

Our Sports Summary

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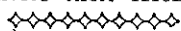
The seven-a-side football tournament for schools in the Patea district took place at the local Domain the other Saturday, when after a keenly contested series of games, the Patea Convent team proved the winners. The winners, a strong and fast team, thoroughly deserved their victory, though several of the Patea teams, particularly Patea B, are to be heartily congratulated on the plucky fights they put up. The winners at the conclusion of the tournament were presented with the Duffy Shield by Mr. Strouts, president of the local football club. In addition each member of the winning team will receive a medal from the Patea and District Public Schools' Association. Messrs. Frank McKenna, Cunningham, and Perkinson fulfilled the duties of referees during the afternoon.

The team consisted of E. Bourke (captain), H. Smith (vice-captain), A. Boyle, C. Neilson, E. Neilson, R. Watson, J. Bourke. On the day of the tournament, just as the games were to begin, exception was taken to H. Smith's place in the team, as he held a proficiency certificate. Though there was nothing in the rules of the association to debar him, he withdrew, his place being filled at the last moment by Bernard Brady. Mr. G. Perkinson and Mr. F. McKenna have taken a great interest in the team. Mr. Perkinson coaches the boys in his spare time.



AUCKLAND.

The annual general meeting of the Ponsonby Catholic Tennis Club was held on October 2. The secretary's report stated that the club had made good progress during the past year. Membership was increasing, but there was still room for male players. Two courts were in good order, and one had recently been top-dressed by club labor. The club had played seven matches, winning five, and had also taken part in the Catholic Tennis Club's tourney, but were unfortunate in losing the services of their best members on the second day of the play. The treasurer's report showed that although expenses for the past year on the new courts had been heavy, the sum of £40 was being carried forward, and this showed how well the club was progressing. Several speakers spoke feelingly of the death of Father Carran, late president of the club, and a resolution of sympathy with his relatives was passed. The executive for the ensuing year comprise Messrs. F. Lowry (secretary), J. Shanaghan (chairman of committee and captain), Misses R. McGee (treasurer), K. Jones, P. Furey, and L. Bryant, and Messrs. Woodley, Redmond, and Rowe. New members were welcomed. It was decided to hold the opening day on Saturday, October 22, and members were asked to invite their friends.



CHRISTCHURCH.

Following is the annual report of the St. Patrick's Sports Association, read at the annual meeting of the association on Tuesday Evening, October 25:—

Your committee has pleasure in presenting the annual report and balance sheet for the season 1920-21. The object of the association in the uplifting and revival of athletics was fully justified by the splendid sports meetings of March 18, 1920, and again of March 19, 1921. Without doubt, the latter meeting was one of the best ever held in the Dominion. Competitors and spectators came from all over the country and were amply rewarded. Although the meetings did not show a large credit balance, the activities of the association, which is not out for monetary gain but purely for the benefit of sport, were well justified. The thanks of the association are due to Messrs. G. Ryan and J. Close for placing the sum of £200 to our credit in order to meet current expenses. We are still in that enviable position in not having to call upon the £1000 which is behind the Association. We also wish to thank the number of gentlemen who accepted office of vice-presidents. The membership of the association has greatly increased and we are hoping that next season will see a still further increase, as the association is open to all. Messrs. Hayward Bros. and Co. presented a handsome cup valued at 20 guineas (Clincher Cup) and two gold medals for the three mile cycling race. Mr. E. Sheedy

also presented a silver cup, valued at 15 guineas, for secondary schools' relay race. Darfield branch of the Hibernian Society and New Headford branch of the H.A.C.B. Society also presented valuable cups for the winner of the Sheffield Handicap and most points in professional events respectively. We also retain the Mayor-ess, Shamrock, and Byron Cups. We wish to thank the above donors and also those who donated medals and trophies. Winners of cups:—Shamrock Cup—Mr. J. M. P. Carrick; Darfield Hibernian Cup—Messrs. C. V. Hack and W. L. Henry (tied); Mayoress Challenge Cup—Canterbury College; Clincher Cup—Mr. P. O'Shea; Sheedy Cup—St. Bede's College; Bryan Cup—Marist Brothers' School. We wish to congratulate these winners, and trust that they will be competing at our next sports. The secondary and primary schools' events failed to draw sufficient entries; this is to be deplored, as it is to these competitors we look for our future champions. The success of the meeting was largely due to the splendid assistance given by officials and members of kindred bodies to whom we wish to place on record our hearty appreciation. A smoke concert was held in the Hibernian Hall, when a large attendance of members, officials, and competitors were present. His Lordship Bishop Brodie presented the prizes and congratulated the competitors and officials on the great success of the meeting. A lengthy toast list was gone through, and the evening will long be remembered by those present. During the year a deputation from boxing instructors and competitors waited on the committee and asked them to take up the promotion of boxing tourneys. After a long discussion at a general meeting of members, at which the Mayor, Dr. H. T. J. Thacker, M.P., and other prominent citizens were present, it was unanimously decided to get in touch with the proper authorities in an endeavor to do so. Unfortunately these authorities did not altogether welcome us, but we hope to have something definite to place before you at the annual meeting. Several generous offers of trophies have already been received. The prospects for the coming season are of the brightest. Mr. J. Hamlet has offered a valuable cup and Mr. W. C. Flewellyn has offered a medal for the one-mile amateur. Mr. H. B. Gormley has also offered a gold medal. We have been allotted the following N.Z. Professional Championship events:—Cycling—Half-mile and two-miles; running—100 yards, 440 yards, and one-mile; field events—long jump, high jump, hop, step, and jump, and throwing the hammer. These alone should make the coming meeting a successful one. Our thanks are due to the Canterbury Centre of the N.Z. Athletic and Cycling Union, and to their secretary, Mr. P. Lucas, for their assistance and efforts on our behalf and sport generally. We wish also to thank Mr. C. E. Hassall, of Timaru, for his ever ready help. This report would be incomplete without expressing our gratitude to the press and their sporting writers. Without doubt their assistance went a long way to make the association's meeting a success.—B. J. McKenna, president; J. M. Coffey, secretary.

On Thursday week last the Marist School was visited by Mr. Wilson, chairman of the C.R.F.U., and Messrs. Maxwell and Menzies, representatives of the Primary Schools' Association, for the presentation of the senior football shield. Rev. Brother Justin welcomed the visitors and after introducing them to the pupils, eulogised the Rugby officials for the splendid way they fostered football among schoolboys, and their control of the games. Mr. Wilson, in presenting the shield, congratulated the team on its success, and complimented the boys on their play during the season. He said it was an unique record for the school to have secured the shield six times out of a possible seven. Mr. Menzies then presented the medals to the winning seven-a-side teams as follows:—Under 12: L. Pearce, A. O'Connor, M. George, K. Armstrong, N. Stokes, G. Williams, and J. Greenlees; under 13: V. Mannix, R. Sutherland, R. Noonan, A. Campbell, C. Hobbs, I. Scully, B. Turner; under 14: J. Mannix, W. Sweeney, J. Morrissey, V. McTigue, B. Mora, J. O'Connor, H. Pearce; open grade: J. Wilson, P. Burns, W. McCambridge, E. Carney, D. Galvin, F. Rose, W. O'Loughlin. In the seven-a-side tournament, which was held a couple of months ago, close on a thousand boys took part, and the Marist boys, to have secured four championships out of six, have made a record of which they may be justly proud.