

FOOTBALL NOTES.

WEDNESDAY GAMES.

STAR (9) v. ATHLETIC (8).

Star turned out one of their best teams the season, more weight and condition noticeable in the forwards, the backs have been fit in all the games—and more in tackle, though in this department teams in Southland show proficiency. Athletic had a heavy forward lot, and forwards proved that they were fairly fit, the backs letting events down as usual as a combination. Star got more quickly to work, as lighter teams do, and most immediately carried the ball to kicking distance but Gilroy, Greens full, and after Star's answer to a fine forward clearance by Athletic. Green passing, but stood like posts, the half kicking the ball out only once during the game. Kicking for position by Star was mixed with forward scrambles and half backs, until a misguided punt saw almost ludicrous display of missing and speculation from the Athletic backs, a Star back kicking up the neglected ball and scoring all out. Star 3. Kicks by Star full sent ball down, Athletic forwards rallying and clearing, but afterwards over-kicking Lilley, who booted back. Relief came to them from their forwards again. Roche being prominent in line-take, break, and other, the movement being checked near the line, where, after several attempts of etched passing, half Shepherd scored at the posts, Coakley adding. Athletic Star 3. The game then became out of hand and men lashed, pushed on the line, and late-tackled to their hearts' content, only one free being given for numerous stolen occurrences. Talking was common, and the crowd smiled its approval when, on the other side, "got it in the neck." It was up to the executive of the S.R.F.U. to put this kind of thing down, and drastically too. Up and down play followed during the rest of the spell the honours being even, Star's break-away being more delicious, however, than Athletic's. The game was played north and south, the latter side-line running close to the fence, from which coign of vantage the partisans each side punctuated the play, naming players and play most affectionately and encouragingly. However, neither block fans could get another score out of its side in spell one, which closed Athletic 5, Star 3. The crowd broke up to warm itself, and to criticise dirty play, on "the other side" of course, and certain men would be put off, and so on. One pre-war northern rep. was of opinion that it wasn't all the fault of the players, but that a firm hand was needed to put down the "play-the-man" before it became chronic. Well, the teams came out for the second spell and it seemed as if someone had whispered into their ear, "to take a pull," for, save two glaring incidents, the spell was cleaner than the first had been. The opening play was not distinctive, exchanges of kicks, with Star better, and forward rushes in blocks by Athletic, who generally over-kicked to be driven well back. Frees were frequent, forwards never knowing where the ball was going to, and bunching up to give taking backs a wide field for choice of line-return. A high kick by Athletic bounced among several Star backs, who in defence to one another let it bounce; but defender Lilley came up, and, snapping the hypnotic oval, put on speed past the Green ruck, going right on to Coakley when he passed to the best anticipator in the senior sides, Barracough—who scored against a feint-tackle. Star 6, Athletic 5. Green forwards then packed and packed, carrying play into Star ground to be quickly booted back. Several times in scrums Green forwards booted in a hooked ball, refusing to trust backs they thought unsafe or non-scoring. The Athletic backs were mauling frequently, and from one of these feeble pokings, the swift Star spoilers scored wide. Star 9, Athletic 5. Scoring looked hopeless for Green, when after a series of invasions into Star 25, a weak kick saw the Star centre run back over the line to clear, he slipped and lost the ball, but endeavoured while on the ground to seize it. Sparks dashed over and full on it. An easy kick was missed. Star 9, Athletic 8. All the subsequent efforts of Green forwards could not break the Star defence, though they crossed their opponents' lines several times. Once they heeled just by the posts, but the half went on his own, and Star cleared in a trice what had been a strong attack against them. With Athletic one point down the game went on to its dull close, Star winning 9 to 8, and making their premiership fairly safe.

INVERCARGILL (17) v. WAIKIWI (8).

Each side was weak, though in the first spell one would not think so from the number of times Whyte and Dawson got into I.F.C. 25. Invercargill had several men away representing them at the funeral of

Mr G. C. Todd—Charlie, so well known to members of his old club the I.F.C. There was an air of unreality about the game, play shifting rapidly from one end of the field to the other, Waikiwi breaking through Blue lines as if they were paper, and I.F.C. passing anywhere and everywhere in an endeavour to open up the game. Vial and Cleland appeared to be in concert; but the supporting backs lacked foot or knowledge of how to follow. Their passing looked wild and unbacked. Whyte's flame-coloured jersey was very prominent throughout the first spell, and in a fine smashing effort he secured and scored, Dawson converting. Waikiwi 5. The suburb's attack was intermittent but deadly, and I.F.C. found relief in forces, their backs seeming to feel the strain of Waikiwi forward dash, a mis-kick being marked for Whyte to make a very fine goal and his sides' score—Waikiwi 8. Excellent kicking by Vial let wing-threes smother returns, Fraser checking one fumbler, the sequent scrum giving Blues the ball which half Cleland sent to Vial, who scored under the posts. Waikiwi 8, I.F.C. 3. And so the spell finished. The second spell found Waikiwi wanting in condition, and the "toss-it-about" tactics of the Blue backs, aided by more accurate passing and the evident comparative fitness of their pack, gave them four pretty tries, Waikiwi's only answer being long kicks and solitary dashes by Whyte, who had two big attempts to score. Cleland showed how a half should play—trail the ball—and was responsible for the greater part of Blue's score. Only one try was converted of the four, and, as an old Southlander remarked, "It's a pity they don't practise goal-kicking." For a patched-up team, I.F.C. did marvellously well. With a full side and a dry ground their match with Star ought to be worth seeing; for it takes a good team to down the side that is leading for the premiership in the Galbraith Shield competition of 1920.

GENERAL BIRDWOOD APPRECIATES THE "DIGGER."

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I write to thank you for your kindness in sending me the copies of "The Digger," which will be an interesting souvenir of my visit to Invercargill, and the warm welcome which I received from old comrades there. With kind regards and good wishes.—Yours sincerely,

W. K. BIRDWOOD.

June 19, 1920.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES' ASSOCIATION.

If all accounts are true, there was quite a flutter at the School Committees' Association meeting the other evening. It is now suggested that the committee can make no headway with the question of a "motion," so adopted something more interesting and effective, namely a "commotion." First one moved a resolution and then someone was again it with the stubbornness of Paddy when he landed in New York. In a very short time everything was moved except the office furniture (that was next). The chairman had now slightly lost his equilibrium. There was butterfields in the cups and buttercups in the fields. Batons to the right and batons to the left. The chairman moved his magic wand (ink pencil) across the face of the various resolutions hoping that there would be light, and there was "light," which ultimately enabled the meeting to proceed with the next business.

OTAHUTI NOTES.

On Saturday, with a greasy ball, the second series of banner fixtures were played, Waianawa defeating Calcium by 9 points to 0, while Otahuti secured a win over the Wright's Bush team; the scores being 11 points to 3. The latter game was one of the best of the season so far, the Wright's Bush team being a greatly improved side in many respects, and Cameron should lead his crowd to victory before long.

Cameron, Ryan, Sims, McDougall, Gilchrist, Anderson, and Slaughter are good solid players and it is hoped they will meet with better success in the future. Ryan placed a penalty goal for the visitors.

G. Grieve, W. McKenzie, and Steele scored for Otahuti, A. McLeod converting the last try.

Next Saturday Otahuti play Waianawa at Waianawa, Drummond travelling to Wright's Bush. Both matches start at 3 p.m.

The bachelors gave a very successful ball last Friday night, and Messrs R. McLeod and B. Finlayson are to be congratulated upon the excellent arrangements made for entertaining the public. Duerdon's orchestra supplied appropriate music and the spectacle was most fascinating as

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"THE DIGGER."

We have pleasure in noting an increase of sales by Mr McCurdy, of Dipton, and Mr Boyne, stationer, of Gore. The Railway Bookstall at Gore have "The Digger" on sale. Country clubs of all kinds are requested to forward reports of meetings, social functions, etc; reports to reach us as early in the week as possible.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Government are erecting 55 workers' homes in Christchurch.

The Auckland tramwaymen's union are to be prosecuted for the recent strike.

Col. Hargest, the R.S.A. candidate for the recent Land Board vacancy was elected by a large majority.

At Londonderry Sinn Feiners intercepted unionist shipyard workers and mercilessly beat them. The affray ended up with ball cartridges and fixed bayonets.

A party of armed men at Londonderry seized and bound a young soldier who was on holiday, and visiting his father. He was shot dead, placed in a hearse and driven to his father's house.

Sinn Feiners at Glenharan ambushed a party of soldiers, wounding three and taking prisoner several others. They will be held as hostages until Sinn Feiners recently captured are released.

The president of the National Dairy Association stated that the associated banks had decided, that in the case of dairy factories requiring finance they must put up 25 per cent. before being granted advances.

Paddy is still going strong in Ireland, and there has been fierce fighting in Londonderry.

The ceremonial part of the opening of Parliament will take place this afternoon (Friday).

The Prices Investigation Committee, recently set up under the Board of Trade, commenced a sitting in Invercargill on Wednesday last—So far an alarm clock has not been discovered.

An interesting sale of Gladstone property is reported, Mr Jas. King having purchased the residence of Mr E. G. Foster, Duke street. The sale was effected through the agency of Messrs Colin McDonald, R. B. Caws and Co. We congratulate the "Digger" firm.

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