

Our Sports Summary

FOOTBALL NOTES.

Dunedin.—The Catholic Primary Schools' bantam competition was concluded last week after several interruptions due to influenza and to bad weather. Christian Brothers B carrying off the honors. The games throughout were keenly and cleanly contested, the boys taking their successes and defeats in a friendly manner. The competition brought to light some very clever little players, amongst whom may be mentioned Les. Donnelly, Len. Todd, Reg. Sutherland, Jack Russell, Frank Lahood, Steve Casey, P. Dady, George Walsh, and Bert. McKewan. Following is the table of results:

	Matches Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Christian Brothers B ...	6	5	0	1	11
Christian Brothers A ...	6	4	1	1	9
Christian Brothers C ...	5	3	2	0	6
N.E. Valley Convent ...	4	1	3	0	2
Waverley Orphanage ...	4	1	3	0	2
St. Patrick's.					
South Dunedin ...	5	0	5	0	0

South Canterbury: The Temuka Football Club (writes our Timaru correspondent) held a very successful seven-a-side tournament at the Domain on the 6th inst., before a good attendance of the public, when some very interesting play was witnessed.

The Celtic Football Club, Timaru, was successful in winning the senior and third grade competitions. The following represented the Celtic senior seven, and won gold medals: Messrs. M. Angland, J. Joyce, W. Harding, I. O'Connor, P. Diekel, J. Kane, and S. McAllen. The following won the silver medals in the third grade contest: Messrs. J. Murphy, B. Baxter, C. O'Donoghue, C. Mullan, T. Taylor, B. McManus, and T. Mullan.

Ashburton.—A Christchurch Marist Club Rugby team played the County team at Ashburton (the other Saturday (writes our own correspondent), when the visitors were defeated by 15 points to 8. The game was witnessed by a huge crowd, and the Marists were frequently applauded for good play. In the evening the Rugby Union entertained the members of the visiting team to tea, and later in the evening they were entertained by the local Celtic Club at a smoke concert.

NEW SOUTH WALES REPRESENTATIVE TEAM: RESULTS OF THE TOUR.

- v. Wellington-Manawatu, lost, 29-16.
- v. South Canterbury, won, 23-16.
- v. New Zealand (first test), lost, 19-9.
- v. Southland, lost, 31-9.
- v. New Zealand (second test), lost, 34-6.
- v. Hawke's Bay-Poverty Bay, lost, 32-15.
- v. Auckland, lost, 27-11.
- v. South Auckland, won, 11-5.
- v. New Zealand (third test), lost, 38-11.

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE TEAM IN AUCKLAND.

The members of St. Patrick's College team who recently visited Auckland to play the Rugby football match against the Sacred Heart College were lavish in their praise of the entertainment meted out to them by the Marist Brothers of Sacred Heart College and the old boys of St. Patrick's living in Auckland. On the Friday after their arrival they had a launch trip down the harbor, and on the Saturday night after the game they were entertained by St. Patrick's old boys to dinner at the Tiffin. This was followed by a social and dance given by the lady friends of both schools in Point Erin kiosk. On the Sunday a dinner was given at the Sacred Heart College; a motor drive through the city and suburbs followed, and the whole party of sixty went to Parnumure Cemetery, where the St. Patrick's old boys placed a laurel wreath on the grave of Dean Hills, one of the famous masters of their college, after which Mrs. T. Buxton entertained the party to afternoon tea at her residence in Owen's Road.

ST. PATRICK'S HARRIERS, DUNEDIN.

The St. Patrick's Harriers held the first series of their sports meetings on Saturday. Owing to the state of the track at Forbury Park, the events were held on the track known as Lovers' Lane. A heavy drizzling rain made the conditions unfavorable for the competitors, but, nevertheless, this did not deprive the races of their interest. The starter (Mr. Ryan) capably fulfilled his duties. Results:—100 Yards: Allen (9yds) 1, Lacey (6yds) 2, Menhinick (5yds) 3. 440 Yards: Lacey (24yds) 1, Allen (38yds) 2, Menhinick (32yds) 3. Long Jump: Menhinick (3ft) 1, Thomas (3ft) 2, Lacey (2ft) 3.

Study Your Tennis Partner

POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN PLAYING "DOUBLES."

There can be little doubt that "doubles" is the most popular form of lawn tennis. Many players, however, who do quite well at the "singles" game, fail badly when called upon to perform with a partner.

The secret of success lies in combination with and a proper appreciation of your partner's strong and weak points. If some trouble is taken in coming to a complete understanding with the player you may be called upon to assist, there should be few of those periods of hesitation when the ball goes flying unchecked on its way; with two players standing still in their respective courts, each waiting for the other to "take" the shot.

When returning the service one of the most useful strokes in doubles is the side-line drive. This requires cool, deliberate play, and results in the ball being sent down the chalk line at the side of the court, just out of reach of the server's partner.

It is particularly useful when you occupy the right-hand court, as it passes the back-hand of your opponent, who is likely to be standing up at the net. Furthermore, this stroke prevents the player opposite you from keeping close to the centre of the net, and, by drawing him nearer and nearer to the extreme edge of his court, opens up room for a "cross-court" return.

If you are a right-handed player, the side-line drive should be made with the left shoulder pointed almost in the direction in which the ball will travel. By bringing your body well round you prevent any "pull" on your racket, and although there is always the danger that you may "slice" the ball too far, you will be safer than would be the case if you tried to drive in the ordinary manner.

There is no need to use any great strength, for once your effort has passed the partner of the player who is serving, there is little fear of a stroke of this description being returned.

The "cross-court" return is a more natural shot. If you have been successful in drawing your immediate opponent towards the side of the court, and consequently prevented the possibility of a cross-shot being "volleyed," you will do well to drive in the direction of the server's feet. Usually you will find that the taker of the initial stroke starts to move towards the centre of the base-line after serving, so that if your return pitches somewhere near the opposite corner, the server will have to pull up and go back before being in a position to cope with the stroke.

Avoiding Awkward Returns.

If you wish to combat these effective returns, your own service should be directed towards the centre of the receiving court. If you place your service near the centre-line the only likely returns are the straight drive down the centre, or a lob.

Your partner should always have a chance to "kill" returns when you are serving, but if you make your first stroke towards your opponent's side-line, it is more than probable that the return shot will be out of reach of the player you are assisting.

When two good volleyers are playing together they should advance towards the net in line whenever possible, but some arrangement should be made as to which of them should go back after lobs. It is useless for both partners to rush around the court after one stroke, and it is equally futile for both to remain still.—*Tit-Bits* (London).