

## THE RANFURLY SHIELD.

SOUTHLAND (17) v. WELLINGTON (6).

(Maroon) (Black).

Teams were: Southland: Backs: Holmes, O'Kane, Fortune, Stead, Dalgleish. Forwards: Miller, Agnew, Whyte, Cockroft, McKenzie and Baird (winger).

Wellington: Backs: Brook, O'Sullivan, McCabe, M. Nicholls, Roberts, H. Forwards: Pearce, S. Shearer, Harkness, Wilson, Standen, J. Shearer (winger).

Wind was south-east but dropped in the first spell when Maroons were growing much stronger after a lull thus favouring Blacks. The Blacks were ideal for either forwards or backs. Conditions therefore were at an even and Southland won conclusively to the admiration of its public and to the amusement of its opponents. The Emu City team was regarded as the best in the Dominion, and they had well earned their reputation; but in Murihiku that they met a victory-crowned side met defeat from a team that gave is a feeling it had not had for some time—forward play. The members of the Wellington combination were the first to take this, taking their loss of the Shield as a true sportsman's spirit. Several things to the home victory: the dribbling, kicking, bunching, following, condition of the forwards; the tackling, termination, and opportuneness of the Blacks. These were the positive factors. A negative one were: the lack of vigour of the Wellington forwards, their reliance on merely their backs, and the failing of the Wellington forwards to tackle—save for Roberts—or to down to rushes. To these might be added the uniformity of their back attack, everything depending on Robert's jink. A enthusiastic or impartial crowd never witnessed a Rugby game, Wellington get, perhaps, more applause than Southland for movements. This is to be explained from the fact that passing in the Blacks has more attractions to the ordinary spectator who does not readily pick the difference in any system. Southland's pass is not spectacular, but it is deadly in its effect, as proof of which note the home Blacks' four tries—all from back efforts—the visitor's one try. A record crowd witnessed the great game; so the S.R.F.U. be in funds for its ground improvement scheme that must give the province a football area fitted to produce fast play. The result of the game must be greatly pleasing to the executive, the players, the clubs the play-represent, the sub-unions, the various enthusiasts who aided in the coaching of the team, the writers who stirred up the public to the keenness of old times, and to the kindly public, which gives its footballers, its sides when they are tried, and the good old game of Rugby football. Now, that the province it at the pinnacle of its fame, we must guard against either giddiness or megalomania.

South Canterbury, which scored 16 points against Wellington when the latter were beaten—Wellington has had some thirteen side games this season—has to be played next Wednesday, and Otago must be in return on its own maiden, and Otago has a very strong side, a side that it be right out to beat the Shield holders thus to finish a good season gloriously.

## —The Wellington Backs.—

This back division was about the best in down here this season—light, but fast and nippy, quick to take advantage of an opportunity, and always dangerous. Their kicking formation allowed for great variety of movement, and had they seen more of the ball, they would doubtless have scored some pretty displays. Their weakness was a decided disinclination to go down to rushes, relying rather on a tricky passing on defence, and at times they were adept. But Southland were on the back, and the Wellington defence were usually well smothered by the Maroon forwards. H. Nicholls being the scrum rarely received a clean pass, nevertheless, he got the ball well. His scoop to Roberts was well seen. Roberts was very quick in attack, and several times was able to run Stead and cut Lopdell completely out of the defence. Fortunately for Southland, he had no opportunity for exercising his potting skill. M. Nicholls, last year's Wellington College captain, produced some fine football, his cut-off in his 25 being an especially bright piece of work. His handling and kicking were of high order, and he will undoubtedly go on. Ryan at centre was unfortunate in letting O'Kane, the latter's hard tackling daily sending his passes away. McCabe and O'Sullivan were fast men, but seemed the light side. Brook at full took the very well and did some extremely neat things.

## —The Southland Backs.—

The home backs surpassed themselves. We thought they might possibly hold-up the Wellington attacks by solid tackling; but a score against Wellington from a passing rush seemed far too much to hope for. But they did pass, and Holmes got his chance. Dalgleish was not up to his usual standard in kicking, but his passes came clean from the scrum, and as usual he did much defending. He was wise in his first spell punting. Lopdell did well especially in attack; some of his tackles, too, were very timely. Several times, however, he was too slow to get to Roberts. Stead played his best rep. game of the season, tackling vigorously, and biting into the Wellington defence persistently. But the honours go to O'Kane, whose work was brilliant throughout. He was always there on attack, and on defence he proved himself one of the soundest centres we have seen for some time. Had it not been for his solid tackling, Southland would have had many points against them. As it was most passing rushes ended in an advantage to Southland. When Wellington scored, he had not got clear of the forwards. Fortune proved as cool and resourceful as ever, and Holmes gave a rare taste of his stride. He might be called "The Speculator King," and be advised to take a ticket in Tatt's. He paws for the ball like a grizzly, gets into pace like an elephant, and scores like an Arab steed. He is one of those players—born doubtless under a lucky star—with whom you never feel safe, but who, nevertheless, seldom let you down. Holmes does many curious things, but somehow he gets there; and the crowd will forgive anything to the man that can score as he did against Wellington. Brown played his usual fine game at full-back, save that his kicking was not quite so sure as usual. His great tackle of the Wellington wing added to the number of his many admirers. Surely he will get his chance for South Island honours this year. We certainly haven't seen his equal this season.

## —Southland Forwards.—

The front row men met hookers who had got all the ball from Otago—hookers on whom the Wellington side relied and who have spoiled a forward pack by their success in securing the ball. A careful record kept by an intra-representative front row man of this season made the ball-deliveries from set-scrums, line-heels and rucks as a total of 56. Of these six were marked neutral, 23 went to Southland, and 27 to Wellington. It was very noticeable that in the first spell, when the visiting winger put in the ball, that it was nearly always kicked back to him. To particularise the other forwards would be invidious. They all played right up to the best standard of Southland forwards although at times there was high-tackling. The emergency for Roche, Agnew, will be hard to leave out. Baird, who is neither a forward nor a back, gave a great exhibition, putting his marker completely in the shade. He was up on to everything.

## —How the Tries Came.—

A Wellington pass broke down in their own 25. Fortune secured and was insufficiently tackled. He ran north, across the goal front behind the visiting pack. On being tackled Fortune grounded and Millar dribbled over and secured. The second try came after a forward rush into Wellington's 25. Holmes and Fortune were in a kick and pass movement which failed. The sequent scrum saw a quick heel, Dalgleish sending to Lopdell who bounced the ball, throwing his marker out of gear. Then Stead was fed to score. The try coming third was from mid-way, the play being well to the north side of the field. A set scrum feed allowed Dalgleish, Lopdell, Stead, O'Kane handle, the last named feeding Holmes who ran towards the south line—opposite the grand stand—where, he rounded the wing three and scored with a straight run of 25 yards. The fourth crossing occurred when the Southland forwards swarmed all over the Black-Yellow monograms in front of the west goal. A series of short passing rushes by Southland were checked, but the Wellington team continued to be penned up. A heel gave Dalgleish an opportunity to set Lopdell going straight. On the first being collared, O'Kane dashed into the scramble, and securing was thrown down. He passed from the ground and Stead received and dived over between the posts. The Wellington try was a beautiful piece of transferring work. A line feed gave half Nicholls the ball to send Roberts on his errand from half-way. The first five cut across to Stead, M. Nicholls, Ryan, and McCabe handling in turn, the last named touching down. O'Kane was in the ruck, so home was between two men. The scores were made up of: Southland 4 tries (one converted), and a penalty goal; Wellington, one try, one penalty goal. The Wellington team played the cleanest game seen here this season, no illegal interferences being noticeable. The men are good sportsmen and clean players of Rugby.

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Full particulars from

D. CUTHBERTSON,

Secretary.

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A. J. SERVICE,

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