

## ITEMS OF SPORT

## FOOTBALL.

Playing third grade on the Show Ground, Gore, Hibernian defeated Pioneer by 3 points to nil, a try scored by W. O'Neill. Mr. W. McKay was referee.

The Rugby football matches on Saturday in Invercargill resulted as follow:—Star (12 points) beat Invercargill (3 points), Athletic (6 points) beat Waikiki (nil).

The football matches in Christchurch on Saturday resulted as follow:—Christchurch drew with Merivale, neither side scoring. Canterbury College (12 points) beat Linwood (11 points), Old Boys (25 points) beat Sydenham (3 points), and Albion (8 points) beat Marist Brothers (nil).

The first round of matches was completed on Saturday in fine weather in Wellington. Athletics (8 points) beat St. James (nil), Oriental (24 points) beat Victoria College (6 points), Petone (12 points) beat Wellington (3 points), Ponake (16 points) beat Melrose (13 points). Athletic are leading for the championship with 14 points, Petone being second with 11 points.

The St. Patrick's College boys (writes our Wellington correspondent) had no luck last Saturday. Playing Rugby in third class they were defeated by the Wellington College Old Boys by 19 to nil. In the fifth class the B team were defeated by Selwyn by 17 points to 3. The A team, however, defeated St. James by 12 points to nil.

In Auckland the weather conditions were ideal for field games on Saturday, and the attendances were large at all the grounds. Ponsonby (3 points) drew with Marist Brothers, University defeated Parnell by 15 points to nil, and City defeated College Rifles by 11 points to nil. Marist Brothers are leading for the championship, being one point clear of Ponsonby and City.

In the primary schools' senior football competition (writes our Christchurch correspondent) the Marist Brothers defeated Waltham by 25 to nil. Tries were secured by Bennett, Ellis, McCormack (3), Khouri (2), two being converted by McCormack. The other matches resulted as follow:—Marist Old Boys (seniors) nil, v. Albion 8; juniors, 17, v. Albion 6. Old Boys defaulted to Marist Brothers.

Still another success has been scored by St. Mary's junior football team, who last Saturday defeated City by 12 to nil (writes our Hamilton correspondent). Tries were obtained by P. Roach, King, and John Shanaghan (2). There is only one more match to be played in the first round; and the juniors have not only won every match so far, but no team has been able to score a point against them. Needless to say they are the only team in the competition with this enviable record. Their success reflects great credit on Mr. George Hamilton, who has spared neither time nor effort in training the team. In the Morrinsville v. St. Mary's senior contest no score took place till within ten minutes of the call of time, when Morrinsville's superior condition told in a very fast and strenuous game, and they scored two tries through the agency of Cook and McIntyre.

In Rugby football in Dunedin the match which had the most attraction for the general public was that between the Southern and Union, which was played at the Caledonian Ground. The match was one of the most interesting witnessed on the ground for some seasons. There was not a dull moment throughout the two spells, and the ball was constantly in motion. Although Southern won by 6 points to nil by their opponents, still the game was very even, and Union was several times within an ace of scoring. University defeated Dunedin by 16 points to nil, Zingari scored 13 points to nil by Pirates, and Kaikorai put up 11 points to 6 by Port Chalmers.

In Association the only cup match played on Saturday was that between Kaitangata and Maori Hill, which provided a curtain-raiser for H.M.S. New Zealand v. Otago. At the close of the game Kaitangata had scored 6 goals to 1 by Maori Hill. The match H.M.S. New Zealand v. Otago was keenly contested,

and for a time it looked as if victory would rest with the visitors. This was not to be, as at the close the home team had 2 goals to their credit to 1 scored by the battleship team.

## HARRIERS.

The St. Joseph's Harriers, Dunedin, held their weekly run on Saturday from Maori Hill Council Chambers. There was a good muster of members. The trail led over the Main road in the direction of Wilson's paddock, past Mr. Passmore's residence to the reservoir, where a turn was made for home over the golf links to the Main road. After the run Mr. W. Doule entertained the members to light refreshments.

## OBITUARY

## MR. DAVID O'DONOGHUE, NAPIER.

(From our own correspondent.)

Very general regret was felt when it became known that Mr. David O'Donoghue, an old and respected resident of Napier, had met his death on May 21 as the result of a trap accident. He was attended by Rev. Father O'Connor, who administered the last rites of the Church. Mr. O'Donoghue, who was born at Ballylanders, County Limerick, 56 years ago, came to New Zealand in 1879, and took up his residence in Napier, where he had lived ever since. At the last meeting of the Napier Borough Council, the Mayor (Mr. J. V. Brown, M.P.) referred to the death of Mr. O'Donoghue, whom he had known as a worthy and esteemed citizen for a great many years. The deceased leaves a widow, four sons, and four daughters. The funeral, which took place on May 23, was a very large and representative one. The pall-bearers were members of the Hibernian Society, of which the deceased was an old member. The remains were taken to St. Patrick's Church, and from there the funeral left for the Napier Cemetery, where the last sad rites were conducted by Rev. Father O'Connor.—R.I.P.

## SISTER M. ALOYSIUS, OTAHUHU.

(From our Auckland correspondent.)

The death of a highly esteemed nun, Sister M. Aloysius, took place at the Convent of Mercy, Otahuhu, on May 14. The deceased, who was an invalid for some time, succumbed to heart failure. She was the daughter of Mr. William Newyerling, and arrived in the Colony with her parents in 1864. In the same year she entered St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, where she was professed in 1868. Sister M. Aloysius taught for many years in the schools of the diocese, being especially gifted for kindergarten work, her gentleness and winning ways drawing to her the hearts of all the little ones. The Sisters, who lived with her for so many years, and who were constantly edified by her bright example, feel her loss most keenly. A Requiem Mass was celebrated on Friday morning, May 16, after which the interment took place.—R.I.P.

## Ashburton

The Catholic Young Men's Club entertained their friends to an 'At Home' on Thursday evening last, Mr. W. J. Cunningham (president) presiding over a large attendance. Progressive euchre filled in the major part of the evening's programme, the prizes for the same being won by Mrs. D. McCormick and Mr. S. Smith. Musical items were contributed during the evening by Miss K. Nealon, Messrs. M. J. Burgess, Duncan, MacDonald, V. Madden, E. McSherry, and M. J. Moriarty. Refreshments were handed round by the ladies, a very successful evening terminating with the singing of 'Auld lang syne.'

Messrs. J. Lennon and T. Purcell were formally presented at the last Catholic Club meeting with framed diplomas given in connection with club work. Mr. Cunningham, in making the presentation, spoke in a complimentary manner of the recipients, who briefly returned thanks.

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