

The Second Test

Successful Relays

THE relays of the second test match from Lancaster Park, Christchurch, to 3YA and thence to 2YA and 4YA was a decided success. The diction of the announcer was very clear and could be distinguished, in Wellington, from the local station only by a little "woolliness," though this did not interfere with the broadcast.

The announcing left nothing to be desired. The descriptions were most vivid and conveyed the excitement of the crowd that was surging round Lancaster Park to the listeners in perfect style. Listeners were given the atmosphere at the commencement of play—a dirty field, a slight wind and sun. Not the best conditions, but upon this stage, good or not, the titanic struggle was to take place. Thirty-two thousand people the announcer estimated to be the attendance, a record for the park.

The proceedings were opened with the National Anthem, and the teams that were already on the field took their places to contest honours.

Following that there was no doubt as to what was happening on Lancaster Park. Every phase of the play was clear and those who listened, felt the thrills of the game, that the thousands of spectators in Christchurch were enjoying. It was a tense moment in the early part of the game when Mark Nicholls took his mark in a scoring

position. The howl that went up from the spectators made words by the announcer unnecessary.

When England attacked and scored, and when the play was fast and furious the announcer kept listeners posted with almost every movement, certainly with those essential to the play. The unexpected move on the part of Ivor Jones and his spectacular run which resulted in a try, was described by the announcer as the greatest try in the history of the Park.

It was a splendid match and the excellent description meant much to those who were not able to attend in person. Evidently the gate did not suffer a great deal.

ACCORDING to the schedule of broadcasts as submitted by the Broadcasting Company and approved by the New Zealand Rugby Union, only 3YA and 2YA should have broadcast the second test, but, as events transpired, 4YA did so, too. This was the result of a special request from the Otago Rugby Union, endorsed by the New Zealand Rugby Union. At very short notice the Post and Telegraph Department made available the necessary relay line between Christchurch and Dunedin, in addition to the relay line from Christchurch to Wellington.

It is also interesting to note that 4ZP, the Invercargill station of the Southland Radio Society, again carried out a relay from Dunedin to Invercargill, as was done in the case of the first test.

The second test was therefore broadcast in Invercargill, Dunedin, Christchurch and Wellington, and listeners-

in no doubt totalled a quarter of a million.

According to schedule, the other matches to be broadcast are:—

Wednesday, July 9—v. Maoris, at Wellington (2YA and 3YA).

Saturday, July 19—v. Auckland, at Auckland (1YA).

Saturday, July 26—Third test at Auckland (1YA and 2YA).

Saturday, August 9—Fourth test at Wellington (2YA).

Trade Notes

The Audak Pick-ups.

EXCELLENCE has been achieved in a new type of pick-up, the Audak electro chromatic. It has come on the New Zealand market with a great reputation, for dozens of talking equipment companies are using it as standard equipment, including several New Zealand "talkie" plants. They are manufactured by the Audak Company, of New York, who have for years been creators of high-grade electrical and acoustical apparatus. The mechanical structure is an important point in obtaining the best results from a pick-up. The Audak has a feed arm pivoted on a single highly polished steel ball, imparting great sensitivity. It has a tip-up head fitted with rubber buffers top and bottom which prevent any jarring of the sensitively balanced armature. Bond & Bond, Auckland, are the New Zealand distributors.

Reducing Tramway Interference

THE tramways departments of many of the leading English cities are making special efforts to overcome interference caused to broadcast listening by defective "collectors" working on the overhead power lines. As a result of much research work an improved form of collector has been devised and is being universally adopted.



Mr. Douglas Stark, a much-appreciated comedian from 2YA, who will be leaving Wellington at the end of the month for a tour of England and America.

—Andrew, photo.



Listeners to the second Test on Saturday last were told how Ivor Jones replaced Murray as half, and of the brilliant try he scored from this position. The photograph shows Ivor Jones getting in his kick past Porter.