

across: Newton 5, Ponsonby nil. With the wind in their favour during the second spell, the Ponsonbyites gave a willing exhibition, but were unable to break through the Newton men's defence, the only score they obtained being a penalty goal, kicked by Cole, and the game ended: Newton 5, Ponsonby 2.

The English League Team.

The English Northern Union footballers, or at least a majority of them, are at last with us, having arrived on Thursday morning (says the Sydney "Arrow" of May 28th).

With calm weather and smooth seas most of the way, the party thoroughly enjoyed the 12,000 miles ocean trip. As usual in long voyages, the passengers whiled away a great deal of time in various competitions and contests. Our English friends entered into these with great zest, and incidentally carried off several trophies, which will be prized as small mementoes of their very pleasant journey to the land of the Golden Fleece.

James Lomas, solid and massive as a block of granite, though not tall, beat all comers at putting the weight. He looks a pretty solid proposition, too, for anyone to tackle in feats of strength.

With few exceptions, the players are built on thick-set lines. There are no towering, raking forwards (Ramsdale excepted) like the New Zealanders, McMinn, Udy, Francis, and our own A. B. Burge. Their physique is more of the Cunningham type, though none are quite so aldermanic as the ever-green All Black.

Now that the team is in our midst, the general desire is to see them in action. That opportunity will be given the public for the first time this day week.

Their colours are red and white, and in addition they wear on the guernsey a shield emblematic of England and Wales.

The English Northern Union team have suffered defeat in both matches they have played since landing in Australia. In their first match against New South Wales the home team defeated the Englishmen by 28 points to 14, after a very willing game which was witnessed by 40,000 spectators. The second match against New South Wales again furnished evidence of the superior play of the local team, the English thirteen being defeated to the tune of 27 points to 20 in the presence of 40,000 persons.

According to a Southern paper a well known referee took a commendable step last week in calling together opposing captains and notifying them that any talking would be dealt with, with the result that his duties were made easier. The example could be copied with advantage, especially in Auckland.

Patterson, the big Otago and New Zealand forward, who is a member of the All Black team now in Australia, is in rare form just now, and should be one of the best on the side.

Budd, who was selected to take Mitchell's place in the New Zealand team, hails from South Canterbury, where he has a great reputation for sterling worth in the forward division.

Glasgow, of "All Black" reputation, who has thrown in his lot with Timaru, is now almost certain of permanency there, and has agreed to coach the Timaru boys.

Some surprise is expressed at Alex. McDonald, the All Black, having come out of his retirement after his decision of last season, (says a Dunedin writer). Though rumour has connected this fine player with intentions to desert the amateur code, it is far from the truth. It will be found that McDonald's principal reason for turning out again is to assist his old club, which is at present sadly in need of a guiding hand. One prefers to believe this. By the way, the Kaikorai All Black was present at Carisbrook on Saturday, but did not take part in the



Mr. H. McManaway's blk g MAHUTA, 6yrs, by Mahaki—Melinite, winner of both Hack Hurdle Handicaps at the Otaki Maori Racing Club's Winter Meeting.

match against the Alhambra. Indisposition following an attack of influenza the reported cause.

Jas. Ryan, the Petone back, who is a member of the All Black team, was made the recipient of a handsome travelling bag from the club members at the training gymnasium a few nights before leaving for Australia.

The encroaching spectator is still a confirmed nuisance on the North Ground (says a Dunedin writer), where on Saturday last, owing to the crowd getting round the goal line, one of the Union players (M'Lennan), had the misfortune to break his collar-bone in a collision with the ubiquitous small boy. This is the second accident of a serious nature, which has deprived Union of the services of two of its best players. F. Ivey, of the New Zealand team, is the other one.

The Otago representative team will go on tour about the end of August, and will play matches against Canterbury, Wellington, Taranaki, and possibly Wairarapa. The Union of Wairarapa has specially asked for a match against the touring Otago team, and it is more than probable that the request will be granted.

It was a bit of very bad luck for McKenzie to get his thumb badly fractured on Saturday in the Athletic v. Melrose match at Wellington (says the "New Zealand Times.") He was making his first appearance with the team this season, and up to the accident had been playing well. The break was a bad one, the ends of the bone penetrating the skin. By the way, it was just as well there were no really serious mishaps at Karori, as there was nothing in the way of first-aid available, and the grounds are a long way out of town.

The Maori football team played their first match on Monday, when they met defeat at the hands of the New South Wales representatives by 11 points to nil. The attendance was good for an "off day," about 10,000 persons assembling to witness the contest. The Maoris did not play up to form, and should be seen to better advantage in future matches. During the game Sellars fractured a rib and had to retire, his place being taken by H. Martin. The Maoris were represented as follows:—Fullback, H. Martin; three-quarter, Rylands, M. Winiata, Dansey; five-eighths, Stead, Kaipara; halfbacks, Poananga, Takarangi; forwards, Tipene, Tamu, W. Winiata, Sellars, Cunningham, Hall and Small.

AUCKLAND R.U. CLUB COM-PETITION

Club.	P.	W.	L.	D.	For.	Ag.	Points.
Ponsonby	3	3	0	0	42	3	3
City	3	3	0	0	21	6	6
Marist Bros.	4	2	2	0	18	36	18
University	3	1	2	0	33	22	22
Grafton	3	1	2	0	20	27	27
Parnell	3	0	3	0	15	27	27
Newton	1	0	1	0	0	28	28

ATHLETICS.

WHANGAREI RUGBY UNION'S SPORTS.

The Whangarei Rugby Union held a successful sports and football carnival at Kensington Park on Friday (King's Birthday), the various events resulting as follows:—

- Maiden Handicap, 100yds: Martin 1, A. Robertshaw 2.
- Hurdle Race, 120yds: G. Duncan, 5yds, 1; D. Mason, 3yds, 2.
- Bicycle Race, two miles: W. Palmer, 50yds, 1; D. McLeod, scratch, 2.
- Footballers' Handicap, 200yds: G. Duncan, 7yds, 1; D. Mason, 5yds, 2.
- Bandmen's Race, 75yds: J. Woods, 3yrs, 1; R. Worner, 10yds, 2.
- Place Kick: Beamish 1, Reeve 2, L. Storey, 3.
- High School Boys' Handicap, 150 yds: A. McDonald, 7yds, 1; H. Parker, 7yds, 2.
- Half-mile Handicap: D. Mason, scratch, 1; L. Storey, 55yds, 2.
- Old Men's Race, 75yds: Chapman 1, McGregor and Bray tied for second place.
- Open Handicap, 150yds: Duncan and D. Mason tied. The run off resulted in Duncan winning by 2yds.

At a special meeting of the Gore Athletic Society, held last week, the secretary brought forward the matter of W. F. Trembath's projected visit to the Old Country. It was the desire of many athletes, he said, that Trembath should go to England and challenge Davis, the present world's champion over half a mile. This project, however, meant expense. The Dunedin and Invercargill Centres had already voted £5 towards the cost of the trip. After some discussion on ways and means in order to further the proposal, it was resolved that the Society should vote £5, and that the Mayor be asked to call a public meeting to discuss the matter, with a view to arriving at some method of raising funds to enable the project to be carried out. At the same meeting an interim balance-sheet of the late sports was presented, which showed that

after paying all accounts there remained a cash balance of £41 17s 5d. Outstanding donations amounted to £4 and the value of the medals in hand was £4 4s. The report was received with satisfaction.

Australia's champion swimmer, Frank Beaurepaire, is now in full training in England. His probable programme will be as follows:—July 2, King's Cup, Crystal Palace; July 9, one-mile championship of England, Crystal Palace; June 16, 440yds championship of England, Blackpool. Then trip to Paris, August 2, half-mile championship of England, Leicester. Then from August 9 to September 18, Continental tour, embracing great international meeting at Brussels. September 19, 500yds championship of England, at Sheffield; September 22, 220yds championship of England, at Shoreditch, London. Possibly the tour will conclude, if arrangements can be completed, with a visit to New York. This tour will be on entirely different lines from any previous ones, as, while Beaurepaire is in England he is absolutely under the Amateur Swimming Association's rules, which are very strict. A few of the conditions are as follows:— "On no account is any club permitted to pay the expenses of the manager to any place; all expenses to national championships to be borne by us; exhibition swims can only be given on the following basis: If Beaurepaire's third-class expenses are paid by the club, he can on no account accept a trophy or souvenir for his exhibition; on no account may he compete in a small handicap or scratch race."

BOWLIANA-

FAREWELL "SPASMS" SEASON 1909-10.

(By "Skip.")

Leader:

Great Scott: what fearful snags are found
Rearing their spiky heads around,
A direful mischief-making band,
Now croaking Custom takes a hand;
Now bearded Lam with rasping twang,
Yelps cur-like with his "tale" a-hang.

Scorer:

Why all this fuss? lead on Macduff;


Measurer:

Get near the "Jack," or near enough
One point to score, then let us smash
Right merrily the lead so rash,
Right upon the "Kitty" resting;
In matches now all bowls need testing;
E'en farewell "spasms" may prove jesting.

Au Revolt.

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