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MARGIN OF ONE POINT

It is long since a better exposition of wet weather Rugby has been seen in Wellington than that displayed in the match between the Wellington representative fifteen and a team from the New Zealand Tank Brigade, at Athletic Park on Saturday afternoon. Though played in bitterly cold weather, with heavy showers from the south, and with a slippery field and ball to contend with, the backs on both sides handled well, and many spectacular rearguard movements delighted the spectators in the well-filled grandstand. It is questionable if ever better three-quarter backs have been seen at headquarters than those who took part in the match, and it was largely because of their dash and speed that the game proved so attractive to watch. The centre-threequarters, E. Donovan (Wellington) and J. Elkins (Tank Brigade) were a high-class pair, and both distinguished themselves by strong runs, which brought tries.

The forwards were evenly matched and adapted themselves well to the soggy conditions, some rare duels being seen in scrums and rucks, and much clever footwork being displayed.

The teams were:—
 N.Z. Tank Brigade: H. Johns; C. F. Sullivan, J. Elkins, F. N. Rosenfelt; H. S. Robinson, A. L. Manion; H. J. Julian; R. McC. McKenzie (captain), D. P. Grant, W. A. Pyatt, G. H. Humphrey, K. D. Arnold, C. F. Caldwell, L. J. Rutherford, W. C. Porter.
 Wellington: S. W. Clark; D. G. Steven-

disgraceful. He called MacArthur a war-monger. When, in 1935, President Quezon of the Philippines invited MacArthur to go there to reorganise their defences, Isolationists were angry again. One referred to him as a "bellicose and swashbuckling chief of staff."

On reaching the Philippines, MacArthur certainly was bellicose, for—in his view—attack by Japan was certain within a few years.

He revealed his bellicosity by shouting for more arms, and by raising a Philippino army.

He also bellicosely refused to accept social invitations, insisting that there wasn't time for elaborate courtesies and pleasure, because there was a tremendous job to be done — and quickly.

Night after night, he would stamp up and down his suite in a Manilla hotel planning Philippine defences, rapping out orders to subordinates, and cussing loudly when things went wrong.

Wealthy guests on the floor below complained to the management about this strange general who made such a noise. Why, he disturbed their sleep!

When war came to the Philippines, MacArthur's plans for their defence were far from complete.

But he had achieved miracles all the same. He wouldn't have held out there so long if he hadn't.

If now MacArthur has any time for meditation, he must recall with pride that his own father once commanded all American forces in the Philippines.

son, E. Donovan, H. Hudson; B. Hayes, B. Stott; H. R. Johns; R. White (captain), P. Stanaway, F. Foley, J. Brownlie, P. Murphy, P. Baumber, S. Bills, S. J. Harvey.

Though Wellington had the advantage of a stiff southerly wind behind them in the first spell, so sound was the defence that it was not till the spell was half over that the first score came. Donovan made one of his sharp bursts from centre-threequarter, and handed on to Hayes, who crossed the line in a handy position, but Clark failed to add the extra points. Johns, the noted Taranaki fullback, was putting in fine work for the Tank Brigade, fielded cleanly, and rarely failing to find the line with his long kicks. A little later a good centring kick by Stevenson caught the Tank defence out of position, and several Wellington forwards had an open goal-line in front of them, Baumber scoring the try, which Clark failed to convert.

With the wind behind them the Tank Brigade attacked early in the second spell, and only over-eagerness prevented them from scoring twice. Clark, who was playing well at fullback, eventually drove the attackers back, and then the crowd was thrilled by a spectacular movement, which brought Wellington's third try. Stevenson made a sharp dash down the right touch-line, and in-passed to Donovan, who took the ball when travelling at top speed, and raced half the length of the field to score between the posts. Brownlie converted to make the score 11-0 in Wellington's favour.

This stung the Tank force into action, and they attacked to see Elkins, the ex-

Canterbury representative, cut through for a try near the posts, which Rosenfelt converted. With Brownlie, Murphy, and Stanaway in the van, Wellington then swept play to the Tank line, and Harvey ended up the movement with a try, which Brownlie improved, to make the score 16-5 in Wellington's favour.

Tank Brigade, however, were lasting well, and they staged a great finishing rally which just failed by one point to bring them victory. A movement started by Julian, who was feeding his backs from the scrum on every possible occasion, saw Elkins cleverly slip through the Wellington backs to score near the posts for Rosenfelt to convert. The match ended on a high note, Rosenfelt, the speedy Auckland wing-threequarter, who had always looked dangerous, took a kindly bounce on the halfway line, and sprinted away to score a brilliant try. Rosenfelt kicked his third goal to make the final scores: Wellington, 16; Tank Brigade, 15.

Mr. I. Ramsay was the referee.

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