

OUR SPORTS SUMMARY

[To ensure insertion without delay, notes intended for this page should reach us not later than Tuesday morning of each week.]

DUNEDIN.

St. Patrick's Harriers held their usual run on last Saturday afternoon, when there was a full muster. The pack, under Capt. Morris, starting from Musselburgh, followed the road round Tahuna Park and thence to Tomahawk lagoon. After indulging in a game of football a fast run home through the snow (then falling thickly) was made, several of the younger members keeping well to the fore.

WELLINGTON.

The Marist senior Rugby team was defeated on last Saturday week by Oriental by 8 to nil, the match being played in the rain.

Owing to the Canterbury v. Wellington match for the Brown Shield taking place on Saturday week, no local Soccer games were played.

In the senior grade of the primary schools' competition last week, Marist Brothers (Newtown, Wellington) defeated Seatoun Public School by 7 goals to nil. The school team in the junior grade also won its game, defeating Hataitai Public School by 5 goals to nil.

In the Saturday competitions Marist Brothers (Newtown) sixth grade defeated Thorndon Marist Brothers by 1 to nil, while the seventh grade, which played Thorndon Club, won by 10 to nil. The 8th grade team also kept the colors flying, defeating Seatoun Club by 4 goals to nil.

The Rugby football team, too, upheld the school flag, winning the Senior B School Championship, the final game being played against Petone West Public School, which was defeated by 20 points to nil.

The annual Rugby football match, St. Patrick's College v. Wellington College, was played on the Athletic Park, Wellington, on Saturday, July 30. St. Patrick's (Blue and White) was represented by the following:—Backs: C. Clemens, L. Aldridge, P. Kennedy, F. McParland, M. James, R. Blake, L. Pothan; wing forward: L. Day; forwards: A. Keane, M. Keogh, A. J. Burnes, C. White, G. Hales, J. Barry, R. O'Regan. Drizzling rain up to the time of starting made the ground heavy and the ball greasy and difficult to handle. St. Patrick's won the toss and played with the wind slightly in their favor. Almost the whole of the first spell was played in the Wellington twenty-five, the Blacks forcing on five or six occasions. From the beginning the Blue forwards and backs showed excellent combination and completely outclassed their opponents. Aldridge, St. Patrick's speedy wing, fell three times on the line after tricky runs. A little later Blake ran from near half-way and was tackled close to the line. After a long series of attacks, Pothan got the ball away to James on the blind side, and the latter, running strongly, beat the Black centre and transferred to McParland on the right wing. This player dashed between the opposing wing and full back and scored a pretty try amid great applause. O'Regan failed to convert the heavy ball. In the second spell, the chief feature was the scientific play of the Blue forwards. Realising that their best defence was attack, the Blues managed to keep the play in their opponents' half most of the time. In the scrums, the line out, the loose, St. Patrick's vanguard showed marked superiority. Time after time they reached the Black line by powerful rushes. Wellington put up a solid defence in this spell as in the first. Several tries were lost owing to the difficulty of handling the greasy ball. About half-way through the spell, Wellington booted well down the field and Miller, the Black wing, racing for the ball, made for the Blue line. He was brought down by Kennedy two yards from the line by a spectacular tackle. The Blue captain ran from the centre at top pace, and by a diving side tackle prevented a certain score. Aided by James the Blues cleared their line. Except on this occasion, Wellington were rarely dangerous. The line kicking of O'Regan, Kennedy, and Clemens earned loud

applause. The game ended without further score. The boys of St. Patrick's entered the enclosure and carried off Kennedy and his victorious team.

In the opinion of Rugby critics the St. Patrick's forwards gave a brilliant exhibition; their packing, hooking, heeling, dribbling, and screwing were all scientific and heady. Their opponents' attack was never serious in the face of this pack. Old boys of the college consider that this was one of the finest forward divisions put in the field for many years. The backs are as brilliant as the forwards, but on the day they had fewer opportunities. The team showed perfect combination between forwards and backs. In addition to the backs already mentioned, Pothan played one of his greatest games. Clemens at full back was always safe and reliable. Kennedy proved an excellent captain.

At the conclusion of the game, Mr. Darroch, on behalf of the Wellington College old boys officially congratulated the team. It was an epoch marking game, for since 1908, owing to fewer numbers and in some cases to hard luck, St. Patrick's had not won any of the nine games which were played. In all, the rival colleges have played 37 games since 1885: St. Patrick's has won 18, Wellington 17, and two were drawn.

NAPIER.

The card tournament, played on July 19 between the Druids and Hibernians (writes our own correspondent), resulted in another victory for the latter. The Vigor Brown Shield therefore remains in their hands.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

August 4.

The Federation social was quite a success and very enjoyable. The parish committee is now in funds. Gonville also had another little flutter last week for the new church fund. There is a whisper of a glad night at Wanganui East soon, this to be a first offence.

Castlecliff is busy now selling tickets for its queen candidates. The big fair is to take place somewhere about Christmas time, and already delightful visions are being conjured up. Christmas puddings, hams, nuggets and the rest, all these are possible for a modest shilling.

Ratana the Healer is still much sought after, and the list of "cures" becomes longer and longer. Some of the seekers after health certainly benefit greatly, in fact appear cured after intercourse with Ratana, but quite a number are left uncured. These last make a pitiful contrast, especially when one cannot help thinking that ordinary medical treatment by a qualified physician is what these poor sufferers need.

Mrs. D. Gellatly, who has been seriously ill, is now recovering, her many friends are pleased to hear. Mrs. T. Meehan and Mrs. McCormick, both of whom are in hospital, are also on the mend.

We are enjoying a particularly unpleasant stretch of weather this week, with thunderstorms and other oddments thrown in. However, it appears the country needs still more rain, so, rain in plenty it had better be.

D A W N.

The thousand muffled noises of the dawn:

The drowsy stir of birds, surprised from sleep,
The faint applause of leaves above the lawn,
The bleat, far off, of closely-cabined sheep,—
Are like dim perfumes blowing down the stairs,
All sweetly prescient of the coming day,—
And less like sounds, than little tender airs
Gone softly shod and happily astray.

The later sleepers, where the garden lies,
Such heavy-lidded ladies as the rose,
Hear the soft tumult with a dim surprise,
There, where an early wind as roundsman goes,
To rouse each languid, over-sleepy head,
And shame them that lie so long abed.

—DAVID MORTON, in *Current Opinion*.

DON'T DISCARD THAT OLD HAT OF YOURS, BUT TAKE OR MAIL IT TO

J. WHIPP 236 George St., Dunedin

(Next Pattillo's)

VELOURS A SPECIALTY.

Prices for Country Clients—FELTS, 7/6; VELOURS, 7/6. POSTAGE FREE

You will save yourself a lot of money for a small outlay. Renovating, Remodelling & Cleaning Felt Hats