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FOOTBALL NOTES.

SATURDAY GAMES.

UNION (6) v. PUBLIC SERVICE (3). (Red and Black) (Black).

The teams were-Public Service: backs, O'Connell, Saunders, Preston, Vial, Mc-Gregor, Dalgleish (2). Forwards: Cameron, Sproat, Anderson, Langbein, Mc-Dermott, McCallum, Kingsland and

Union-Backs: Kelly, McDonald, Ashley, Eunson, Roberts, Kelly, Middlemiss. Forwards: Stewart, Murray, Cockroft, Leete, Smith, Lawrence, Deegan and

Union kicked off without lining out long on the kicker's left, and Service gained on return, the line ball going to Union, and their passing rush failing through the wing being too far away from the centre, Kicking followed the Service heel and poor football appeared, Union's line pass not getting sufficient gain of territory. Saunders was caught with the ball, as was Ashley by J. Dalgliesh. Union came through with pass and kick, but the two Dalgleish returned play to middle, where an excellent forward rush headed by Smith came to Service 25, Cockroft being unfortunate in stumbling when a try was there. Union passed, but the position of their backs was against any freedom of action, every man being marked before he got the ball. Union first-five should note where N. Stead places himself before his half stoops to feed him, and where his is when the ball comes. Union booted over, forced Service, lost 25 yards and a deal of energy for nothing. A great Service rush finished with the backs being fed, J. Dalgliesh sending junior Preston on his way, Preston failing to keep speed through being too far away from his first, and consequently slackening all the movements by reason of the exertion required to heave the ball nine yards at an angle of 45. Union cleared to middle. Sproat broke away eleverly, and kicked Service inte attack, Union forwards proving too strong on the rally, and coming back in three efforts; O'Connell appearing well in defence; but Middlemiss countered him effectively. Then Union began to scramble on Service line, and scrums and rucks, with Cockroft and Smith striving to break through. Service cleared with difficulty, setting up two transfer movements, to finish with a silly pot. From the 25 McDonald came in well with take, sidestep and kick, and Union got a free which set up a handling effort for Service, Preston punting high on receiving, Middlemiss waiting for the bounce. Why, oh! Why? Service, of course, were bounced into Union's last stretch, but the forwards at once got to 30 yards, a further dribble allowing them another futile scramble in front of Service goal, rotten speculations occurring, and generally bad football. Union attack kept on, and O'Connell was put on the green hard, Union swaying from goal to corner, and from corner to goal, to force Service, no tactics for trygetting having been employed. Much ragged play followed, McDonald at length kicking Union into position for some more scrambles. The champion forwards slacked, and a succession of lazy punts came, after which Union again swarmed, but couldn't rob the hive. A free cleared Service, a defence pass, Middlemiss to Kelly, checking a good rush. However, missed Middlemiss, no dive checking the full's good kick. Service fed from the line, and J. Dalgliesh could find his junior backs, who seemed to be all playing full; So Union dribbled through the gap. A successful appeal by Union prevented Cameron's cross-kick from being effective. although the forward had run straight on and had passed all his men by eight yards. Service put in a rush, Stobo and Langbien, but the latter stumbled and the ball went out. It was half-time, the score

being nil-nil. Service opened with a kick that didn't go ten yards, the result being a free to Union for anticipation, the kicker sending_ his men to Service corner, Service, as usual, forcing. Poor football went on, and in desperation, Cockroft dropped a penalty goal from 40yds out. Union 3. The scorers came back to be driven into defence by the Service pack, J. Dalgliesh sending to Saunders who had too much side-line sway to score. The Service were now on Union's corner, and an excellent passing rush put a junior wing over wide, the lad not having experience enough to run around and make position for extra two. Union 3, Service 3. From the 25. Service again passed, but the first line slipped, Union's red and black flashing through the gap, O'Connell receiving the hard one and lining. Service went into attack, but Union were strong enough, and the play came by spells to Service 25. The game was marred by much appealing, generally successful appealing. Steward came hard on to Service centre and mucked the return, the favourite scrambles and scarlet

rucks coming, until Cockroft heaved his huge form over the line. Union 6, Service 3. Service got into attack through Stobo but Union cleared, and the game became a very tired one. J. Dalgliesh tried to open up, Saunders receiving, nothing resulting but a muck, to be followed by a Union clearance, the forwards coming along to boot out. The referee had been waiting for that to whistle. The Union won, 6-3. Cockroft, Smith, J. Dalgliesh, Langbien, and Middlemiss, must have known that the three selectors were on the

BANKS AND LAW (5) v. BLUFF (3). (Blue and Black) (Maroon and Gold) The teams were :- Bluff : Backs, Swale, Dawson, Phillipson, Long, Latimer, Finnerty, and Beaton; forwards, Winter, Mc. Quarrie, West, Trembath, Wroblenski, Crozier, Gilroy, and Potter.

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

Banks opened and gained to near the 25, but Bluff moved to middle, but a root let Law kick them back. A pass by the Combined was checked by Gilmour's failing to pass, his kick, when he was jostled not being good. St. George pressed in, the Bluff Wroblinski-Trembath pack swarming on to the open spot, and Beeton punt. ed them into an even better position. St. George missed a man and Bluff forged on, coming to Law's last stretch. The heel sent the ball to Swale who forced Banks and Law with his kick. A line drop made Lopdell fumble, and Swale sent the forwards on with a cross-kick, a free relieving Banks to 40 yards, Trenmbath then showing up with a clean take on the line, and putting his side again on attack. Banks struggled out and began to pass at middle but Philippson cut Prain's bad pass, Potter coming in to support. The ball went to Swale, who showed a fine turn of speed, breaking through to Long at wing-three, the result being a Combined force. From the kick-out Banks kicked into position with a high punt, Bluff marking to be driven to their corner, Bluff clearing at once to the 25. Banks passed but St. George juggled and the effort stopped, Bluff getting to near halfway. Gilmour made a fine turn and kick, but Beeton was not to be beaten and he cleared, an exchange of kicks bringing in Swale, Finnerty brainily taking the full's place, thus showing that Bluff have some one to make them think. Banks passed, but Gilmour fell, his forwards supporting him and moving on to be stopped with a clever defence pass by Trembath, Prain tackling soundly. Bluff were forced. At. tack was continued with a fine dribble by Gilmour, Swale saving neatly, and Prain receiving the non-line kick, Bluff standing on guard in their own 25. A great ruck followed, Wroblinski swishing through to St. George, who dived at the end of the long attack. The 25 kick brought Pryde into prominence, but the Bluff forwards collected and repeated the dose, Lopdell forcing. Why not feed backs when you are five yards from your opponents' lines. Law worked back, and Gilmour tackled the full, the scrum feeding Dykes; but the pass was too high for Stead, and Lopdell was beaten by Long clearing to halfway. Bluff bettered, Kirkland failing to tackle and Gilmour coming in to relieve to 30 yards from home. Banks were un checked and Bluff found ground in a force. Banks used high punting, Wrotlinski marking well and putting Bluff into a weak passing movement, Wroblinski again appearing through anticipating a defence kick, Stead finally booting to the 50 flag. Frees came, the whistle leng frequently heard, one inference suggesting after Mr Stalker's whistle sileuse in the big Star-Blue match of Wednesday, that Saturday teams offend more than do Wednesday sides. Pushing on the June was not infrequent, Bluff receiving a free on appeal, the kick palpably going to the wrong side. Broughton caught (La eye in a good dash to Swale, Banks gaining a stretch through the young forwards rarrowing of the full's kick. A line then saw St. George dash up to take. After being badly tackled twice, he secred well, to the disgust of a seventeen-stone Biuff supporter, who expressed the opinion that Bluffs needed some bird-lime on their fingers; he thought it would be a soverign remedy. Dykes goaled well. Banks and Law 5, Bluff nil. Half-time sounded pist after the goal whistle sang its rich note.

Bluff's kick was returned to half way, Banks further improving. The Port forwards got to work, and a strong rush let Gilmour show his taking of hops and turn of foot, his fielding at top being reminiscent of the great Star centre Hughie Murphy. Indeed, Gilmour on attack is at times superb for a man of his phys que: and we all remember Murphy's vicy dash and his fearlessness of body clash. Bluff backs showed foot and desire to centre, one return being marked and weakly kicked for goal. Bluff forwards got the upper

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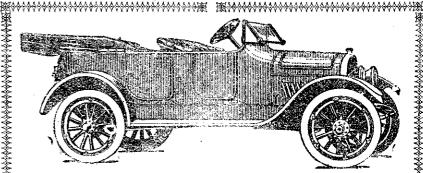
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hand, but Kirkland struggled into relief, Gilmour making two side steps to be col lared and swept away. Bluff were attacking, the short side being twize favoured, Gilroy flashing out gorgeously right to the corner. A free, and Stead and (ilmour, in three efforts got 20 yards, but Port moved west and a great struggle of bodies followed, antediluvian football resulting on Banks' line. ' In spite of trees Bluff continued to press, Stead at last kicking neatly to 30 yards from his line, Lopdell further improved; but Gilmour took a pass off-side and Bluff came back Swale flashed into a fast run and kick across, the middle play putting Bluff into attack from which, after heaps of lines and scrums, McQuarrie pushed his curly head through and claimed and was awarded three. Banks and Law 5, Bluff 3. The game ended so. Wroblinski, Trembath, Long, Swale, Stead, Gilmour, and Pryde, must have seen the selectors watching.

JUNIOR RESULTS.

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