

FOLLOW THE FANS.

Basketball still continues to hold the interest of a large number of players and spectators. We have in the past devoted a great deal of space to comments on the games and players, but we feel that the "fans" deserve honourable mention.

"Fan" is a funny word. According to our dictionary it is the name for an instrument "which has as its function the setting in motion of a current of air". We can quite appreciate this, because with some of the odds the local bookies have been giving they must be continually trying to raise the wind.

Probably the best known and best loved of our fans is McConnell. There is no team which has not at some time benefited from his advice "Get it away to your mates."

Another of Mac's delightful sayings is "Beautiful try" with which he greets every shot at goal by either side. It is also very heartening when you are near the opposing goal and have the ball, with at least three other people's hands on it, to be advised to "Take a shot".

We consider, however that Mac was on his best form at the game between Provosts and Sigs on Friday night when he advised the Provosts. "If you can't put them in, run them in." We don't doubt that the Provosts could do it, but the tactics seem a bit harsh to us.

CAMP GOES NATIVE.

Wednesday last saw a regular gathering of representatives from every available tribe and nation at the Red Cross. For at least a fortnight beforehand, the peace of the Transit Camp was shattered in the early evening by Maori songs and haka practices.

Champ Lynch led his merry men - or should we say his fearsome warriors in a performance which received an excellent reception. Possibly the performers did not look particularly like Maoris but we venture to say that they certainly did not look like anything else we have ever heard of or seen (not even in Fiji.)

Special mention should be made of Champ Lynch for leading and teaching the haka, Padre Goffin for musical accompaniment, Arnold Bell for costumes, and Alan Hall for assistance in dressing the party.