

Saturday, June 23rd.

Weakened by loss of players through injuries, Works found the Signals team too strong. The Signals forwards, who improve as a pack with each game, dominated play throughout with their loose rushes and fast packing. The Works backs had to work overtime endeavouring to keep their line intact.

For Signals, Burgess was the outstanding forward and of the backs Freeman showed up well. Jack Taylor's line-kicking and tackling repeatedly saved Works. The losers' captain was not quite up to his usual brilliance and had to retire in the second spell. Signals won 9-0.

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Mt. Bates won the toss against Islanders and elected to play against the wind. Play began with both sides throwing the ball about in lively fashion, each side gaining an even percentage of the ball from the tight and line-outs. Ten minutes after the kick-off the Island forwards, showing great dash in the loose, carried play deep into Mt. Bates' 25 where a gruffling forward tussle ensued, resulting in an Island forward scoring a good try wide out. Adams failed to convert. Towards the end of the spell the Island forwards were pressing hotly and were awarded a penalty in a handy position which Adams converted. The second spell resolved itself into a series of forward rallies and the game became rather ragged, though both packs continued to work hard. There was no further score, Islanders winning 6-0.

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Saturday, June 30th.

Works opened dashing against Mt. Bates, playing with a fresh wind. Fraser scored a try wide out which Taylor converted with a good kick. Even play ensued, Works adding to their score with a penalty and leading 8-0 at half time. Mt. Bates forwards now made a better showing, securing a good share of the ball from the scrums and lineouts. Loose play resulted in a try by Nankivell which was converted by Brown. This was followed by a try by Lunny. Hard play continued with both sides endeavouring to score the deciding points. Then Fraie scored wide out and the game was clinched for Mt. Bates by another unconverted try by Richardson, bringing the score to 14-8.

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