

Dunedin Experiment in Sports Broadcasting

THE NZBS is at present conducting an experiment to discover whether one person can practicably handle sports broadcasts for a whole district. As district sports officer at Dunedin, Brian Russ (right) now collates all sports information for broadcast from 4YA and 4ZB. To his office in the Garrison Hall, Dunedin, come sports news from country correspondents, requests for broadcasting coverage from city clubs, and public enquiries for information concerning sport. It is hoped the venture will provide a better service for listeners as well as lessening work and expense for the NZBS and for sporting bodies. Information received at the district sports office is passed on to 4YA's compère Lankford Smith, well-known Otago cricket captain and N.Z. representative soccer player, while from 4ZB the programmes are compèred by Brian himself.

A young man with a sporting background of his own, Brian Russ also has broadcasting experience and the ability to present sporting news in an attractive form. He was educated at Wanganui, where he was junior 880yds. track champion. At school also he won the Wanganui Junior Cross-country Championship. In 1945 he ran at Wingatui, Dunedin, as a member of the West Coast, North Island, team. Earlier he was a member of the Castlecliff Midget Life-Saving Team which appeared at the Centennial Championships at Lyall Bay. He has been a Wanganui Senior B Soccer player, a representative indoor basketball and softball player, and has taken an interest in tennis, table tennis, rugby and bowls.

Outside of these activities Brian's hobbies, when time permits, are photography and amateur dramatics. In the latter activity, he has been associated with Repertory and other amateur groups in the North Island. He played leading roles in *The Arcadians*, produced by the Wanganui Amateur Dramatic and Musical Society, and in sev-



eral Repertory productions. In the few weeks he has been broadcasting in Dunedin, Brian has had little time to indulge his hobbies, but has given Otago's sporting activities the publicity filipp they need.

A new series of programmes he has organised will begin from 4YA on Monday, July 6. Entitled *Sporting Briefs* the programmes are designed to help fill the coaching gap which has in the past

been characteristic of New Zealand sport. Each evening, Monday to Friday at 6.20 p.m., a prominent Otago coach or selector will give a three-minute coaching talk on his particular game. Among the speakers already arranged are R. O. (Ossie) Johnston, an Empire Games representative, who will begin the series with talks on general physical fitness. Rugby Union followers will receive advice from Charlie Saxton

former captain of the Kiwi Rugby Team and now an Otago selector and coach of the Pirates senior club team. Doug Reid, a vice-president of the New Zealand Badminton Federation, will explain the finer points of this popular winter sport, and Johnny Welsh, coach of the Otago senior Association football team, will help guide the soccer players. Each sport has been allocated one week, so that each speaker will give five talks.



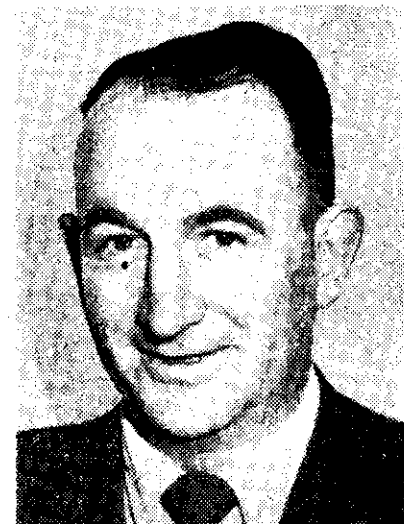
Table Tennis DEFENDING THE "Tests" SHIELD

WORLD title-holders as a pair and fourth and fifth ranking players as individuals, the table-tennis twins Rosalind (left) and Diane Rowe are at present making an extensive tour of New Zealand. They will play test matches against New Zealand at Dunedin, Christchurch, Auckland and Wellington on July 9, 10, 13 and 21 respectively. At 9.45 p.m. on each of these days the four ZB stations and 2ZA will broadcast a commentary on the best match of the day's play, together with final results. The twins are scheduled to leave New Zealand on July 22, by which time they will have travelled some 4000 miles and played in 24 districts.

A MEMBER of the well-known South Canterbury Rugby family, G. Goddard will be the NZBS commentator when Waikato faces its first Ranfurly Shield challenge of 1953 at Rugby Park, Hamilton, on Saturday, July 11. He is a brother of Maurice and Jack both members of the last All Black team in South Africa, and is himself an old South Canterbury representative.

Mr. Goddard's running commentary will be broadcast from 1XH, Hamilton and from 1YZ, Rotorua, the home station of the Bay of Plenty challengers. In addition, a four-minute summary of the match will be broadcast from Main National Stations at 7.0 p.m.

A number of Waikato players have been injured this season, but have made good recoveries and are expected to be available for selection. Anderson, Catley, Ian Clarke, Nola, McKenzie, Reid, Brunskill, Roberts and O'Hearn are likely again to form the hard core of Waikato's strength. On the other side, Bay of Plenty has lost its con-



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sistent fullback E. T. Welch, but the remainder of the Bay's strong team of last year is available. "Bay of Plenty," says Waikato's coach and selector Dick Everest, "could spring a surprise."

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