

FOOTBALL NOTES.

SHIELD MATCHES.

INVERCARGILL (13) v. STAR (8).

Great interest had been aroused by this match as Blues were so narrowly defeated last game by the Star, supporters opining that their defeated side had experienced the frown of Fortune, while Star's solid backing visualised their team could do even better than in the game before. Well, this feeling of keenness got into some of the players and several incidents unworthy of inter-club games occurred in the above fixture, man-handling being fairly frequent, and punching not being unseen. The game was hard enough in all conscience without introducing the "dirt" into it. Who was to blame? should be a question for the S.R.F.U. executive, who might very easily speed-up in noticing this wretched state of affairs. It was thought that, after "Onlooker," had lashed it in last Saturday's "Times," there might be a betterment. The wind behind Blues did not prevent the Star forwards from getting quickly to work, but sure, if slowish, work by the defending full drove them back. The crowd rubbed its eyes when Star began to pass; but the men were sadly out of practice even in the third round of the Galbraith Shield Competition, and Blues attacked. Wave and return, wave of forward play, with honours easy except when Blues packed, Lilley's kicking not being up to standard against the wind. The Blues were not using the high kick, many of their passing rushes proving merely tiring to themselves, their second five not handling well or not receiving so as to take cleanly. Probably the backs were over-anxious to hand it on when they should have used the wind in kicking for position. Agnew did some good spoiling and heavy bumping, and generally cramped Blues. From a line scrum Star secured, C. Oughton passed to Murray who fed Agnew off-side and I.F.C. found relief. Blue forwards broke through, Webb, Rice, and later Miller being prominent, Whittaker taking a dash afterwards. A lined free saw Blue secure and feed very smartly, little Irving's foot carrying him over wide. I.F.C. 3. Miller's kick had been not good enough, but a free for off-side was landed by him a moment later, and I.F.C. 6, was recorded. Persistent back attack of not good quality continued, Blue backs appearing nervous, Star break-aways proving fast and well-spread. A set scrum allowed Davidson to feed Cleland whom winger Agnew charged, the Blue first five dropping a four which just got over, I.F.C. 10, Star nil. C. Oughton then showed up in good defence taking and kicking, the spoiling of his side being the only other outstanding play against strong Blue forward attacks, when from the middle half Oughton sent to Murray and the I.F.C. backs, too astonished to dive, let him junk to the line, when O'Byrne came across with a lovely low tackle, and scrum followed in front of Blue posts, the ball being sent out well down in Blues' corner. Here the forwards cleared easily, the spell ending with the ball out at nearly half-way, and the score I.F.C. 10, Star nil. With the wind behind them Star began to boot high, Agnew getting a few good skiers in for his speedy men to follow, but luck favoured Blues with two forces. The whole Blue team, with the full-back omitted, had a bad attack of nerves and it looked like a Star victory. Blue full tried to find the eastern line, but he wind caught the ball and blew it back, Leggett coming up with others to secure on the south-east corner. Lilley kicked a great goal. Blues 10, Star 5. I.F.C. backs then put in two good passing rushes, Cleland's work being neat, the latter scoring close to the northern posts. An easy hot failed. I.F.C. 13, Star 5. The Blue forwards then began to pack and to do as they liked in the line work, the crossing of the dribbles between Miller and Webb being excellent, and Star not appearing to be able to hold a line. A fine back movement of Blues saw Sutton refuse to pass to an unmarked man, and he was tackled, he try being lost. Several more bounties by the attacking backs showed spectators how backs can come around for the extra pass, the backing-up being really good; but Star pushed every attempt towards the side line where Lilley at last cleared O'Byrne who kicked with judgment back to half-way. Agnew fed Lilley, but both he and Murray were on the stand, so all the Star backs got from the transients was dumping, Fraser finally ending the silly thing with tackling Barraclough. Lilley up at first five tried to open up the game, but he lacked knowledge, going too far or crowding to the side-line or hesitating. Lines were still easy for Blues and Star back kicking gained little ground. The two teams trying passing made the game more showy, Lilley being unlucky in his attempts to cut in, as the Blue backs were tackling well and hard. Star were strong in mid-field play, their opposing

five-eighth line being poor on ground defence. Irving on the wing stopped two Star dribbles, clearing well what appeared to be dangerous rushes. Oughton came through well and the Blues saw his back as he was two yards from the line, where O'Byrne excelled himself with a long dive which carried the Star half out. Blue forwards easily cleared from the line out; but Star came again into attack from a long line and Aitken broke through in possession. Blue full was well out of the running, but Webb came out of the pack and tackled the other forward around the carried ball, pushing him out half-a-yard from the corner, he himself knocking down the corner flag. The line umpire not being in a position to see, the referee had to rule the ball in-goal. The play swayed across to the eastern line, when from a set scrum C. fed J. Oughton who scored well out. I.F.C. 13, Star 8. From the 25 Star set up an attack, but the Blue forwards, though tiring, managed to clear to about half way, the whistle leaving the score at: Invercargill 13, Star 8. Blues have a match to play with Athletics to finish the third round of the competition, and Star lead by 3 points in the Shield Games. There appears to be some doubt of a fourth round being played.

ATHLETIC (31) v. WAIKIWI (3).

The wind and Whyte kept Athletic defending mostly by force through the greater part of the first spell during which Whyte fell on one for his side, and Mapletoft retaliated with a fine try for Athletic, the wing-forward receiving a pass to run 30 yards and cross at the corner. Although this player ran around well, the kick failed. The first spell ended with Waikiwi-Athletic 3 all. With the strong wind in the second spell Ryan, the Athletic half made his backs come up for the ball, the feed being plentiful and well timed. Kerr showed a fine turn of foot, 8 tries coming in this spell. The new wing-three, White, gave signs of good football and Roche tried to rival Whyte in smashing efforts. It was a one-sided affair, Waikiwi having only one back of merit—Dawson. When the procession ended the score may have been Athletic 31, Waikiwi 3.

GO-SLOW SETTLEMENT.

MEMBERS AND SOLDIERS.

WELLINGTON, June 30.

Half a million sterling, which the Minister of Lands states is sufficient to carry on soldier settlement until Parliament fully considers the subject, was included in the votes passed by the Imprest Supply Bill. There was criticism from several members about tailing off or complete stoppage of advances to soldiers, Mr Young (Waikato) declaring that applicants were getting a circular promising future consideration when, as a matter of fact, applications were turned down. Colonel Mitchell asked how long this go-slow settlement was likely to last.

Mr Massey: This will carry us on till a Loan Bill providing for soldiers' settlement and many other useful purposes is passed.

Dr Thacker referred to the necessity for paying special attention to the need of tubercular patients who were able to take up light farming on discharge.

Mr McCombs asked Mr Guthrie to use his influence with the Minister of Defence to extend a tubercular man's pension for twelve months while he was settling down on the land.

Mr Guthrie (Minister of Lands) replied that this phase was considerably exercising the minds of his officers. He had set aside special sections of easily cultivated land for tubercular cases, and proposed to have a special block of land allocated for them near Christchurch. Dr Blackmore had been asked to report upon it. Where easier parts of land were set aside none but tubercular patients would get a chance to take up sections.

Dr Thacker: Not too far from specialities.

Mr Guthrie: We are acting under advice of Dr Blackmore.

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Groups of leading men and women have been formed to study the social conditions and educational problems in Bucharest.

There is one very large factory employing, at times, as many as 1500 women on the making of soldiers' uniforms. The Y.W.C.A. is arranging to obtain rooms within this factory, in which may be carried on recreation work for industrial girls. The Queen of Roumania is most interested in the Y.W.C.A., and believes that the Association is needed by young women of all classes, and that in working amongst all, the Association may help to create a better feeling between the students, the working women, and the society women. Queen Marie's interest is a practical one. Shortly before the opening of the premises she held a meeting at the Palace, in order that the Association programme might be put before the people. On the opening day when both Queen Marie and Princess Elizabeth were present, she presented a picture of herself and the King, for the rooms, promised to let the workers have the use of an automobile, and gave instructions for the installation of a telephone, which latter convenience it is impossible to secure without Government aid.

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