



FOOTBALL NOTES.

SATURDAY'S GAMES.

BANKS AND LAW (9) v. UNION (3).
(Blue and Black) (Red and Black).

The teams were:—

Banks and Law—Backs: Christophers; Prain, Gilmour, Lopdell, St. George, Stead; Dykes; forwards: Todd, Broughton, Wilcox, Pryde, Knox, Kirkland, Irving and Delagey.

Union—Backs: Middlemiss, Kelly, Roberts, Eanson; Bindley, Ashley; Kelly; forwards: Mills, Murray, Cockroft, Galbraith, Smith, Deegan, Leete, and Stewart.

The ground was not too slippery for back play as Banks and Law proved. Union kicked off, and a back waited for the bounce, the Reds coming into attack from the scrum after the mull, and passing to be checked at second five through the men not giving themselves enough ground to work in. The drive continued, but a free relieved Blues when they were right on their own line. Talk was audible from the teams—an unsportsmanlike and demoralising practice. Prain relieved to more than 25, the Reds receiving a penalty from Broughton who was very dashy. Cockroft kicked high from Gilmour to send across the field, merely altering the line and not the distance. St. George missed a poor pass and Union came to the 25 where they pressed Blues until a whistle relieved, no change of distance coming to them from the kick. However, a heel relieved them slightly and the up-to-this football-less game went on. Union heeled for a pass to break down, but their first five always went his full distance and delivered the ball when his second was a stride away from his marker; so how could poor two do anything but take his dump? And the Banks and Law love possessions such as he. Stead found a hole in the field and booted to it, the Reds' back waiting for the bounce. Still, as the oncoming forwards did not spread, Union lost no ground. Lines were Union's, but Blues managed to do a couple of scrum screws and gain by them. Union forwards controlled the next set-scrum, heeled, the backs instituting transfers which failed at the old spot, the centre not being able to take the bad pass. Union made some territory, got a penalty and forced Law. Stead's drop was returned to 30 yards, when from the parallels Union forwards proved too strong, a whistle checking them. There was too much whistle—some one must have been pointing and losing his side good attack and hard-won ground. Gilmour sent the ball to half of half-way. Blue forwards kept the movement going ten yards rewarding them. Scrums and scrambles with much whistling followed, a free going to Blues, Union at last clearing to over 25. There was not much football up to this. A scrum saw Banks and Law break into a dribble, Union checking an over-kick to thirty yards, and Cockroft sent a free to half-way. The line put Blues going for twelve yards back; but Union second five booted the hard one back past half-way. A Union lash went to Gilmour who fell on his knees and propelled the ball forwards, the Union bustles getting it down to the corner, their heeling proving good and their passing futile, Lopdell clearing smartly to half-way with Gilmour up to the falling ball. Unfortunately he fell though he helped in the gaining of another twenty yards. Banks and Law as well as Service got relief with kicks, Union and Athletic do solid forward work for most of their territory. Few packs can stand such grueling for two long spells. Cockroft headed a great rush, but lost his men, Christophers relieving at the 25. Union passed from the line scrum but mucks drove them back, Middlemiss checking, and Union bettering further with a mark to half-way flag. Another Red wave swept over Blues, Stewart and Cockroft being prominent. A checking whistle sent Delagey through the Red ranks; there was another whistle, and Blues cleared further, Stead received, but Eanson very smartly took and kicked out at about 15 yards from Banks and Law north-west corner where a free came to Union from the line break. Union 3. The kick from middle and two small movements brought Blues to the Union 25, Dykes bettering. Blues attacked for the first time, Lopdell being handed one from scrum, the effort merely lining al-

most at once. Dykes again fed Lopdell, but a free resulted for an off-side take, and Gilmour and Prain did good combined defence, Cockroft marking. St. George nullified the big forward's effort Prain scrambling up. A scramble came and Eanson made some ground; and Cockroft and Eanson were in another gaining movement immediately afterwards, the ball getting to Blues' full. Then Union kicked to seven yards from the Law corner, the ball being heeled by the defenders and kicked to Eanson who potted as resultlessly as his backs had passed. A successful appeal gave the Reds a free, and then a free charge came for a bad shot at goal, Blues at once clearing to half-way. An exchange of kicks, Christophers to Eanson to Gilmour followed in sickening slowness, Union gaining slightly. Blues received a free sending the ball out about half-way for the whistle to call half-time. Union 3—a penalty, Banks and Law nil.

The sky brightened up in the interval and things looked more cheerful when the second spell opened. At once Stead gained 5 yards on the kick-off, and a Blue passing rush, which stopped when St. George met Eanson, the Reds managed to get to their own 25. Another Blue pass stopped at St. George, a gain of 5 yards having been effected with a well-judged transfer, Gilmour coming in again after feeding Lopdell, the double-handler being pushed out at the corner. Then there was an accident. On resumption Reds at once cleared to the 25, where the line heel caused Dykes to feed Stead who ran out to Gilmour, cutting out the Union centre, Gilmour feinting beautifully and cutting in when five yards from the posts, Dykes failing miserably with the kick. Union 3, Law 3. Eanson took the 25 kick which Stead anticipated, marking safely; but Cockroft received and sent back to half of half-way, a scrum following, with the Reds dashing and with a marvellous mark by Stewart. Cockroft kicked to Gilmour who returned with a great kick to five yards from the coveted Union line. Reds moved out of trouble and gained further ground on the next line, but still were in their own 25. Another line and they were five yards from half-way when a whistle stopped them, the scrum feeding Union half, the ball being transferred across the field for a gain of five yards. Dykes then made ten yards for his side and some vigorous poor football was seen from the three-alls. Christophers took a high one and sent to half-way line, when a Red rush gave Lopdell a speculation out. Reds were off-side next, but Prain didn't gain, Red forwards dashing into attack, Galbraith showing; but Cockroft missed a pass and the Reds were five yards from Blues' line. Scrambles and many nulls followed in a long period of Union attack and a whistle went probably for rotten play, and Stead relieved to about the 25. The blind side was used by Kelly, but a knock on and a miss by Stewart brought a free, and Stead sent to Eanson, Broughton coming through gallantly for a thirty yards' gain. St. George got a catch but muddled, only about six yards coming off his late kick. The line heel allowed Dykes to set his men going—St. George to Stead—who cut out the second five of Union and sent Gilmour away with room, but the last named was slow and a scrum came, Blues again possessing, Dykes kicking to 25. Lopdell was fed from the line scrum, but he mis-kicked, losing ground to over the middle of the 25. However, Gilmour came through, Lopdell continuing, and Eanson checking with a boot to Gilmour who centred well, a force following. Cockroft made a great dribble, but Gilmour turned defence into attack and Union had to kick a free from behind their own line, 20 yards of relief coming. Union continued the move, but St. George stopped the rush and sent them back to the 25 flag, where Dykes fed Stead, a knock-on letting Union through to five yards over their 25. On they went with two grand forward rushes to well over half-way; but the line scrum fed Dykes—Stead—St. George—Lopdell—St. George for something to go wrong and a free to be sent to Stead the ubiquitous, Kelly returning to over half-way. The scrum feed saw Stead send to Eanson, and Blues were 5 yards in Reds' last 25. Middlemiss responded well to a defence call and Lopdell returned with Stead right on the dropping ball, but an appeal was fruitful and Reds got a free, Dykes giving a defence pass to Gilmour; but neither he nor Stead managed to clear, Union forwards gaining a stretch of seven yards. Another free to Union merely shifted play across to the opposite side, not a yard being gained or lost. The line brought a gain to Blues, but the Blues' forwards seemed fitter now with the Union scrummers tired through working hard for backs with no scoring powers, and they ran back to ten yards from Union's line. Reds cleared a pace or two with their strong liners. The scrum heel Dykes sent to Stead, who this time ran to the centre and transferred to Gilmour, who sent a lob to Lopdell, who got over after jumping over full Middlemiss's outstretched hands. Banks and Law

6, Union 3. The 25 came to St. George who returned to near the missed-goal kick-off line. Blues got on a fine dribble, but were unlucky in giving Middlemiss a couple of yards of space, and he cleared. The ball was sent out long, for a Union lash to relieve to nearly half-way. Union kicked to nimble St. George who darted in, beat Middlemiss but fell short, Middlemiss picking up and sending to the line, where swift Lopdell secured and scored. Banks and Law 9, Union 3. Then the whistle was heard for the last time. Banks and Law 9 (3 tries)—Union 3 (penalty). If Union had any way of scoring with their backs, they would be a great team.

BLUFF (14) v. PUBLIC SERVICE (5).
(Maroon and gold) (Black)

The teams were: Bluff—Backs, Percival, Long, Phillipson, Murphy, Latimer, Galbraith, Finnerty; forwards, Winter, McQuarrie, Budd, Trembath, Wroblensky, Tall, Gilroy, Potter.

Public Service: Backs, O'Connell, Morgan, Fortune, McKenzie, J. Dalgleish, Sligo, L. Dalgleish; forwards, Cameron, Sprout, Anderson, McDermott, Galt, Langbein, Sellars, Stobo.

Bluff won the toss and played with the wind. From the kick-off Service backs brought play into Bluff 25, but were foiled by Latimer's tackling. Bluff forwards then asserted themselves bringing into the opposing 25, where despite a free kick against them the forwards pressed hard, and McQuarrie scored. The kick failed. Bluff kept pressing and only once did Service look dangerous, when their forwards broke away, only to be stopped by Latimer. Bluff backs then put in a good rush, but Murphy spoilt by a hard kick; Service forcing down. Service now asserted themselves and were close upon Bluff line when Potter and Gilroy broke away, closely followed by the rest of the Bluff forwards, right down the field, thus giving Tall the chance to score well out. Budd failed to goal. Play ranged up and down the field, Service continually relieving by free kicks and line kicks. Then Phillipson for Bluff, after a passing rush, potted at goal but failed. From the kick-off a break away by Cameron brought play to half-way. The Service backs attempted a pass, but Latimer intercepted J. Dalgleish's pass and after a brilliant run scored between the posts. Phillipson converted. Half-time then sounded, Bluff 11, Service nil.

In the beginning of the second spell, play was in Service 25 until from a scrum Service forwards broke away. After this a series of line kicks ensued; Long (Bluff) caught one of these, broke away and looked like scoring, but was grassed by Fortune. Potter then broke away but in turn was stopped by a good tackle by O'Connell. Service were then relieved by a free kick. Bluff pressed hard, and after good scrum work, Tall scored. The kick failed. Bluff continued to press hard, but Service backs brought play into Bluff 25 where Service all but potted a penalty goal. For the rest of the spell play ranged up and down the field; but for the most part Bluff were defending. From a tight scrum, close on time, Sprout secured and scored well out. McKenzie goaled. From then on Service attacked but without result. The game ended, Bluff 14, Service 5.

The game was very interesting to watch. Bluff had improved a great deal from last Saturday. Both forward packs were in condition, but Bluff's weight told against Service. Service were a little slow in forming on the line-outs, with the result that the Bluff forwards secured the ball and broke away. The pick of the forwards were Potter, Gilroy, and Stobo. They were continually on the ball and did not miss a tackle. The backs did not show the same science as the forwards. Latimer and Finnerty put up a good game for Bluff. Latimer's tackling is worthy of note. J. Dalgleish and Fortune showed up well for Service. Taking all together the game was a good one to watch, no funk, no collaring high, and the members of both teams worked in unity.

A system of road-making is under way in England to last 100 years. Concrete, wooden blocks, and tar are the materials used.

Motor lorries shipped by American manufacturers to Norway have been refused admission into that country because they were not in conformity with the new wheel and type specification. Norway is the first country in the world to propose national legislation enacting that motor lorries up to two tons capacity be equipped with pneumatic tyres so as to prevent damage to the roads and to cut down the excessive cost of highway repairs due to the use of solid tyres. The Act is to become operative this month.

DRAUGHTS.

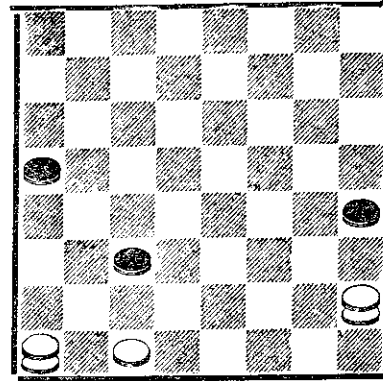
(By F. Hutchins.)

Draughts Club meets in Athenaeum every Wednesday and Saturday evening.

PROBLEM 19

(Author Unknown.)

Black 13, 20, 22.
White 30, Kings 28, 29.



White to play and win.

Per favour of the Rev. J. Collier.

Very neat.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM 18.

Black 15, 17, 21, Kings 10, 32.
White 20, 30, Kings 9, 16.
White to play and draw. 9.13, 17.22, 13.17, 22.25, 17.22, 25.29, 16.11.

Game played between Messrs S. E. Cousins and W. Simeon, Northampton, in a local League match.—

WATERLOO.

(From "Draughts World.")

Black—Simeon.		White—Cousins.	
11.15	25.22	19.16a	16.12
23.18	5.9	12.19	19.24
8.11	21.17	23.16	12.8
18.14	19.23	5.9	24.27
9.18	26.10a	16.12	8.4
24.19	7.21	10.14	27.32
15.24	28.24	12.8	4.8
22.8	2.7	14.23	32.27
4.11	24.19	26.19c	7.2
27.20	7.10	9.14	10.15
10.15	32.27	8.3	8.11
25.22	9.13	7.10	15.19
15.19	27.23	3.7	11.15
22.18	1.5	11.15	19.23
6.10	31.26	19.16	22.18
29.25	3.7	15.19b	13.17
10.15			Drawn.

(A) White seems powerful here.

(B) 7.2 is very strong.

(C) 8.11, 14.17.—B. wins.

(D) An interesting game.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD.

I learn from the "Glasgow Herald" that a reply has been received from Mr N. W. Banks, the American champion, expressing satisfaction that arrangements are in progress for a match between himself and Mr Stewart. He says: "I will meet Mr Stewart in a 40 game match on the two-more restriction style to be played in Scotland or England, the American Checker Association, in conjunction with the British Association, to raise a purse to be played for, I to receive 500 dollars expense money and the purse to be divided either 70 per cent, to winner, 30 per cent, loser or winner take all. You will note I have not set any specified purse to be raised but feel sure the purse will be 1000 dollars, after my expenses are paid, as I hear the American players will respond."

The editor says: "It is evident that Mr Banks means business, and as Mr Stewart, I understand, is equally keen, there does not appear to be anything in the way to prevent this international contest from coming off. With regard to the purse Mr Banks hopes there will be at least £200 to divide. We think an effort should be made to increase the amount to £300, after allowing the American's expenses. Probably a decision will be arrived at shortly."

TRAPS TO BE AVOIDED.

The following beautiful trap occurred in a game between Messrs G. Reid and J. Marshall.—Kelso Exchange.

10.15	10.15	1.6	2.6	13.22
22.18	29.25	18.14	27.24	30.26
15.22	9.13	6.9	16.20	White
25.18	24.19	22.18	14.10	Wins.
6.10	15.24	11.16	7.14	
26.22	28.19	25.22	22.17	

JUDGMENT.

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"She is not," said the old man firmly. "The ceremony will not take place. Miss Millbank will not marry you to-morrow."

"If not to-morrow, then when?"

"Never!"

The judge uttered the word quietly, but with a grim emphasis in his tone.

Kitty uttered a little gasp, the colour came to her cheeks, and her eyes shone.

At last she had a friend. Daddy was on her side. She had the sensation of a fighter hard pressed, who suddenly discovers a powerful ally standing by her side.

Beaumont Chase for a moment made no reply, but his brows narrowed, and an ugly look came into his sleepy eyes.

When he did speak, his pleasant, quiet voice remained unchanged.

"Very well, Sir John, we will discuss this matter another time, I think we are all tired to-night."

He crossed the room, and rang the bell. Mr Underwood, the millionaire's personal servant, arrived and unlocked the door.

"Good-night, Sir John! Good-night, Miss Millbank!" said Chase, with a bow, and there was a little smile upon his lips.

Kitty led the old man out of the room. "Do you want me any more to-night, sir?" said Underwood.

"Yes, That solicitor chap, has he gone yet?"

"No, sir; he is packing."

"Send him here."

A few minutes later, Mr Jacob Jole entered the presence of the millionaire.

As soon as they were alone together, Beaumont Chase laughed.

The solicitor flushed angrily, but before he could speak the other said pleasantly:

"Have a drink?"

In a few moments the two men were seated opposite one another in comfortable armchairs, with the whisky and soda on a small table between them.

"You made a hash of your job to-night."

Mr Jole nodded gloomily.

"But, of course, you are right!"

"Eh?"

Jacob Jole nearly dropped his glass. "Foster did not kill Lord Haverham,"

proceeded the millionaire. "I never doubted he was guilty till he confessed it. Then I knew he was lying. He accused himself to save someone else."

"You think that?" exclaimed Jole eagerly.

"I am sure of it. Now why did he make that confession and who is he trying to shield?"

"Judge Millbank," declared Jole sagaciously.

"But why?"

"Heaven knows!"

Beaumont Chase remained seriously thoughtful for a while. Then he smiled again.

"Look here, Mr Jole," he said quietly, "I am a plain man, and I always put my cards on the table, face upwards. For reasons of my own, I want to get a hold over Sir John Millbank. You have certain documents, certain evidence you have collected. That evidence now appears to be worthless. So it is to you. You can't fight a man like Millbank. He is too big for you. Still, you have certain evidence which appears to incriminate him."

"I have evidence which, if properly used, will hang him!" cried Jole.

"Good! What do you want for it?"

(To be continued.)

BIRDIE YARNS.

'Twas when Birdie came along in 1917, early in 1916 to inspect the latest arrivals from Australia that he bumped up against a company of the finest stalwarts, a good many over the 6ft mark. It was not in a whisper that he remarked what a fine lot of Australians they were, and he casually stopped before a bunch of the best and asked one:

"What part of Australia do you come from?"

"South Coast, New South Wales, sir," was the reply.

"And you?" (to the next).

"Kilkenny, Oireland, sor."

General Birdwood: "I congratulate the Fifth Brigade on the success of the recent operations. It is quite up to all the splendid traditions of the other brigades of the Second Division. In fact, I have no hesitation in saying that the Second Division is the finest in the Australian army. When the lads had finished cheering Birdie, an old staff-sergeant grunted: "It's very nice, but he says the same thing to all the other divisions."

An ox is considered to have two-thirds the strength of a horse, a mule about one-half, and a man between one-fifth and one-sixth.