

### Mt. Bates Team (Continued)

The Berth at centre has been filled by Marty Boyle for most of the season and he has played consistently.

Nathan at second five-eighths has been a very usefull member of the rearguard, his tackling being very solid.

At first five-eighths Nev Brown has been able to make good use of his speed and has played excellent football throughout the season. He is the very popular Captain of the team.

Our wild Irish halfback and vice-captain is Maurie Healey, who has been playing bright and steady football.

The forward division of the team are a heavy, hard working bunch who have been securing a fair share of the ball for the backline and have started some very bright movements on their own account.

The locks, Windle and Cummings, who performed the same job for the team last season, are the nucleus of a very solid scrum. The break-aways Wilson and Fraie are a fast moving pair who give the opposition little time to work. In Fred Palmer, as last man down in the scrum and amongst the first in the loose, the team has another good forward with a good knowledge of the game. In Nankivell, Nicholson and richardson, the team has a sound front row which has gained a lot of the ball.

Bob Lunny, who has been doing some good work on the end of the whistle, is available for the rest of the season and should be a usefull addition to its playing strength despite his long absence from the game as a player.

We all regret the loss from the game of Dick Bailes, who was injured in one of the early friendly games, suffering a fracture in his foot. He is an old timer sadly missed.

As a whole, we have thoroughly enjoyed the games in the first round, and are looking forward to even better games in the second.

### SIGNALS TEAM.

Signals is taking a keen interest in the rugby this season, and the nem who pound the morse keys, together with their comrades at the "Health Spa" or "Greenhouse" and the loop-swingers, not to be confused with the lead swingers - have combined in an effort to overthrow the other sections competing in the field. Three branches from Signals are not represented in the team, namely the Telephone mechanics, the plug-pullers and the cypher section. The first two named give excellent support from the sideline, but so far none of the latter branch has put in an appearance, to add a feminine voice to the terrific barracking, which must shake this small Island to its very foundations each Saturday afternoon. We wonder if the spectacle of so much trampling of bobbies underfoot, and the slaughter resulting therefrom, is too much for the present generation of NZ womanhood. We think not, and perhaps before the season closes, a soprano voice will be heard above the awful tumult.

The end of the first round sees Signals dragging the chain, slightly as far as points are concerned, but it has for its assistants in this impossible task, Works and Mt. Bates, who have three points as well. The second round will commence at a furious pace with Signals all out for victory, and let he who thinks that any other team can beat the W.T. men, think again before he carelessly parts with the golden shekel.

We feel that those at home, in the land of the living, may be interested in our opinion of the various players, and with this thought in mind we proceed to a brief commentary on each man.

Clentwort, full-back and captain of the team, shows a solid defence and finds the line well; Kent, wing three-quarters, the "general" has has great speed and very tricky run; Talbot, a Temuka man, is the ideal type of winger and runs very strongly for the line. Patterson is playing good football on the other wing; Freeman, centre, is a tower of strength in the back-line; Schroeder, in the second five-eighth is a valuable link and puts in some solid defence work; Hotchin, at first five, is quick off the mark and his handling improves with each match. Henderson, a deadly tackler is somewhat slow in attack; Sparrow, the diminutive half, is probably our outstanding back and he has played a fine game in every match to date; Ballantyne, front row and vice captain, is a veritable bull dog in any ruck; Chaney, the hooker who gives the backs an even share of the ball; Burgess, front row, a new comer to this small Island but not to football; Litchfield, break-away and a fine forward too, is, to use a service expression "always on the ball" (and we refer to football only) Lee, the other side-row, and