

Football

The Station Rugby Competition has now reached the completion of the first round. As anticipated, the standard of football has attained quite a high level. Points after the first round are as follows: -

	Islander	Camp	Signals	Works	Mt. Bates	Points	Score
Islanders	-	8:3	6:0	6:0	9:11	6	29:14
Camp	3:8	-	8:5	6:6	12:0	5	29:19
Signals	0:6	5:8	-	9:0	3:3	3	17:17
Works	0:6	6:6	0:9	-	14:6	3	20:27
Mt. Bates	11:9	0:12	3:3	6:14	-	3	20:38

SOUTH v NORTH - The Game of the Season.

Norfolk football fans had their great day last week. To mark the conclusion of the first round in the football competition, representatives of the North and South Islands met in battle. The following teams had been chosen by the selectors - P/O Catran for North and Cpl. Bob Garvin for South: -

North Island - Oswald, Wilson, le Fleming, Massey (later replaced by Burdett and finally by Roderick), Brown, Magnussen, Fraser, Chaney (later replaced by Burgess), Gillespie, Fraie, Cummings, Pedersen, Whyte, Wilson and Richardson.

South Island - Richards, Hishon, Freeman, Talbot, Dewar, Taylor, Sparrow, Palmer, Edmonds, McLaughlan, Windle, Hird, Rowe, Stewart and Ballantyne.

Enormous crowds lined the field. The first game - Islanders v The Rest was followed with great interest; it was an easy win for the Islanders by 11:0. But when the North and South teams appeared on the field the trouble really started. The barracking was simply terrific. Unfortunately it was almost impossible to decide who was on which side because everybody insisted on shouting "COME ON NEW ZEALAND". However, there were some disparaging remarks about Stewart Islanders and Little Americans and "Foreigners" as both sides chose to call each other.

The game itself was most one-sided. North never really had a show. Their forwards seemed too light and the superior technique of the South team had them completely baffled. At half time the score was 9:0 in South's favour (scores by Dewar, Hishon and Richards) and the final result was 21:3 (Dewar, Palmer, Taylor and Sparrow scoring for South and Pedersen for North.)

F/L Osmer, well known in New Zealand rugby circles, acted as referee, and he declared afterwards that the standard of the game was comparable to any senior games he had seen lately back in New Zealand. It is not easy to name the best players of the South team, but Dewar, McLaughlan, Taylor, Hishon, Palmer, Hird and Sparrow all gave an excellent account of themselves. In the North team Fraser was among the best, and also Roderick, who should have entered the game earlier. Incidentally 40 minutes proved a bit too long for the Southern players and some undaunted North Islanders assert that North would have won if the game had only lasted a little longer.

Rumour has it that the Islanders have challenged the victorious South team, and this should certainly be a game worth looking forward to.

INDIVIDUAL TEAM Notes

MT. BATES TEAM.

Although suffering from a shortage of players, the Unit has fielded a useful side which has played some excellent football this season.

Despite the fact that it finishes the first round with only a win against the Island team and a draw with Signals to its credit, it should be a team to be reckoned with in the second round.

The fullback, Lethlean, playing his first season of rugby, having been brought up on the Victorian game, is performing very creditably.

Adams and Burdett are a pair of determined wing threequarters who have put in a lot of good work after an absence from the game of several seasons.