

FOOTBALL NOTES.

GALBRAITH SHIELD.

ATHLETIC (12) v. INVERCARGILL (11)

Blues made the first attack with their forwards, entering Athletic 25 from the meeting of the first line. Roche took well and allowed his side to clear, and poor punts gave Greens advantage, though their passing as well as that of I.F.C. was not brisk at this stage, some holders putting fast wings off by delaying transfers. Green forced twice, but it was merely through opponent's lack of range and punting. I.F.C. had to do some defence and Horan tried a short line in, but without fruit. A free brought Athletic down to Invercargill, Vial clearing. Green sent across a high one, and the wing had to go back for it, an Athletic charger driving him over the ball and securing to score. Coakley goal. Athletic 5, I.F.C. nil the five acted as a tonic on Greens, who dashed back to Blue 25, where a feed from a scramble brought a potted goal. Athletic 9, Invercargill nil. Attack soon came to Athletic again; but their pass was sideways, and the centre went too far in trying to keep his wing clear, a scrum following the knock-on. Blues heeled, and Lopdell ran into a bunch to make a set-scrum. On Greens' capture, the centre made up for his former default by mid-dling with a high punt, his supporters, however, failing to prevent the mark, wing Fraser clearing to mid-line. Athletic did not pass well in the next handling, and the ball went to neutral line. A Blue back received the ball and second-five Vial cross-kicked, Athletic being penalised for not rising quickly enough. Interchanges at fair range saw I.F.C. come out the better, but Athletic equalised by a clever cut in at the end of the line. McKay dived well, and on his not being allowed up Greens were penalised—a difficult procedure to follow. Blue kicking took play to mid-field, and Lopdell improved. The general on the line was of up-country character, packs not bunching, and forwards not running around to support their backs. The sway of play was back and fro to mid-flag, where I.F.C. were kicked into position by Fraser well into Athletic 25, the resulting line scrum seeing the Athletic struggling to clear. Blue full showed up well in take, with kick just strong enough to line. Athletic forced I.F.C. gradually to a 25 further, when an over-kick allowed their opponents to force and regain 25 yards without a struggle. Marks and penalties were enjoyed by each side without a point being added, and ground kicks and heavy scrum work gave Athletic some ground. Weak, standing passing and much foolish play was seen; but I.F.C. attacked towards the end of the spell, Guy Miller coming from the line with a clear break and dribble. Half-time sounded with the score, Athletic 9, I.F.C. nil.

The opening of the second spell was not promising; the packing was slow and all forwards seemed to be trying to string themselves out in an attempt to reach moving play. Fraser received a pass end sent it to the 25, where Garrett came along; but Horan cleared it from the corner with a ground kick. Back came I.F.C. to lose the ball over the line. Blues began to press, and passing rushes galore followed, forwards and backs living up to make an attractive game, I.F.C. were denied a try; but they came again and three forwards—Miller, O'Byrne, and Blue, handled, the last named falling on it. Lopdell goal. Athletic 9, I.F.C. 5. Almost at once Lopdell returned the ball to the 25, and Miller coming through the parallels sent the ball to Vial who made out and scored untouched, the wing-three quite ready to support him if necessary. Athletic 9, I.F.C. 8. Great excitement prevailed, and amid cheers Lopdell centred, his wing-three driving into the opposing wing and pushing the ball out in Athletic 25, for Miller to take his turn to improve with a good break-away. Invercargill attack was persistent; but the forwards tired, and Greens cleared and passed in spite of Lopdell, the ball finishing in I.F.C. 25. Athletic then threw in; the first man on the line knocked the ball back to Horan who used the 'tween line and parallel space to dash through and pass to his wing-three, who was running up fast, the score being accomplished at the corner. Athletic 12, I.F.C. 8. Vial brought play down to Athletic preserve, later again securing and footing cleverly to the open space, where his forwards sent two supporters who scored, the first five failing with an easy kick. Athletic 12, I.F.C. 11. Good defence by Athletic kept the score so until the whistle went for full time. The I.F.C. attack was good for the state of the ground, and their condition was better than that of Athletic.

STAR (5) v. WAIKIWI (5).

The game did not open well, neither side trying anything in particular until Waikiwi heeled and tried to pass across

the field. As usual with the Star, they counter-attacked; Wills saved, and continued to play a sound full back game throughout the match. Star attacked to be countered and driven back to a long defence in which the suburb side showed unwillingness to give up the ball to supporters. Variation of kick and kick-back caught a Star wing-three-quarter napping, the bounce beating him and being charged out just at the town corner of No. 2; but Star cleared, Lilley doing the lion's share of defence. Waikiwi came back and Lilley forced by the side of the attendant officer of the law. Off-sides and marks did not brighten the play, passing not being seen in this spell, which ended with no score.

From the kick into play the game strolled on until Lilley came up to do his wing-three's work, taking very cleverly at top and centring judiciously for his racers to score and for himself to goal. Star 5, Waikiwi nil. From the 25 Waikiwi passed, Knight not delivering until necked by a high embrace. Frees became as numerous as dirty togs, attack frequently coming from them. Oughton and Brown were sharers in a clever Star pass, a new thing for their side lately, and Dawson, Knight, and Forde did well for their team. Adamson and Whyte did the heavy work in their respective backs; but a long period of muddle affected the play, until Waikiwi set up a long attack in which one back gave passes like meteors—downwards and swiftly. At length in a scramble Brown scored at the north-east corner and James Forde made it five all. Weak speculations followed the mid-kick. Star centred booted high, and, finding the opposing centre and wing out of place, two Stars fell on the ball just over the 25 behind the goal-line. Hard luck! Waikiwi again attacked, but Star defence prevented further score, when no-time was blown, Star were down at Waikiwi's last 25. The result then was Star 5, Waikiwi 5. A draw. Star lead with 10 points, Athletic 7, Waikiwi 5, I.F.C. 4, following in order. Star have played a game more than Athletic, still their position is good.

SPORTS PROTECTION BANNER.

BLUFF (22) v. BANKS AND LAW (4).

The result of this game was a surprise to Saturday fans, but it might have been prophesied when the losers set out port-wards; for they were short of Dykes and Stead, and also of practice, the latter neglect showing up distinctly in the second spell when Bluff forwards pushed their tired scrummers over the ball and allowed passing scores against wings that hadn't the physique, let alone the knowledge of how, to tackle men coming straight into them. The first spell was rather in favour of Blue though they didn't get nearer than a force to St. George's pot—hope it doesn't spoil him. When the teams paraded after leaving the dressing rooms for spell two, Banks and Law had a brief period of attack followed by a long stretch of badly executed defence, Bluff putting on 22 points. This perky team will have to settle down to something like training if they wish to keep even-third. Opinion has it that Bluff are irresistible on their own midden, but that remains to be proved. There are two traces of equals now: Union—Service, 6 all; Bluff—Banks and Law, 4 all.

SOCIAL NOTES.

Last week Mrs. T. M. Macdonald gave a small dance in honour of Miss Dorothy Law, Dunedin. Some of the guests were: Misses Hogg, Smith, Brass, McQueen, Corbett, Bews, and Broughton; Messrs Christophers, Irving, Brass, Broughton, Keddell and Oswin.

Mrs. Prain, Gladstone, gave a most enjoyable dance on Saturday evening, the guests being Misses Morrah, Hogg, Hazlett, Bews, Snow, Irving, Smith, Broughton, Messrs Gilmour, Hewat, Dalgleish, Keddell, Hazlett, Irving, Broughton, Morrah, Bush.

On Tuesday evening Miss Snow, Yarrow street, gave a "Fox-Trot Evening." Some present were, Misses Prain, Moffett, Hogg, Vyner, Hazlett, Bews, Carswell, Messrs Royds, Irving, Hewat, Williams, J. B. Thomson, Rae, Dalgleish.

Miss Hogg gave a small dance last week. The guests included: Misses Prain, Bews, Carswell, Darling (Oamaru), Snow, and Messrs Prain, Irving, Hewat, Oswin, and Dalgleish.

Miss Snow, Yarrow street, gave a "Gift Tea," on Wednesday afternoon for Miss Field. Among those present I noticed, Misses Field (2), Mrs. H. Macalister, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. A. Moffett, Misses V. Bews, Hogg, Prain and Smith.

Two short earthquakes were experienced in Wellington. It is reported they were the severest for some years.

OTAHUTI NOTES.

The formation of the Central Rugby Union being complete, the fixtures for the banner commenced last Saturday, when Otahuti met and defeated Calcium on the latter's ground by six points to three, while Waianawa journeyed to Drummond and scored a win over the home team by nine points to nil; the Wright's Bush club drawing the first bye.

The Otahuti v. Calcium match was fast throughout and in the first spell some fine work was witnessed, but as the game wore on, want of training was very noticeable, with the result, back play was not so good.

Otahuti's first try was the result of really first-class hooking and passing, the wing (C. Lindsay), scoring with plenty of room, the kick failing; the second score from a line-out was placed by Steele, the team's well known pacer. Rogers, wing-forward, McCrostie and Finlayson, hookers, were in good form, also R. Sim, C. Donald and G. Grieve, who, apart from their capabilities as footballers are to be credited with an extraordinary amount of bull-dog gameness, which should be an inspiration to the rising generation; the latter unfortunately for the team has had his nose broken, and with J. McCrostie, a fast and consistent player, who has had his ankle severely twisted, will put the team at a disadvantage for a week or two.

Calcium had the misfortune to lose the services of J. Baird, and therefore played one man short, which is not a very satisfactory state of affairs either for themselves or their opponents. The team played well and are to be congratulated on the small score registered against them. A. McKenzie, J. Lindsay, S. Lindsay and T. Darragh, were in good form, Darragh especially playing a heady game and his efforts at camouflage would have been attended with far better results had he not been such a brilliant planet among the other stars.

Morton and T. McKenzie were easily the best of the forwards and are two good players. Mr. F. O'Connell controlled the game to the entire satisfaction of the sporting community. Messrs T. F. Grieve and J. Darragh, acting as line umpires, carried out their duties in a dignified manner necessary for such important work.

The ladies of Calcium supplied refreshments which were greatly appreciated by the visiting team.

Next Saturday, Calcium meets Waianawa, at Waianawa, and Wrights Bush meet Otahuti, at Otahuti, both matches at 3 p.m. Drummond a bye.

MARKET NOTES.

Messrs Bray Bros., Ltd., Dee street, Invercargill, report as follows for week ended today:—

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