then relieved the Red and Blacks. From some loose play that followed, George picked up and transferred to Gladding, who was collared by Cowan when looking very dangerous. Ponsonby then forced. Off-side play by Ponsonby gave City a free kick, and Tyler sent the leather into Ponsonby's 25. Carlaw then marked, and relieved by punting into touch at the half-way flag. Play was again continued in the Ponsonbyites' territory, but owing to the Blue and Blacks' strong defence City were unable to add any further points to their score.

Manawatu beat Wanganui, on Saturday, by 4 points to three, after a very keen fight.

GRAFTON V. PARNELL.

This game went the way one expected, to Grafton, although Parnell made a fairly good fight for it. Still it looked as though Grafton were not properly extended at any time during the contest. Tries were obtained by Neville, McKenzie, and McCormick, two of these being converted by King, while Huddleston kicked a beautiful penalty goal. Grafton thus won by sixteen points to nil.

NORTH SHORE V. NEWTON.

It is fairly safe to assume that nineteen out of twenty of the spectators who visited this match were of the opinion that it would prove a fairly good thing for Newton. These, however, were speedily undeceived, for North Shore played the better game from the very outset. They kept up an incessant attack on the Newton lines, Yeoland having two or three shots at goal. At last a rush by Gerrard and Smitel gave the latter the desired opportunity, and the first try was recorded for the Shore, Yeoland's kick being ineffective. Another strong attack was then made on the Newton stronghold, and a

The following is the programme mapped out for the movements of the New Zealand team during the forthcoming Australian tour:—

New South Wales.—Wednesday, July 15: Arrive in Sydney; informal reception by Council and officials. Thursday, July 16: Reception by the Lord Mayor at the Town Hall, noon; evening, footballers' smoke concert at Aaron's Exchange Hotel, eight o'clock. Friday, July 17: Afternoon, drive to South Head. Saturday, July 18: Match, New Zealand v. New South Wales; evening, theatre. Sunday, July 19: Harbour excursion. Monday, July 20: Leave for Bathurst by the quarter-past ten a.m. train; arrive at Bathurst ten minutes to five p.m.; reception by the Mayor, banquet, and smoke concert. Tuesday, July 21: Morning, hare drive, bush dinner; afternoon, marsupial hunt. Wednesday, July 22: New Zealand v. Western Branch, at Bathurst. Thursday, July 23: Leave Bathurst at half-past ten a.m., lunch at Mount Victoria, arrive at Katoomba at a-quarter past two p.m., and drive to Leura Falls. Friday, July 24: Arrive in Sydney. Saturday, July 25: New Zealand v. New South Wales. Sunday, July 26: Visit to Prospect reservoir. July 27: Visit to National Park. Tuesday, July 28: At

Cambridge beat Kihikihi on Saturday by eight points to nil, Peake and Armer scoring tries, the latter being converted by Cowling.

Thames beat Native Rose at the Thames by nine points to six, after a very close game all through. These teams are now level in the championship competition, with two wins each, while Rovers lead with four wins.

King's College beat the Old Boys on Saturday by eight points to nil, Holbecke and Stuckey getting tries, the latter one being converted. Subsequently Mr Bigg-Wither, the headmaster, presided at a College dinner, a "smoker" following. The reunion proved a very pleasant one.

At Christchurch, Albion (19 points) beat Merivale (15 points); Sydenham (5 points) beat Christchurch (nil); Linwood (13 points) beat Old Boys (8 points). Albion leads for the championship with nine points, Sydenham and Linwood being next with 7½ points.

On Saturday, at Dunedin, Alhambra (7 points) beat Southern (nil); University (9) beat Pirates (7); Zingari (3) beat Union (nil). In the Kaikorai-Dunedin match Porteous was ordered off the field for rough play in the first spell by Mr Alexander (referee), and the Kaikorai team then withdrew from the field, neither side having scored.



C. W. Fuller, photo. Association Match.—Thistle Club v. H.M.S. Phoebe. The kick off.

pretty passing rush enabled T. Doyle to score a try, Yeoland this time proving successful with his kick. Very soon Seaside's again assumed the aggressive, and Barlow crossed the line successfully, but Yeoland's kick at goal failed. After this Newton played up better, and a run by Pillenger and Brash gave the latter an opening, which he was quick to take advantage of, but Eaton's attempt to convert the goal into a try was a failure. At the close Newton were having the better of the game, but the effort came too late, and North Shore were left victorious by 11 points to 3.

SECOND FIFTEENS.

City beat Ponsonby by 8 points (a goal and try) to 3 (a try) after a very even and well-contested game. North Shore and City look like fighting out this competition.

THIRD FIFTEENS.

In the match City A and Ponsonby A, after a hard-fought game a draw resulted, neither side being able to score.

Suburbs won from Ponsonby B by default, and the matches between Newton and City B and Parnell and Grafton went to the first-named teams in each instance, also by default.

North Shore B beat North Shore A by 7 points to 6.

leisure. Wednesday, July 29: New Zealand v. Metropolitan team.

Queensland.—Wednesday, August 12: New Zealand v. Northern Districts, at Maitland; evening, entertainment. Thursday, August 13: Arrive at Sydney; evening, Newtown Football Club smoke concert. Friday, August 14: At leisure. Saturday, August 15: New Zealand v. Australia; evening, banquet tendered by Australasian Rugby Football Union Councils. Sunday, August 16: Afternoon drive. Monday, August 17: Excursion to Hawkesbury River. Tuesday, August 18: Evening, theatre. Wednesday, August 19: New Zealand v. Combined Country; evening, homeward bound. Farewell.

Mr Facle has picked the following team to represent Wellington province next Saturday against New Zealand:—Full-back, Spencer (Wellington); three-quarters, Wilson (Wellington), Winiata (Horo-wenua), Furrie (Manawatu); five-eighths, Johnson (Wellington), Gray (Wellington); half-back, F. Roberts (Wellington); forwards, McMinn (Manawatu), Uudy (Wairarapa), Johnston (Wairarapa), Cadwal-lader (Wairarapa), Spencer (Wellington), Calnan (Wellington), Cross (Wellington); wing forward, Warner (Wairarapa); emergencies, Rogers (Wairarapa), Watkins (Wellington).

The match between Hamilton and Wai-kato proved an exciting one, the latter winning by 14 points to 9.



A well-known golfer who spends nearly all his spare time on the links, was once—and only once—persuaded to accompany a friend to a race meeting at Caulfield. After much inquiry and mature consideration, he invested five shillings on a horse, which came a cropper at the sod wall. His friend, who was "on the winner," meeting him after the race, put the question invariably and unfeelingly asked by winners, "Were you on that?" "Nae, mon," sadly responded the golfer, "ma siller went doon on the beastie that got foomed at yon bunker!"

The story is told of how a great golfer came in after a record breaking round, and claimed that he had at last found the secret of golf. "I will never make another fozzle," he said. "The whole secret of the game is to keep the eye on the spot vacated by the ball for ten seconds after the ball has left the ground." J. H. Taylor, while scarcely growing quite as enthusiastic over it, admits that more than half the fozzles are due to the eye anticipating the flight of the ball. Especially is this the case in approaching. Indeed, it is said of Taylor's own approaching that the most noticeable feature is the absolute fixity with which he keeps his eye on the ground immediately behind the ball.

In an article on "Approaching," Taylor gives the following useful tips:—(1) The distance should be judged by the length of the backward swing; (2) the downward stroke should be only comfortably smart—there should on no account be a jerk; (3) the grip should be firm, and the whole stroke played firmly. At 90 yards from the hole Taylor takes his mallet ball, and at 25 yards he goes back to lie; at 70 yards he begins to cut on his iron, and runs the ball along the ground.

Mrs De Little, of Geelong, won the final of the Ladies' Championship, after a great fight with Miss Ayres. The winner held out in 91, which is a record for the Adelaide club's links at Glenelg. Miss Ayres finished in 95.