

NEXT WEEK'S BIG GAMES

ALL BLACKS

v. Munster, January 14 (N.Z. time): Score and scorers—YAs, YZs, 6.0, 7.15 a.m.; ZBs and ZZA, during breakfast session. Eye-witness account—YAs, YZs, 8.15 a.m., 12.40 p.m. Summary with commentary excerpts—YAs, YZs, 9.35 p.m. (approx.).

v. Pontypool and Cross Keys, January 17 (N.Z. time): Score and scorers—YAs, 6.0 a.m.; YAs, YZs, 7.15, 8.0 a.m.; ZBs and ZZA, throughout morning. Eye-witness account—YAs, YZs, 9.0 a.m., 12.33 p.m. All Black newsletter—ZBs and ZZA, 9.15 p.m. Summary with commentary excerpts—YAs, YZs, 9.30 p.m.

CRICKET

v. Griqualand West, final day, January 12 (N.Z. time): Scoreboard and summary—YAs, YZs, 7.15, 8.0 a.m., and 12.40 p.m.; ZBs and ZZA, during breakfast session.

v. Natal, first day, January 16 (N.Z. time): Scoreboard and summary—YAs, YZs, 7.15, 8.0, 9.0 a.m., and 12.40 p.m.; ZBs and ZZA, during breakfast session.

v. Natal, second day, January 17 (N.Z. time): Scoreboard and summary—YAs, YZs, 6.0 a.m. (if available), 7.15, 8.0, 9.0 a.m., and 12.33 p.m.; ZBs and ZZA, throughout morning

Noose for a Lady

ONE night before going to bed John Hallam drank his usual glass of whisky and milk—and died of barbitone poisoning. His wife Margaret, who gave him the drink, is tried for murder, found guilty, and sentenced to death. But Margaret Hallam is an open-hearted, hot-tempered person; not at all the kind to use poison. In spite of damning evidence against her, three of her friends refuse to believe her a murderer.

What these friends accomplish in the six days before Margaret Hallam is due to be hanged is told in a new NZBS serial to be broadcast shortly. The feature, entitled *Noose for a Lady*, will have its first broadcast from 2XA Wanganui, at 9.30 p.m. on Saturday, January 16. In eight weekly half-hour episodes, listeners will be able to follow the efforts to track down the real murderer.

Those who believe in the condemned woman's innocence are Simon Gale, his brother Martin, and Margaret Hallam's step-daughter Jill. Simon, the brains of the trio, is a portrait artist of some renown, whose interest is at once personal (he is an old friend of Margaret's) and artistic. His own judgment of character he finds more revealing than the most conclusive material evidence. And it is a form of psychological warfare which he wages against his handful of suspects.

The suspects are the forbidding Mrs. Langdon-Humphreys and her niece Vanessa Lane, a vicious village gossip, Miss Ginch, a neurotic widower, Robert Upcott, a clever doctor named Evershed, and a retired soldier, Major Fergusson. All of these had some reason to hate John Hallam, and, indeed, it is not surprising that a man who read the Marquis de Sade for pleasure should make enemies rather than friends.

Noose for a Lady will be heard later from other National stations.

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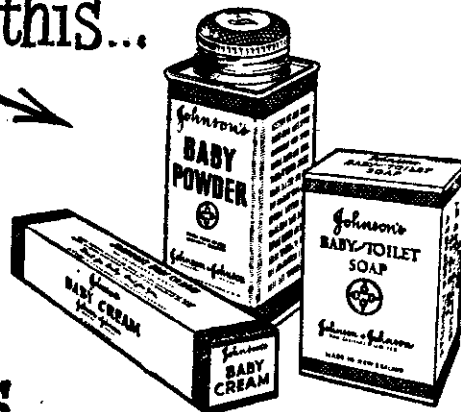
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