

ITEMS OF SPORT

GENERAL.

A net-ball match (writes our Christchurch correspondent) was played on the Convent grounds, Lower High street, on last Friday afternoon between the Sacred Heart Convent High School senior players and the senior players of the Technical College—nine a-side. The High School girls won by 9 points to 3. The Sacred Heart High School intermediates then played the Technical College seniors, and defeated them by 10 points to 1. The Convent girls hold the record for the games during the past and present seasons.

FOOTBALL.

Having won the primary schools contest in Rugby football (writes our Christchurch correspondent), and with no more fields to conquer, the Marist Brothers' boys are taking on hockey to finish up the season with.

Playing Rugby on Saturday week (writes our Wellington correspondent) the Marist Brothers' Old Boys defeated St. James' by 11 to 9. For the winners O'Sullivan scored two tries and converted one, Foley also crossing.

Mr. P. J. Amodeo, an old boy of the Sacred Heart College, Auckland, and a member of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' senior team, has been chosen (writes our Christchurch correspondent) as half-back for the Canterbury reps. on their southern tour. Mr. A. Fanning, of the same team, has also been selected to represent Canterbury on that tour.

In Rugby football on Saturday week (writes our Christchurch correspondent) Old Boys defeated Marists in the junior flag contest on North Park by 10 points to 6. Woodham and Courtney scored tries for the Marists. Playing on the Christchurch ground, Marists easily defeated Richmond in the fourth grade match by 21 points to 3. Lawrence (2), George, Wain, Smith, Lilley, and O'Laughlin scored for the winners.

In last Saturday's Rugby football (writes our Christchurch correspondent) the Marist Brothers' Old Boys, playing in the president's cup contest with eight men, defeated Christchurch B, who played with ten men, by 30 points to 3. McCarthy (3), O'Connor (2), Baker, F. Barnett, W. Barnett, F. McQuillan, and O'Donohue scored tries, the last-named also kicking a penalty goal and converting two tries. In the fourth grade match the Marists' team defeated Kaiapoi by 24 points to nil.

On August 1 (writes our Christchurch correspondent) the Marist Brothers' School team met and defeated West Christchurch School by 30 to nil. Tries were scored by McCormack (4), Thomson, McManus, Gibbs, and O'Brien. McCormick converted three tries. As Richmond School have forfeited, the Marist Brothers' School have won the N.C.P.S. Senior Championship. Their great record will most likely stand for a long time—Matches played, 8; won, 8; points for, 267; against, 0.

In Association football in Dunedin on Saturday Kaitangata beat Roslyn-Wakari by 3 goals to 1, High School Old Boys beat Mornington B by 2 goals to 1, Northern A beat Ravensbourne by 5 goals to nil, Christian Brothers beat Northern B by 9 goals to nil, and Maori Hill beat Mornington A by 3 goals to 2. In the second grade Christian Brothers defeated High School Old Boys by 2 goals to 1. Salmon scored both goals for the winners. In the final for the schools' championship, Christian Brothers and Mornington drew, scoring 1 goal each.

In Association football on August 1 (writes our Christchurch correspondent) St. Bede's College beat Technical College first fifteen by 25 points to 3 on Lancaster Park. For the winners Leo Donoghue (2), Lawrence Donoghue, Elliott, Khouri, and McLaren scored tries. Khouri converted two tries and kicked a penalty goal. St. Bede's College played a return match with Sumner School for the Deaf, which they won. The college team also played against East Christchurch

A on St. Alban's Park on Saturday week, and defeated them by 3 points to nil. McLaren and Mullins scored. St. Bede's College is leading in the competition.

In the third class Association matches (writes our Wellington correspondent) the Marists defeated Congregational by 6 goals to nil. Newman (3) and Turner (3) were the scorers. In the fourth class the Marists defeated Institute by 3 goals to nil. Marshall, Fitzgerald, and Bowden were the scorers. In the fifth class the Marists defeated Brooklyn by 2 goals to 1, Walsh (2) scoring for the winners. In the fifth B class the Marist H defeated Kelburne by 4 goals to 1. O'Leary, Scanlon, Keeney, and Gallagher, were the scorers. In the sixth class the Marists (Hawkestone street) defeated the Marists (Tasman street) by 3 goals to 1, Costelloe (2) and Gason being the scorers for the winners.

The Rugby matches in Auckland on Saturday week were played under most unfavorable conditions. Rain fell all the afternoon, and the grounds were wet and greasy. Ponsonby defeated University by 3 points to nil, College Rifles defeated Parnell by 9 points to 6, and Marist Brothers defeated City by 3 points to nil. The game between Marist Brothers and City ended in uproar. Neither team had scored two minutes from time, but right on time Dennehy, who had retired to the side line through an injury, returned to the field, and, being unmarked, secured the ball from a kick by City full-back and scored. The City players disputed the try, and about 300 spectators invaded the field and prevented the kick at goal from being taken.

On Saturday week the last match of the second round in the junior grade was played (writes a Hamilton correspondent). St. Mary's (who played 14 men for some time owing to the enforced retirement of John Shanaghan) defeated the leading team, Frankton, by 3 to nil, a try being scored by T. Roach. As Frankton defeated St. Mary's in the first round, this made both teams level for the championship, and it was decided to play off last Saturday. The play-off attracted much attention, as both teams have been showing good form throughout the season. This match was strenuously contested throughout, but St. Mary's could only draw, no score being registered by either side. St. Mary's had, however, much the better of a very exciting game; and as they are training hard for still another meeting, there is every possibility that they will win the coveted caps (which are being presented by a Morrinsville gentleman to the winners of the junior championship). As the Frankton team had not been defeated for five years, St. Mary's have every reason to feel proud of their first year's performance.

On Takaro Park on Saturday week a large crowd of spectators witnessed the game between the North and St. Patrick's Schools (says our Oamaru correspondent). Soon after the commencement St. Patrick's, by hard kicking and fast following up, pressed the North inside their twenty-five, where Rooney, with one of his characteristic dashes, succeeded in crossing the line. After the resumption play was transferred to the other end for a time, and Hartley just missed scoring by a fine tackle by Cartwright. The Catholic forwards again exerted themselves, and removed play to the North territory, where Rooney again scored, half-time leaving St. Patrick's 6 points to nil. The second half opened with St. Patrick's on the defence. Mansell, with a long kick, however, opened the play again for the Catholic boys. After forward rushes, intermingled with ragged scrums, Boland secured the ball in the North School quarter and transferred to Mansell, the latter potting a neat goal. Soon after Mansell scored a try, which he also converted. The North School team was well represented by Rankin, Robins, and Johnston, and St. Patrick's by Cartwright, Rooney, Mansell, and Direen. The final score read St. Patrick's 15, North nil. This decides the primary schools championship, and the boys of St. Patrick's have risen to the occasion and wrested the banner from the North School, which had held it for some years.

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