

ITEMS OF SPORT

FOOTBALL.

The senior matches in Invercargill on Saturday resulted as follows:—Athletic (6 points) beat Winton (3 points), Invercargill (3 points) beat Waikiwi (nil), and Star (19 points) beat Southern (nil).

Saturday's games in Wellington were played in dull but fine weather. The results were:—Athletic (8 points) beat Victoria College (nil), Oriental (6 points) beat St. James (3 points), Petone (19 points) beat Poneke (nil), and Wellington (5 points) beat Melrose (nil).

The following are the results of Saturday's senior matches in Christchurch:—Albion (6 points) beat Christchurch (nil), Canterbury College (11 points) beat Marist Brothers (5 points), Sydenham (9 points) beat Merivale (8 points), and Old Boys (6 points) beat Linwood (5 points).

About 3000 people witnessed the Association football match between Otago and Wellington for the Brown Shield at the Basin Reserve, Wellington, on Saturday. A good game resulted in Wellington, the holders of the shield, just averting defeat by the Otago challengers, each side scoring two goals.

The first round of the senior Rugby flag competition, which concluded on Saturday in Dunedin, was marked by a keen struggle for supremacy between the leading teams, Zingari-Richmond and Kaikorai. The match was played on the Caledonian Ground in the presence of some 3000 spectators, who were treated to a rare exhibition of football in its best and most exciting phases. The result was that Zingari-Richmond scored 9 points to 8 by their opponents. University met Port Chalmers at Carisbrook, and defeated the Port team by 6 points to 3. Alhambra defeated Union by 9 points to 3, and Dunedin went down before Pirates by 9 points to 3.

In Association football in Dunedin Northern A met Christian Brothers at Culling Park, a well contested game being the result. About the middle of the first spell Northern secured a goal, which was the only one scored during the match. High School Old Boys drew with Roslyn-Wakari—4 goals each: Ravensbourne defeated Northern B by 3 goals to 1; Kaitangata beat Mornington A, the score being 3 goals to 1; and Maori Hill had to lower their colors to Mornington B, the latter scoring 7 goals to 1 by the former. In the third grade, Christian Brothers A (3 goals) defeated High School Old Boys (nil), the scorers being Petherick (2) and McCaughan. In the fourth grade Christian Brothers suffered defeat at the hands of Green Island A.

Playing Rugby last Saturday (writes our Wellington correspondent) St. Patrick's College defeated Petone by 10 points to 6 in the third class championship. In the fifth class St. Patrick's College B suffered a bad defeat at the hands of Athletic A, the score being 62 points to nil. St. Patrick's College A defeated Athletic B by 9 to 8. In the sixth class Wellington College defeated St. Patrick's College by 5 to nil. In Association matches, Newtown Congregational defeated Marist Brothers in the third division by 5 goals to 1. In the fourth division, Marists beat St. David's by 4 to nil. In the fifth division there was no score in the Petone-Marist match. In the fifth B division, Marist (Hawkestone street) beat Institute by one goal to nil. In the sixth division, Marist A beat Congregational by 14 goals to nil. In the Association schools competition, Marist A defeated Karori by 4 goals to 3, McParland, Hurley, and Fennel scoring goals. Clyde Quay beat Marist B by 2 goals to nil.

HARRIERS.

The St. Joseph's Harriers held their weekly run from 6 Philip street, Kensington as guests of Mr. E. Butcher. There was a full attendance and an excellent trail was laid. After the run the members and friends sat down to an excellent repast, after which a musical evening was spent. Mr. A. B. Tracey (deputy captain) thanked Mr. and Mrs. Butcher for their kind hospitality and entertainment.

OBITUARY

SERGEANT THOMAS O'GRADY, OAMARU.

By the death of Sergeant O'Grady on Monday, June 16 (writes our Oamaru correspondent), the Catholic community of Oamaru has lost a staunch and loyal member of the Church, and the town a genial and popular citizen, who was probably the best known figure on its streets for the past quarter of a century. Mr. O'Grady was a man of great zeal and enthusiasm where any matters connected with the welfare of the Church were concerned, and could always be relied upon to do his full share of the work that was required. He was more particularly interested in movements where the improvement of the young men was the goal, and, as president of the Catholic Club from its inception, did yeoman service in advancing that society by precept and example. No night was too cold or wet for the Sergeant to attend a meeting or function, and his witty speeches were always a feature of the evening. His sound and practical advice will be greatly missed in matters of parish business, and in Federation affairs he was also deeply interested. The deceased was born in County Clare, Ireland, in 1840, and while still a young man, came to New Zealand, arriving at Lyttelton in 1862. Possessed of a genial disposition, he made a host of friends, to whom he never tired of relating his almost life-long experiences as a police officer. Sergeant O'Grady joined the police force immediately after his arrival in New Zealand, and was afterwards stationed in different parts of the Dominion. He was transferred to Oamaru about twenty-five years ago, and on his retirement from the force on superannuation, was superseded in his police duties by Sergeant King. Afterwards he was appointed Inspector of Factories, a position which he held until a rearrangement of the duties pertaining to that department forced him into private life. The late Sergeant O'Grady had attained the age of 73 years. He is survived by Mrs. O'Grady and four sons and three daughters, to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended in their bereavement. A Requiem Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, and the funeral left the Basilica at 2.30 p.m., followed by a large and representative gathering of citizens, who had come to pay their last respects to one who had helped to preserve order among them for so many years.—R.I.P.

MR. EDWARD J. RODGERS, CHRISTCHURCH.

It is my particularly sad duty (writes our Christchurch correspondent) to record the death, in the prime of manhood, of Mr. Edward James Rodgers, head of the Maintenance Department, and latterly Inspector of Bridges, on the Canterbury section of the Bluff-Hurunui Railway. The deceased was third son of the late Mr. William Rodgers, who was also a very old railway servant of the Dominion. The late Mr. Rodgers passed away after a brief illness, leaving a widow and four children to mourn their loss. He was a devoted member of the Cathedral congregation and a prominent member of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society. He was attended in his illness by the Cathedral clergy, the last Sacraments being administered by Rev. Father Long. A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was celebrated in the Cathedral on last Monday by Rev. Father Long, who also officiated at the interment in the Linwood Cemetery, assisted by Rev. Father Murphy, B.A. The attendance in the Cathedral and at the funeral was very large, the railway service and Hibernian Society being numerously represented. Mrs. Rodgers and family were the recipients of telegrams and letters of sympathy in great numbers, whilst the respect and esteem in which the deceased was held have been widely expressed.—R.I.P.

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