

French also gave a very fine display, while Forbes accomplished no end of graft.

Church, at half, was responsible for some smart work, rendering much useful assistance on the defence.

Nelson was the pick of the five-eighths, his fielding and kicking of the ball being well up to representative form.

Irving, at centre, was the best of the threequarters, and proved the mainstay of the South Island backs.

Haase showed up well, his defensive tactics leaving nothing to cavil at.

Atchison, at full-back, was weak, letting his side down badly as the result of his failure to field the ball.

NOTES.

At Alexandra Park on Saturday the Auckland representatives will play the South Auckland team. The South Auckland Rugby Union have been very keen on securing a match for their representative team against the chosen of Auckland, and it is pleas-

for decision, and it would therefore occasion no surprise to find Walshe and Fryer being substituted for Ifwerson and Macky, as players of considerable experience will assuredly be required if Auckland is to retain the Rugby supremacy of the Dominion.

The South Auckland team has been selected as follows:—Fullback, P. Turner (Maniapoto); threequarters, V. McCollum (Karangahake), A. Cook (Hamilton), N. McGeehan (Paeroa); five-eighths, Alf. Lennard (Piako), A. Black (Waipa); halfback, Fear (Hamilton); wing-forward, W. Clarken (Hamilton); forwards, A. Lennard (Piako), C. Smith (Hamilton), V. Young (Paeroa), D. Turner (Maniapoto), J. Griffen (Karangahake), W. Ryan (Matamata), McKay (Maniapoto); emergencies: Backs—Healy (Maniapoto), W. Edwards (Paeroa). Forwards—T. McCracken (King Country), J. Waters (Cambridge).

Mr. Charles Buchanan, one of the vice-presidents of the Canterbury Rugby Union, will manage the North Island country team on its southern tour. The first game will be against Canterbury to-day (Thursday), July 25.

Eden Ramblers registered their second victory this season by defeating City Rovers after a match in which brilliant play was conspicuous only by its absence. City had a very weak team in the field, and made a poor showing, the light Eden men winning all the way, and scoring a well-deserved victory by 25 points to 5.

An evenly-contested and interesting game eventuated between North Shore Albions and Ponsonby United, and ended in a draw, each side scoring 13 points. In the first half Ponsonby had much the better of the play, and registered the whole of their points, while Shore only scored one try. However, in the second half the tables were turned, and Ponsonby for the most part were acting on the defensive. Shore kept up a strong attack, and added 10 points to their first spell score, and evened matters up, time being called with the score 13 all.

The following is the final selection of the Rotorua League football team to play Auckland at Rotorua on August 3:—Papakura, Harp, Fitzgerald, Jolly, Woodward, Reke, Rawson, Munro, Gordon, Runciman, Hatu, Walker, Kira.

AUCKLAND V. HAWKE'S BAY.

At Eden Park on Saturday Auckland will be called upon to defend the Northern Union Challenge Cup against the Hawke's Bay representatives. The visitors are reported to be a strong combination, and a close and interesting game may confidently be expected. Last season Auckland defeated their opponents by 17 points to 13.

The Auckland team on Saturday will comprise the following players: Fullback: Hardgrave (Manukau). Threequarters: Keneally (Eden), Curran (Newton), Weston (North Shore).

Five-eighths: Blakey (Newton), Carlaw (Ponsonby).

Half: Webb (Ponsonby). Forwards: H. Hayward (Thames), Dunning (Ponsonby), Rukutai (Manukau), M. Hayward (Thames), Mitchell (City), Seagar (North Shore).

Emergencies: Backs—Healy (Newton), Roope (Ponsonby). Forwards—Fricker (Ponsonby), Griffin (North Shore).

The following junior players have been selected by the Auckland League junior selector, Mr J. G. Jackson, to take part in an A and B match next Saturday, as a curtain-raiser to the Auckland v. Hawke's Bay match:—

A TEAM.

Fullback: Hedge (Otahuhu). Threequarters: Young (Ponsonby), Robinson (City), Fox (North Shore). Five-eighths: Beecham (Ponsonby), F. Martin (Otahuhu).

Half: Brennan (Otahuhu). Forwards: Stanaway (Ponsonby), E. Jordan (Northcote), McCullagh (City), Martin (Otahuhu), C. Chafe (Ellerslie), Mann (North Shore).

Emergencies.—Backs: Walsh (Ponsonby), Gilchrist (Northcote), Chapman (Ellerslie). Forwards: Sheehan (City), Buchanan (North Shore), Good (Ellerslie).

B TEAM.

Fullback: Liversidge (Ponsonby). Threequarters: Brown (Otahuhu), Millar (Ellerslie), McSweeney (Eden). Five-eighths: Ridings (North Shore), Bater (North Shore).

Half: Peate (Northcote). Forwards: Madden (Otahuhu), G. Jordan ((Northcote), Wilson (Hobsonville), Longbottom (Ponsonby), Horscroft (Manukau), Wylie (Ellerslie).

Emergencies.—Backs: Greenwood (Ponsonby), Nicholson (North Shore), Good (Northcote). Forwards: Buchanan (North Shore), Wrightson (Northcote), Ryan (Otahuhu).

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THE POVERTY BAY BOXING REPRESENTATIVES, WHO TOOK PART AT THE NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS IN WELLINGTON.—Reading from left: D. Gillard (trainer), Mr F. Allen (delegate), V. Lowe (heavyweight), Mr H. Humphries (manager), W. Seymour (trainer), C. Cate (middleweight), R. A. Adair (featherweight).

ing to note that the A.R.U. have found a Saturday for this fixture before entering upon the inter-provincial fixtures. The South Auckland team is regarded as a worthy one, and though it is not likely they will lower the colours of the parent body's representatives they should, nevertheless, put up a good fight against the Northerners.

The Auckland team to meet South Auckland is as follows:—Fullback, J. O'Brien; threequarters, McGregor, Stewart, Macky; five-eighths, O'Leary, Ifwerson; halfback, Webb; wing-forward, Hall; forwards, Sellars, Tre-size, Bruce, Cunningham, Wilson, Barrett, Carroll; emergencies, Forsyth, Muir, Bilkey, Collett, Walshe, Thomas, Moffitt.

The Auckland team has undergone very little alteration at the hands of the selector, Mr D. Gallaher, since their runaway victory over the South Island representatives. J. O'Leary replaces Walshe at five-eighths, while Bruce and Cunningham are selected in the forwards. The Aucklanders should be in good form for their matches with Taranaki and Wellington, while as it is unlikely there will be any material change in the personnel of the team, they should not be found wanting in combination. The inclusion in the backs of a young trio of players in Webb, Ifwerson, and Macky has caused some comment in Rugby circles, but it cannot be denied that all three have won their way into the team by sheer merit. It may not, however, be found advisable to include the three of them in the rep. team when the big inter-provincial Rugby contests come up

NORTHERN UNION.

The following is the position of the teams in the senior grade competition:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points For Ag.
Newton Rangers	10	8	2	0	217 73
Ponsonby United	10	6	2	2	185 80
North Shore Albions	10	5	4	1	129 121
City Rovers	10	5	5	0	94 143
Manukau Rovers	10	3	7	0	57 141
Eden Ramblers	10	2	7	1	77 209

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES.

FIXTURES.

- Auckland v. Hawke's Bay, July 27 at Auckland.
- Auckland B v. Waikato, July 27, at Hamilton.
- Auckland v. Rotorua, August 3, at Rotorua.
- Auckland v. Wellington, August 10, at Auckland.
- Auckland B v. Thames, August 10, at Thames.

The senior club competition was brought to a close on Saturday in fine weather, although the playing ground was a trifle heavy.

The first-grade competition concluded on Saturday, when Newton Rangers defeated Manukau Rovers, and earned the title of champions for 1912.

Interest centred in the match between Newton Rangers and Manukau Rovers, but it proved to be a very one-sided affair in the second half, when Newton simply ran all over their opponents and finally won by 34 points to 3. Newton are the local champions for the present season.

The Cup match under the Paeroa Union, between West and Netherton, was played at Hikutaia on Saturday, Netherton winning by three points (a try scored by Young) to nil.

A Rugby League football team, consisting of 22 men, will sail for New Zealand on August 17 to play a series of matches. The first match will be played in Auckland on August 24.

A Northern League match at Paeroa on Saturday resulted in Karangahake defeating Paeroa by 8 points to nil. McClymont and Gibbons scored tries, and Duffy kicked a goal.

The "All Blacks" returned from the Australian tour on Sunday. The members of the team look none the worse for their trip, and speak well of the treatment received from our friends across the Tasman.

The Wanganui League have secured Cook's Gardens for the Hawke's Bay v. Wanganui representative game on August 3.

I was told by some of the leading players who represented both North and South Island recently, that they were after the League game, more especially when it got started in the South Island.—"Drop Kick," in the "Napier Telegraph."

A committee has been formed in Hastings, consisting of Messrs. J. Pointon, senr., W. Lane, A. Wall, and M. Sullivan, to foster the game in that town.

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