

ITEMS OF SPORT

GENERAL.

Ernest Barry (holder) beat Harry Pearce (Australia) in the race for the World's Sculling Championship, rowed on the Thames on Monday. The weather was fine, but there was a moderate head wind, causing rather rough water at the start at Putney. It became a leading wind along the stretch from Hammersmith bridge to Barnes bridge, where the water was comparatively smooth; but the scullers again encountered choppy water in the last stages to Mortlake. Both competitors were in first-rate condition. Barry won by two lengths. The crowd was considerably larger than that which viewed the Barry-Arnst race on the Thames.

FOOTBALL.

Mr. A. Fanning, of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' team, played for Canterbury against the Maoris last Saturday week.

In Invercargill Star defeated Invercargill by 8 points to nil, and are thus practically certain of winning the championship.

On Saturday week (writes our Oamaru correspondent) St. Patrick's School beat South School by 9 points to nil on Takare Park.

The senior football matches in Christchurch on Saturday resulted as follow:—Old Boys (19 points) beat Marist Brothers (8 points); Linwood (13 points) beat Christchurch (6 points), Albion 10 points) beat Sydenham (nil); and Merivale (25 points) beat Canterbury College (3 points).

In the local public schools' football tourney (writes our Oamaru correspondent), the lead is now held by St. Patrick's School, and with justice they should win the banner. This is doubly creditable when it is considered that the lads have neither coach nor instructor at present, as have the other town schools.

The match Wellington B v. Hawke's Bay, played at Wellington on Saturday, proved a walkover for the home team, who simply did practically as they liked in the first spell and piled on 18 points to nil. In the second spell the visitors made a better stand, and while they were unable to score, they prevented Wellington from adding any more points.

In the primary schools' senior grade competition on Saturday week (writes our Christchurch correspondent), Marist Brothers defeated St. Albans by 43 points to nil. J. McCormack scored 10 tries, of which he converted 5, and E. Sloane scored a try from a splendid passing bout. To date the Marist boys have scored 211 points to nil in six matches.

The Ranfurly Shield match, Auckland v. Wellington, was played at Auckland on Saturday in very inclement weather. In the early part of the game Wellington had the best of it. At the end of the first spell Wellington had five points to its credit, whilst Auckland had not scored. In the second half, matters had improved for the home team, which concluded the game with 6 points to its credit against 5 by Wellington.

Last week (writes our Temuka correspondent) interest in the senior football match Temuka v. Celtic (Timaru) ran high, on account of the latter team having an unbeaten record for the season, and it was predicted that Temuka was the only team which had any possible chance of lowering their colors. This, however, they failed to do, and Celtic carried off the victory by 10 points to nil, a victory which now assures them of the championship.

The match Maoris v. Otago took place in Dunedin on Saturday in the presence of 6000 spectators. The conditions were perfect, the ground and weather being all that could be desired. Despite the favorable conditions the standard of football during the first spell was not high, and at half time neither side had scored. The second spell was more interesting, and after a time the Maoris scored, the home team following suit soon after. At the close of the game each side had 3 points to its credit.

In Association football in Dunedin on Saturday, Northern A beat Mornington A by 3 goals to 2; Roslyn-Wakari beat Northern B by 4 goals to nil; Ravensbourne beat Maori Hill by 4 goals to 2; Kaitangata beat High School Old Boys by 4 goals to 1, and Mornington B scored 5 goals against 2 by Christian Brothers. In the second grade, Christian Brothers defeated Northern by 2 goals to 1. E. Salmon and J. Walsh scored for the winners. In the third grade Mornington beat Christian Brothers by 5 goals to nil, and Christian Brothers A beat Ravensbourne by 4 goals to 1. McCaughan (2), A. Clements, and Wilson scored for the winners. In the fourth grade Southern beat Christian Brothers by 2 goals to 1.

In the presence of over 800 persons at Sydenham Park on last Wednesday (writes our Christchurch correspondent) the most interesting and practically the completing game in the primary schools' Rugby football competition was played between the Sydenham School and that of the Marist Brothers. Both teams held previously good records, the former 145 to 3, and the latter 211 to nil. The game was very close, the Marist score at half time being 5 to nil (a try by Khouri converted by McCormack). In the second spell the Marist backs played a fine open game, bringing the final score to 22 points to nil. McCormack (4), Khouri (2), Ritchie, Ellis, and Sloane scored tries, McCormack converting 2. Mr. W. Garton, M.A., of Elmwood School, refereed most efficiently. Through the round of matches the teachers of the primary schools have manifested a fine sporting spirit, whilst each school, though striving for supremacy, maintained the best of feelings throughout. This is the feature that makes the game worth while, and is in strong contrast to what unfortunately obtains elsewhere.

HARRIERS.

The St. Joseph's Harriers ran to Waitati from Pelichet Bay on last Saturday, as the guests of Mrs. McCleary. The pack, under Captain Butcher, left at 3 p.m., arriving at Waitati about 4.45. Throughout the whole journey the runners showed great fitness, W. Kennedy and W. Doudle showing good form. After the run the members sat down to an excellent meal, which was enjoyed by all. Afterwards a musical evening was spent.

The St. Joseph's Harriers, Dunedin, held their weekly run on Saturday, July 12, from the residence of the secretary, Girton Cottage, Dowling street. There was a fair attendance of members, and A. E. Ahern was in charge of the pack. Paper was dispensed with. The course was up through Littlebourne and Roslyn to the Golf Links, where a turn was made, via Maori Hill, on to the 'Drive,' home. After removing all traces of the run the members were entertained by Mrs. McKenzie, who left nothing undone to make the outing a success. Afterwards the harriers were joined by lady friends, and a musical evening was spent. During the evening Mr. Butcher thanked the host and hostess for their kindness and generosity.

Eltham

(From an occasional correspondent.)

July 19.

The half-yearly meeting of St. John's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in St. Joseph's Schoolroom, Eltham, on July 8, Bro. J. P. Riordan (president) being in the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Bro. T. Walsh; vice-president, Bro. W. Martin; secretary, Bro. N. Reardon; treasurer, Bro. J. P. Riordan; guardian, Bro. E. Kilbride; warden, Bro. J. L. Coleman; sick visitors, Bros. F. O'Keeffe and D. Mannix; auditors, Bros. J. Halpin and M. J. Whiteford. The newly-elected officers were duly installed by Bro. M. J. Whiteford, P.P. After the meeting concluded the members were entertained to supper at Bro. J. P. Riordan's tea rooms, where the usual toasts were honored, and the newly-elected officers briefly returned thanks.

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