

ITEMS OF SPORT

HARRIERS.

The St. Joseph's Harriers decided a series of short distance events at Wingatui on Saturday week for a trophy presented by Mrs. M. A. Jackson, vice-president. A record field faced the starter. Mr. A. Melville (Civil Service Harriers) and about six of the Civil Service Harriers acted as officials. The results were as follow:—100 yards—J. Findley (4yds), 1; J. Cameron (scratch) and J. McKenzie (3yds), (dead heat) 2; time 12sec. 440 yards—Tracey (scratch), 1; J. Findley (9yds), 2; J. Cameron (scratch), 3; time 54 1-5sec. 880 yards—Tracey (scratch), 1; J. Findley (12yds), 2; J. Cameron (scratch), 3; time, 2min 24 3-5 sec. Points were awarded as follow:—6 for first, 3 for second, 1 for third, which placed the following in the final: J. Findley (6-3-3) and Tracey (6-6), 1; J. Cameron (2-1-1), 3; J. McKenzie (2), 4. In order to decide for the first position J. Findley and Tracey decided to hold a 100yds sprint, which resulted as follows: J. Findley (4yds), 1; Tracey (scratch), 2. All three events were evenly contested.

FOOTBALL.

Playing at Edendale on Wednesday last (writes our Gore correspondent), the Hibernians defeated Edendale by 12 points to 3. Egan (2), Kelly, and Daly scored for the Greens. The club have a good chance of winning the banner.

In the Rugby competitions in Dunedin on Saturday Pirates defeated Alhambra by 12 points to 5, Southern drew with Zingari-Richmond (3 points each), Kaikorai scored 21 points to nil by Union, and Port Chalmers put up 8 points against 3 by University.

In last Saturday's football matches (writes our Christchurch correspondent) the Marist Brothers' senior team were defeated by Christchurch by 18 to 9. The Marists junior flag team defeated Richmond by 27 points to nil. The Marists president's cup team defeated Christchurch A by 14 points to 6.

The Marist Brothers' School Rugby football team (writes our Invercargill correspondent) is establishing something of a record which reminds one of the successes of the Christian Brothers' boys when they first entered the Rugby competition in Dunedin some years ago. The local boys on last Wednesday week won their match by 50 points to nil, and on last Wednesday won by 35 points to nil.

In the school matches in Christchurch on Saturday week the Marist Brothers' team defeated Elmwood School by 25 points to nil. Tries were scored by McCormack (3), Khouri (2), Ellis, and Thomson, McCormack and Thomson converting one each. Playing against Addington, Marist Brothers scored 30 points to nil. McCormack (4), Bennett (2), Ellis, and Thomson scored tries, McCormack converting 3.

Playing fifth class Rugby last Saturday, Marist Brothers defeated Johnsonville by 52 to nil. Foley (5), O'Sullivan (5), W. O'Sullivan (4), Noon, Carroll, Campbell, and Hunter scored (writes our Wellington correspondent). Playing in the third division (junior Association) Marists defeated Swifts by 9 goals to nil, and in the fourth division Marists scored 6 goals to 2 by the Institute. In the fifth (A) division Marists (T) beat Congregational by 3 to nil. Heavey (2) and Steffy scored for the winners. Playing in the fifth (B) division Marists easily beat Amogura by 15 to nil. The scorers for the Marists were O'Leary (6), Scanlon (2), McElligott, and Shivan.

In the Association matches in Dunedin on Saturday the following were the results:—High School Old Boys (4 goals) beat Northern B (2 goals), Northern A (3 goals) beat Ravensbourne (1 goal), Mornington B (5 goals) beat Mornington A (4 goals), and Roslyn-Wakari (3 goals) beat Christian Brothers (1 goal). In the second grade Christian Brothers beat Mornington by 3 goals to 2. Walsh (2) and O'Connell scored for Christian Brothers. In the third grade Christian Brothers A suffered defeat at the hands of Green Island, the scores being 12 goals to 3, whilst the B team was

defeated by High School B, the scores being 2 goals to nil. In the fourth grade Roslyn-Wakari beat Christian Brothers by 2 goals to nil.

The senior team of the Celtic Football Club, Timaru, has, so far, had a very successful season, having won all games to date. They beat Zingari by 8 to 6, Temuka by 12 to 16, Pirates by 4 to nil, Star by 9 to 3, and in the second round Zingari lost Thursday by 3 to nil. They have a lead of four in competitive points, and with proper training ought to win the senior cup. T. Lynch (three-quarter) and W. Dalton (forward) are again expected to find places in the South Island team. The senior team of the Marist Brothers' School is leading in the primary schools' competition, having beaten Timaru Main by 21 to nil, and Waimataitai by 21 to nil. Temuka and Timaru South forfeited. The Marist Brothers' School's junior team drew with Timaru Main juniors, and is even in points.

In the senior championship here on Saturday (writes our Invercargill correspondent) the 'Greens' put up a great fight against the Star team, which has, so far, not suffered defeat this season. The result was a draw, there being no score, although the Athletics were most unfortunate in not securing at least one try. The Star full back, on one occasion being in difficulties in about his own twenty-five, kicked hard back towards his own goal line, and a race between himself and one of the Green forwards ensued. The latter, getting to the leather first, scored. The referee, however, had blown his whistle beforehand, and had given a scrum where the ball was kicked from. This was intended as a penalty, but it was a clear case in which the advantage rule should have been applied. Apart from this incident, the refereeing was of a high and impartial order.

MARIST BROTHERS' PUPILS AND THE WELLINGTON RUGBY UNION.

The question of the admission of the Marist Brothers' boys to the schools' Rugby competition is evidently still to be the subject of further contention. From a paragraph which appeared in Thursday's *Evening Post* it seemed that the matter was finally settled, the Schools Union advising the Wellington Rugby Union that it was drawing up a set of fixtures whereby the Marist lads and the boys from the Croydon Private School could obtain games. The schools body requested the use of Athletic Park on Mondays and Tuesdays to allow of these matches being played. The secretary of the Schools Union (Mr. E. H. Ward) wrote to the Rev. Brother Basil, master in charge of the Marist schools, notifying him of the union's arrangements. Brother Basil immediately wrote back congratulating the union on its decision to allow his boys to enter the schools' competition. This brought a reply from Mr. Ward to the effect that the Rev. Brother appeared to be under some misapprehension as to the union's intentions. The union was not allowing the Marist boys to participate in the competition, but merely providing a weekly game of Rugby for them. Brother Basil intimated to a *Post* reporter that it would be impossible for him to accept the union's offer, consequently, as far as the Marist boys are concerned, Rugby with them is 'off.' There the matter for the present rests.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

C.T., Timaru.—Thanks for League pamphlet. Of course we get most of the New Zealand papers, but if there is anything of very special interest or importance you will do well to send it.

A SUBSCRIBER.—You are quite right in your contention. Your friend has probably been misled by the meaning of the word 'Tropic,' which is derived from the Greek word, *tropē*, a turning. The so-called 'turning' of the sun at the two tropics is only apparent, not real, just as we speak of the 'rising' and 'setting' of the sun. In all these cases the real motion is that of the earth round the sun.

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