

## OUR SPORTS' SUMMARY

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### DUNEDIN.

The St. Patrick's Harriers held their Five-mile Cross-country Championship and Sealed Handicap. The starter got the field of 13 away very well. The pack was well bunched till halfway round the second time, when McAllen took the lead, with White and Taylor close behind. Coming up the straight, McAllen was leading from McIlroy, who was running a good race. Finish: McAllen 1, McIlroy 2. Sealed Handicap: Taylor 1, White 2. Morris was the first novice home. McAllen's time was 35min. 37sec. On the previous Saturday the St. Patrick's Harriers ran from the St. Clair Baths. The trail led along the beach to St. Kilda, then by road to Tomahawk Beach, where a lively game of Soccer was indulged in. The home trail led along the main road via Tahuna Park, along Victoria road, whence a smart run home took place. The captain (Mr. C. Morris) at the close of the run took the opportunity of welcoming back Mr. R. Monaghan, who has just returned to Dunedin.

The following matches were played by the St. Dominic's College net-ball teams during the past week: B grade—St. Dominic's (10) v. Columba College (1); St. Dominic's (7) v. Otago Girls' High School (2); C grade—St. Dominic's (13) v. Columba College (7). The latter match completed the round, and won for St. Dominic's College the trophy in C grade.

The following is the record of the Christian Brothers' (Dunedin) football teams up to date:—Soccer—A grade: Played 5, won 5, drawn 0, lost 0; B grade: 5, 2, 1, 2; C grade: 8, 6, 2, 0. Rugby—Secondary grade: played 8, won 7, drawn 0, lost 1, points for 208, against 13; primary B: 8, 6, 0, 2, 117, 12; primary C: 5, 5, 0, 0, 111, 0. Last Saturday's matches resulted as follows:—Rugby—Christian Brothers' Secondary A 27, Secondary B 3; Primary B 25, George St 0; Primary C 11, Kensington 0. Soccer—A team 2, Technical School 1; C team 0, Anderson's Bay 3; D team won by default.

The Christian Brothers' Old Boys' Soccer teams were again successful last Saturday. The third grade team defeated Fairfield by 2 goals to nil, after a fast game. Donnelly was the scorer. The combination of the Greens' forwards was a feature of the game. The backs were safe, Baker and Burrell especially. This team is level with Southern A for championship honors. The fourth grade team easily beat Southern by 4 goals to nil. The scorers were O'Reilly (2), Cullen, and Brookes. This team, which has not suffered a defeat this season, is well in the lead for the cup.

In last Saturday's *Star Sports Special*, Rev. Brother Bowler hit out vigorously in defence of the Christian Brothers' Soccer football teams playing in the schools' competitions who were attacked by an anonymous critic in the previous issue of the paper named, the sting being concealed in the tail of a column-long wail, revealing the sectarian bias of the writer. Brother Bowler's letter, in part, said:—"In your last issue, under the heading Soccer Notes, by 'Venator,' you inserted a letter over 'Touchline.' A person who writes in such a strain and has not the courage to disclose his name is contemptible, and were it not that you inserted the letter under Soccer Notes, I would have ignored his charges. It is evident to any unbiassed sport that 'Touchline' is endeavoring to introduce sectarianism into Soccer. It is gratifying to know, through the Soccer Executive, that 'Venator' is in no way connected officially with them. . . 'Touchline' made several charges against the Brothers and their pupils. It is news to me to know that the A grade competition was organised because the Brothers' team was 'altogether too powerful in the B grade. The players in the three school grades this year must be under 15 years of age. Our best team (under 15) is in A grade. Its average age is 14 years and three months. High School and Technical School are in the same grades. Yet, according to your contributor, we are not in our 'own standard.' Perhaps not! The Headmasters' Association in 1918

thought likewise of our boys. Our latest match with Technical A resulted in our favor, 3—2; that with Technical B, 4—nil. Not a word about Technical being sent 'there' with us. We must change our color. He 'wonders' at High School teams meeting us. He evidently does not know the High School boys and their 'sports' master. The High School won the A grade in 1919; this year some other team will likely win. Like true sports they can lose as well as win. We won nothing in Soccer last year, and we are still playing Soccer. . . . The Brothers would be interested in the names of teams under 15 playing in fifth grade. Some of our school lads under 16 are playing in third and fourth grades. Every team enters a competition 'to get its name inscribed on a certain cup,' but the team does not howl if it fails. The very word competition suggests some honor to the winner. He asks: 'Why is it done?' Answer: To produce citizens more broadminded and sportsmanlike than either 'Touchline' or 'Venator.' 'If this cup-grabbing instinct is good Christian Brother propaganda. . . . In that part his letter he shows himself in his true colors. He sees green. A gentleman would have spoken of the 'instinct' in words akin to 'the Brothers use every legitimate means to encourage sport amongst their pupils.' He referred to the action of the O.R.F.U. of 17 years ago, and apparently thinks their action true sport. The Rugby Union thinks not, as the Greens are again playing Rugby this year, and may they continue to play the national game. If the Greens satisfy the conditions governing any competition why should special conditions have to be made for them? 'Touchline' would block all avenues of sport to the Greens. According to 'Touchline' the 'apparent fear of the Soccer Committee' caused the secession of several schools. We won nothing, and yet we frightened six schools out of Soccer. We have four teams in the schools' Soccer—more than any other Dunedin school."

### WELLINGTON.

The Marist Brothers' (Newtown) School football teams were very successful in last week's matches. In the schools' Rugby competition Marist defeated Brooklyn in the senior grade by 39 points to nil, and in the junior grade Marist defeated Newtown by 6 points to nil. In the schools' Soccer football senior grade Marist (2) drew with South Wellington (2), and in the junior grade Marist defeated Wadestown by 5 goals to nil. In the Saturday's Soccer matches the Marist boys' teams were again victorious. The sixth grade defeated Seatoun by 6 goals to 1; the seventh grade Marist A (3 goals) defeated St. Peter's Mission (2); Marist B (6 goals) defeated Island Bay (nil); Marist C (2 goals) beat South Wellington (nil), and in the eighth grade Marist A defeated Marist (Thorndon) by 3 goals to 2.

Besides winning four challenge shields in musical and literary competitions the Petone Convent School of the Sisters of the Missions won a silver challenge cup in the New Year sports held at the Hutt last January; three boys from the school—Kevin McCarthy, Frank Whitley, and Con Ryan—securing first, second, and third place, respectively, in the race for the cup.

The following are the results of the matches played on July 9 by the teams from St. Patrick's College:—First fifteen v. Athletic, won—16-0. Tries were scored by Kennedy (2), Keogh, and Aldridge. Kennedy converted two of the tries. Second fifteen beat Scots' College—8-6. Third fifteen lost to Poneke—3-0. Fourth fifteen beat Petone—12-0. Soccer team lost to Island Bay—3-2. On Wednesday, July 13, the first fifteen from St. Patrick's College journeyed to Paraparaumu to play the junior team of that district. After an enjoyable game, the college won by 17-3.

### CHRISTCHURCH.

M.B.O.B. Football Club results on last Saturday were: Juniors defeated Lyttelton by 14 to 8; thirds won from Christ College by default; fifths lost to West Christchurch by 9 to 3. The senior championship has been declared closed, Marists being declared holders of the shield. They were two points in the lead. Seven of the team will represent Canterbury on Saturday next.