

Waiau rapids, and they were rated, with one exception, without assistance of ropes. The exception was "Tairepokiri," or "Hell's Gates." The river is narrow at this place, with a bend resembling the bend below the proposed bridge site on the Waiau, and the rapid is very steep, so difficulty was experienced in getting the boat over it with little delay. At the boathouse we transferred to a smaller motor boat of the same type, averaging four miles per hour, with H.P. engine. This reach of the river is much smoother than the previous one, and consequently many more boats, and the captain of the boat assume that the current on many of the rapids was from seven to eight miles per hour. On only one of them was a rope used, where the fall was said to be ten feet in one and a half chains.

Wanganui differs from the Waiau in that it has less than half the fall per mile, and has long runs of moderate current, and then a rapid, or comes down by a series of rapids, whereas the Waiau with much greater fall sweeps along with a faster average current all the way.

I was much impressed with the manner in which the boats were handled. The "tunnel" system of construction with double rudders gives perfect control in swift currents, and they appeared to answer to the movements of the wheel with the ease and safety of motor cars. Some of the worst rapids on the river were navigated in the darkness, and without lights of any kind outside of the engine-room, which is a tribute to the keen eyesight and perfect knowledge of the river possessed by the men in charge.

After having seen what is being done on the Wanganui, I have no hesitation in saying that in my opinion the navigation of the Waiau river is a proposition capable of practical accomplishment, and the most suitable boats would be high speed twin-engine motor boats of the type recommended by Captain Allen.

I wish to express my appreciation of the courtesy and hospitality extended to Mr. Vickerman and myself by Messrs. Rutland and Co., and by Captain Allen and the river staff, every facility having been afforded us for obtaining information concerning their system of river transport.

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FOOTBALL NOTES.

WEDNESDAY GAMES.

STAR (8) v. WAIKIWI (8).

Waikiwi's showing against Western District had pointed to the suburbanites as an improving team, while Star's defeat at Gore, and its succession of losses gave rise to conjecture of some falling off in standard of play for the team that once held its head so high. The above result speaks for itself. Waikiwi showed bustling tactics from the opening, the Star full being caught. A free and several judiciously kicked lines sent Star into fair position, where a shot failed, Waikiwi forcing. Changes of territory came through forward efforts, Whyte leading his pack, and Leggatt that of Star. Star put up fair defence against Waikiwi. A break in the suburban placing allowed the Star centre, Brown, to score well out. Star 3. A long Waikiwi attack was resultless except for forces, Star finally getting into position by clever work by C. Oughton on the wing, his anticipation and in kicking being good. The second spell Star opened with attack, but the tackling was good, and two more attempts to transfer a try failed, Waikiwi opening the Star lines with a great kick which finally forced Star. A series of handling efforts were attempted by Waikiwi, Darragh and Dawson and Sloan, being prominent. At length a forward came through and passed in instead of out, Dallas, with a support, receiving to score close to the posts amid the vociferous cheering of the spectators of the other game. Darragh made it. Waikiwi 5, Star 3. The Waikiwi continued attack a new man on scoring in a race in which he beat a solitary Star for the corner flag. Waikiwi 8, Star 3. The Star then tried passing, and did well, making one wonder why they have so neglected it. From about 40 yards out from the middle of Waikiwi north-east line, a Star set-scum feed saw Agnew transfer to Brown who cut in and ran straight to the full, most unselfishly passing out with two men to spare, when he might easily have had the honour himself. This was as fine a try as has been scored this season. Lily goal. Waikiwi 8, Star 8. Star kept passing, but were not awarded another try. Waikiwi came back to Star line to force, but neither side bettered, the game being a draw, 8 each.

INVERCARGILL (2) v. ATHLETIC (2).

Great interest centred around this match which would decide the team to meet the Star, no one giving Waikiwi much hope of even drawing with the redoubtable. Those who watched the game certainly received their money's worth in thrills and in excitement, the closeness of the scores indicating the determined character of one of the best fought, seen here for years, and if our representatives strive with the determination and perseverance of the 30 in this game, Southland need have no fear that its trained side will do it other than honour, however the scores go. Blues were well lined out for their kick-off, Midland overruling it high to north-east, and Roche returning to within five yards from mid-flag, the first line scrum feeding Cleland, who gained 10 yards with a side-line punt. The second line went to Blues, as did the third, their wing attempting a short side pass. The next line was in Green's favour, their wing, Mapletop, being fed from the scrum, his kick being good. The Blue full returned it well to about half-way. The parallels brought Green possession and five yards' gain, which was further improved by Coakley's booting to 12 yards over middle line, Gilroy immediately gaining 10 yards more with a clever left from a weak Blue kick. The ball was then possessed by Shepherd, who sent it to the Blues' corner. The Athletic tactics made the game look neat and workmanlike. There had been little wasted effort up to this point, and Greens were in excellent position for attack. What did they do? They carried the line and fed full Fraser with an over-kick, a slight relief to Blues' condors. Then Greens drove over the line and kicked a force. The 25 kick was returned to O'Byrne, who made his own 25 line, the movement being followed by a Blue dash of the forwards, with a passing attempt, when O'Byrne was pushed out several yards past mid-field. Greens at once cleared the line to the middle, O'Byrne missing and Vial speculating. Athletics kicked to Fraser who made the 25 well. From the line break by Blues, Green speculated back, Irving missed, another Blue lashed, and the Green wing, Mapletop, came up with the ball to be well tackled by O'Byrne. The Green forwards were too strong on this line which was fairly long, but a Blue lash went to Gilroy, who missed, and the Blue forward moved on to over-kick a mark to Coakley, the ball flying at half of half-way in Greens' half. The line kick of

Athletics went to Fraser, who failing to take, footed, his side losing about 20 yards on the exchange. Green secured from the line scrum, but Cleland intercepted and Gilroy returned the kick to half-way flag. A Green mark and a speculator did not alter the position, though Mapletop gained a yard or two later. A Blue free lost ground, Vial at once relieving, O'Byrne carrying on, his forwards coming through in a thick crowd, much hacking from the mixed forwards occurring. Then a great passing effort of I.F.C. failed, with the ball across the line. The scrum fed the backs and Irving was handed one by Vial, but fell short twice. Scrums on the line and lines near the corner ended with Greens clearing 20 yards, a free battering them further, Miller returning well and Davidson carrying on to the 25. The scrum let Greens centre kick and Fraser came up well to the take and mark, play going back to the 25. Green forwards moved, were checked, and the Blue scrummers at once came back at them; but a good pass from Gilroy to Mapletop allowed wing to clear what looked a deadly attack, or at least a penalty, near the goal. Blues dribbled again to distance, where O'Byrne marked and sent across the goal face, a great forward struggle resulting, the Greens clearing to well from home. The movement continued and Blues were clumsily forced. Coakley was slow in the return, and Miller and company smothered him to his 25. The Blues passed, wing Irving being at last blocked. He centred, but Gilroy forced. Play kept at Greens on defence, and Little and Irving shone in another handling. A pass came to Cleland, who slipped and cut in, the kick sending Blues to the Green corner. Again Blues passed, Vial jinking to lose the ball, which O'Byrne moved on with, a scrum resulting. The feed was instantaneous. Cleland came across from the blind side, took the ball from Davidson, the movement ending with Irving at the corner. I.F.C. 3. The 25 kick saw too many Blues near the ball, and they were driven to their last stretch. Greens moved on, O'Byrne checking. Roche headed a good rush, but Blues stayed off and though Greens got two marks, they cleared slightly. Greens tried passing, but it was poor, several attacks failing, the forwards all the time controlling. The spell ended Invercargill 5, Athletic nil. Then followed one of the most strenuous 45 minutes of football seen here for many a day. Athletic clear lines and I.F.C. lost rushes. Green backs kicking and Blue backs handling for tries, Roche, Keith, and Timpany, doing yeoman service for their side, and Whittaker, Garrett, Blawie, Todd, and Miller, battling against the big pack. Coakley did great footwork for his side, Vial, Cleland, Little, and Irving, struggled hard for scores, but none came. Athletic forwards had much of the spell on attack, but their backs did not look like scoring except before Coakley hung on during a better transfer effort. The intense excitement of the game roused to enthusiasm supporters, every bit of play being punctuated with cheers. The game ended with Greens attacking, and the score: Invercargill 3, Athletic nil.

This makes eleven games each team has played: I.F.C. have 14 points, Star 13, Athletic 11, Waikiwi 8. The 12th game will decide the premiership.

REP. MATCH FIXTURES.

The dates for the representative games are: Canterbury, August 11th; Otago, August 25th; Waikato, September 1st (provisional); Wanganui, September 5th; Wellington, September 15th; South Canterbury, September 22nd; and a return match with Otago, at Dunedin, on September 25th.

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