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This game was played in front of the large grand stand, the ground being fairly heavy and suitable for the heavy Green pack which took a long time to settle down to work, Waikiwi with a short side-breasting around them frequently and smothering their slow backs, who were nothing if not cool. There was a fair amount of passing on each side, but Knight of Waikiwi was the only back to run straight, the Greens running consistently to the side lines in their slow lob method of transfer and kicking recklessly when unsupported. One Athletic movement was clever in charge of pass direction, but the recipient was ruled off-side and a Waikiwi forward line. Some high punts were allowed to bounce, and scrummers revelled in the slow work of novice backs. Knight, suburban five had an instinct for the ball and easily beat his opposing backs who refused to direct him, his clearing kicks relieving his side frequently. Whyte led the lighter forwards and several times put his side on attack; but the backs of his side were uneven, so, though Green tackling was poor, their passing was not very fruitful in gaining ground. Attack was interchanged for Athletic to make for the side lines in passing rushes, when a high kick would have gained some ground and given backs a chance to null the greasy ball though Red and Black were surer in take. Kicking was markedly weak when contrasted with that of the sides on No. 1 area, and wore forwards out to no purpose. The bunching of the packs was better than it has been for some time, and the scrums and line clusters looked workmanlike. An Athletic transfer move would top play into a Waikiwi 25, a big jumper being well fended by a Green wing-three; but the full came across with a clean tackle and saved the try. Right on a Waikiwi line the Green forwards failed to hold Whyte, who led his men in a series of smart dashes to Green last stretch, where eager Colours busted Green weak ground work, Knight receiving the ball to pot a goal, tired probably of seeing the ball leave him to be lost. Waikiwi 4, Athletic nil. The ascendancy of Waikiwi had been produced by Whyte, Knight, and an Athletic back speculator. Green worked back and fed the rearguard, but, when a try seemed assured, the centre-three held on and the movement was checked, though only temporarily. In a ruck Whyte injured a "returned" leg, and Waikiwi lost the services of the best forward on the ground. The loss was quickly felt, for Green forward rushes were rewarded with a scramble try. Waikiwi 4, Athletic 3. The numerical inferiority of Waikiwi did not prevent their giving Green some anxious moments, but there was no further change in the score during the first spell.

Waikiwi kicked off in the second half with juniors to fill the depleted ranks, and a Green let the Waikiwi get near Athletic 25. The play became heavier and slower, the only attack coming for some time from Waikiwi light scrummers rushing the Green backs, the attack ending in Knight making a great run to short kick over the full's head and have it marked. It was bad luck for a very smart piece of Rugby. The kick brought Athletic into attack, and much talk was heard from players to the detriment of their football. The Athletic forwards were finding their weight telling, but hard kicks and clean Waikiwi fielding lost them much ground gained by strenuous work. Just at the stage of the game there was some less pushing of men. The ebb of play was Waikiwi in attack, but Green forced. From the 25 Athletic tried passing, but the transfers were slow and thus ineffective. Knight continued to do good work, and Leith of Athletic squashed a return and the would-be return, and the Green moved into position, when Horan got over from a smart pass. Athletic 6, Waikiwi 4. The Green forwards were breaking through frequently, and Waikiwi knew Whyte could not hold the line packs. The crowd grew excited and thronged the ground. Green passed, broke down, and continued a sort of attack, but a Waikiwi set up a good dribble and there being little ground work made some territory. A green mark was potted by Leith, a fair attempt being made, and Waikiwi position nearly let the forwards in on the charge. There was then a scene of struggling forwards on Waikiwi line, Green refusing to heel and forcing Red and Black to heel. Several five-yard scrums resulting. Green forwards were too heavy, and a full sneaked out of a pack to Shepherd who fed Horan. The latter dashed off to middle and his opponent dashed off to find that the pea wasn't under that thimble, but that Horan had scored. Athletic 9, Waikiwi 4. Knight and Wills muscled at the ball but unfortunately the latter got