

RUGBY PLAYERS VISIT PORTLAND

Team of California and Nevada Men Return From Trip to Antipodes.

PLAY NATIVES AT OWN GAME

Americans Make Good Showing Against Originators of Sport. John Fitting, Former Portlander in Party.

Portland was host on Friday and Saturday to members of the California-Nevada Rugby football team, who were on their way home from Australia and New Zealand, where they played 14 matches of Rugby with teams of those countries.

Composed of 11 men from the University of California, two from Stanford University and two from the University of Nevada and accompanied by Coach Jimmie Schaefer, of the University of California, and D. Burbank, of Stanford University, as manager, the party left San Francisco May 17 on the steamer Makura, arriving in Sydney, one of the best harbors in the world, on June 12.

After but a few days' training, the athletes began their playing in the warm climes of the Antipodes. Matches were played thick and fast, four games being played in eight days. This strenuous schedule was much for some of the boys, and in the fourth game they were "all in." As a consequence they were overwhelmed by the Maori team by the score of 11-0.

The first game played with the Maori team resulted in a 14-11 victory for the Americans, leading 11-0, but the Maori team hit their stride and ran up the score in the second half.

Many Stars Gathered. Perhaps never before was there such an assembling of football men as was seen in Australia at the time the Americans were there. Included in the Maori team was the cream of all the native players from that section. To this galaxy of stars were added the Americans, the Australians and the New Zealand "All-Black" team, then in Australia for the purpose of playing the crack Australians for the championship.

The New Zealand players are recognized over the world as the premier Rugby players of the world. The "All-Blacks" team in New Zealand corresponds to the All-American team in the United States. Numbered among the greatest series of football games ever witnessed was played. The Australians, for the first time in the history of contests between the two islands, won a game from the New Zealanders. This was the second game of the series. The first game was captured by New Zealand.

A crowd of 45,000 people assembled to see the third deciding contest. The actions of the two teams can well be compared to clockwork, but with an added touch of brilliancy which could not be termed mechanical. With the particular fan rooting, the teams battled through the first half only to emerge with the score tied.

New Zealand Defeats Rivals. In the second half both teams scored soon after play began. The score was 13-13 when, with a big, well-timed whoop the New Zealand team hit their winning goal and commenced piling up the scores at will. The game ended 27-13 and the football championship was won and lost, but only after a most brilliant and exciting contest.

The members of the Maori, New Zealand, Australian and American teams posed for a photograph. A reproduction of the photo is found in today's paper.

The American team played before an assembling of 24,000 enthusiastic fans during one game. The people on the islands take the Rugby like Americans to baseball, and large crowds are the rule rather than the exception. In every city of New Zealand, Maori and Australia, the scores of football teams, some having as many as 75 teams. These cities choose representative teams to play visiting aggressions such as the Portland team. There the American squad had to combat the pick of the players of each section. These teams were called "top" or provincial teams.

The first games played upon arrival in Sydney by the Americans were with the Sydney University. Two games were played, both being won by the Americans. The first 17-0 and the second 19-3. This game was one of the best played on the entire tour. Eight matches were played in Australia, and six in New Zealand, and these three were won, two were tied and nine were lost.

The trip to the Antipodes was made at the invitation of the combined football associations of the three islands. Their expenses were paid. The Americans gained much knowledge from the opposing players.

Teams Evenly Matched. The average weight of the American players was about 170 pounds. The opposing teams averaged the same, making it a battle between physical giants. Contrary to the general opinion that more men are hurt playing Rugby than the American game is the report brought back by the Nevada-California boys. They report only one injury. That was a broken collar bone sustained by one of the Australian players. None of the American players were hurt.

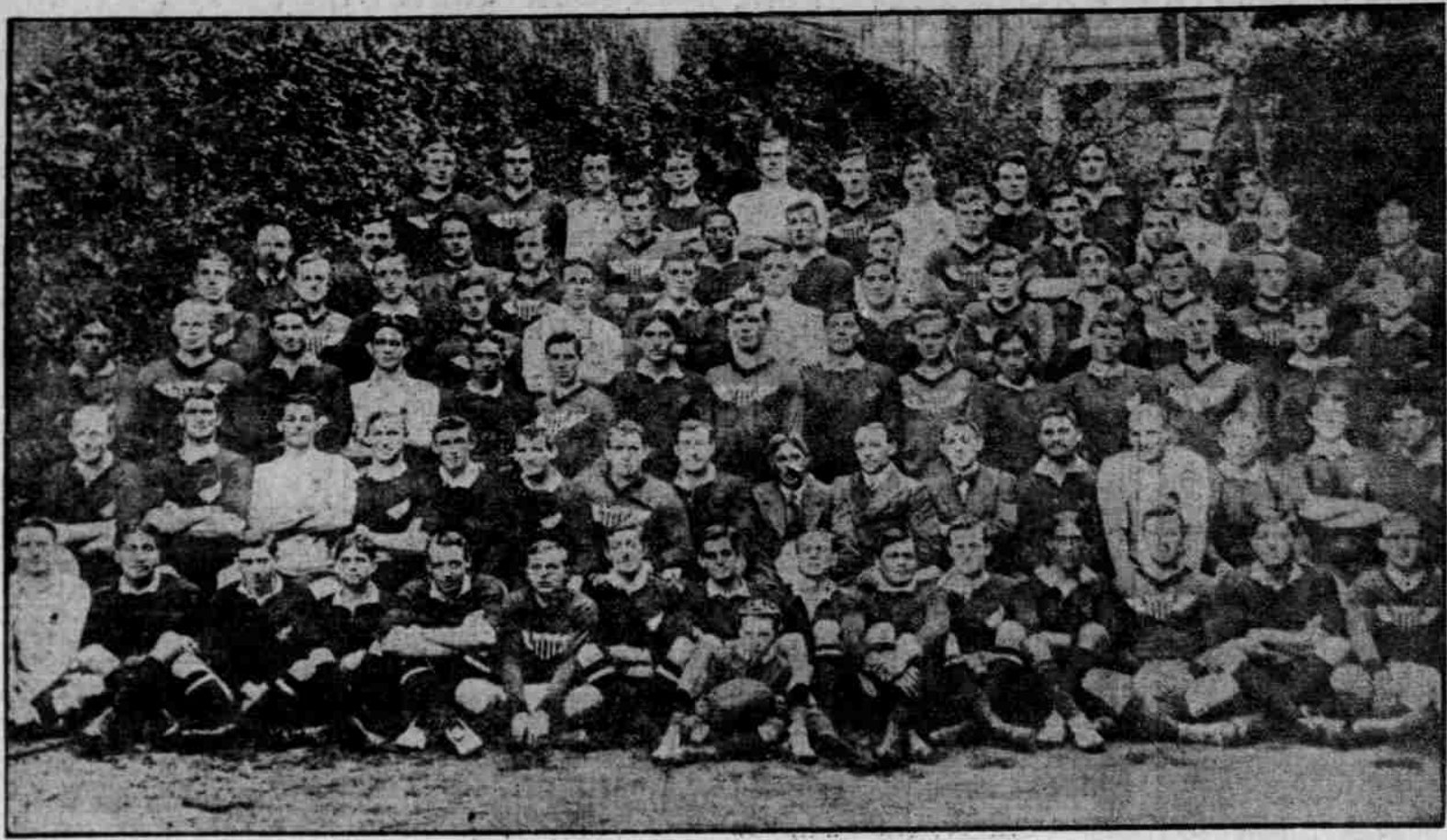
The home-bound athletes report having received the very finest of treatment on every hand and were loud in their praise of the hospitality of their hosts.

Although some grand sights were seen in Australia the scenery was more monotonous than that in New Zealand, where a variety of pretty places met their eyes.

Well-known to Portland athletic devotees is the name of John Fitting, a student at Stanford and one of the players making the journey. Fitting played forward in eight games. He was the last of the returning players to pass through Portland on his way south. He left last night on the Shasta Limited for San Francisco after having visited with friends, among whom was Arthur Allen, of the Portland Rowing Club.

The members of the team passing through Portland are: J. Schaefer, coach; D. Burbank, manager; C. Schaefer, captain; Irving Bennett, C. Phogler, K. Dole, R. G. Horton, E. B. Minium, J. Fitting, E. Erb, A. E. Roth, J. Watts, D. Hardie, M. Harris, E. Kern, A. Schwartz, J. Elliott, C. E. Cheda, F. Brown, L. A. Woolf, C. Paulie, M. Morris, G. Dwiggin, T. Sanburn and C. Allen.

RUGBY PLAYERS OF MANY NATIONS ASSEMBLED.



AMERICAN ATHLETES AND TEAMS THEY PLAYED IN ANTIPODES.

RACES ARE GOOD

Big Crowd Witnesses Events of Riverside Club.

SIS MERIDEN IS WINNER

Starting Off Like Loser, Murphy Entry Recovers Self and Pounds Down Home Stretch First in Three Straight Heats.

Before the largest crowd of the season the Riverside Driving Club held its final harness racing matinee of the season at the track of the Portland Fair and Livestock Association yesterday, and the record-breaking attempt of the Jewell, proved about as exciting as any race.

The victory of the Murphy entry in the first race of the day, and considerable importance attached itself to this event because of the \$700 stake wagered by Murphy, the owner of Sis Meriden, and R. L. Evans, owner of Schelagh, the rival entry in this special event. Both Evans and Murphy have been rivals for some time, and their discussions of the relative merits of their two horses resulted in the making of this special match.

Sis Meriden started off like a loser, for she behaved badly at the start, but this disadvantage was soon offset because Schelagh broke badly and Evans had great difficulty in bringing the mare back to her stride, and, in the meantime, Murphy brought Sis Meriden from the rear and took the lead, maintaining it to the wire. It was a keen struggle between two good horses, and the victorious owner was congratulated on all sides at the conclusion of the third and final heat, for it was for the best three in five and Murphy's mare won three straight heats.

C. W. Todd's consistent performer, Clam Bake, proved the victor in the second race of the day, by defeating C. W. Flanders' Guy O' Light and A. C. Lohmire's Red Skin. The first heat of this race was run in 2:18, the fastest time during the afternoon. In a match race between O. J. Brown's Georgia Rose and L. W. Watt's Blue Jacket, the latter entry was successful by winning the second heat.

The Dilworths and the Salem team are tied at the head of the percentage column and this is the last game of the Tri-City League season. As an innovation the double umpire system will be used, Cheyne and Rankin officiating. As batteries, Townsend and Bauer will do the work for the Dilworths and Meyer and White for Salem. The regular Sunday afternoon band concert, which has been a leading attraction during the summer, has been abandoned for tomorrow, and is expected the greatest crowd that has ever witnessed a ball game in Salem will fill the grandstand and bleachers to the capacity limit.

T. W. MURPHY'S ORACK RACING MARE, WINNER OF \$700 SIDE BET AT FINAL MATINEE YESTERDAY.



SIS MERIDEN.

SAILBOATS IN TRIM

Portland Yachts Are Ready for Astoria Races.

CRAFT SAIL DOWN RIVER

Sparrow, Undeclared Champion, Will Have Stiff Fight to Keep Its Title on Rougher Waters of Regatta Race Course.

In tip top yachting condition six boats of the Oregon Yacht Club fleet and an equal number of dinghies left Wednesday and Thursday for the Astoria regatta, which begins tomorrow morning. The bigger craft took the dinghies in tow.

Races for boats in A, B, and C classes are on the regatta program. In addition to these events will be a free-for-all contest and a handicap affair. All the Oregon Yacht Club craft which went down to take part in the races are fleet and seaworthy craft. The latter quality is very essential for racing in Astoria harbor, for the swells there often run very high even on calm days. With any kind of a wind the bay becomes rough with choppy waves, and only a staunch craft can safely combat them.

Among the boats that will enter the races are Max Meyer's champion Sparrow, H. F. Todd's ex-champion Fore-Naft, George Bannan and George Barr's Zephyr, L. C. Racer's Comet, Francis O'Arcy's Dancing Sal, and A. H. Breymann's cruising yacht Nalad. In addition to these were the Ducky, Bull Pup, C. Kitten and one or two other dinghies. Lew Woodward will take his Scrub Dog down with him on Sunday aboard Commodore Will Knight's motor boat, Sarah Jane.

Francis O'Arcy is taking a large party of his friends from Portland to the regatta with him on his motorboat, one of the best and largest in Portland. What is expected to prove the warmest brushes in years between sailing craft will take place when the Zephyr, Sparrow and Fore-Naft race. The Sparrow has always won in former races on the Willamette. Captain Todd, owner of the Fore-Naft, avers that in a heavy wind and sea, such as are likely to be encountered at Astoria, his craft will outdistance the present club champion, The Sparrow has never been beaten in a class race.

Several yachts of the Astoria Yacht Club will also participate in the races. Boats from Vancouver, Cathlamet and other Columbia River towns will also be encountered at Astoria, his craft will cruise up the river leisurely after the regatta, arriving home about Friday or Saturday.

M. A. A. C. Gossip

SUNBROWNED and looking the very essence of good health, Colin V. Dymont, secretary of the club, who has been on a tour of the East, returned home the past week and reported having had a splendid vacation. Mr. Dymont, while East, visited his old home in Hamilton, Ontario, and other Canadian cities. He was gone from Portland nearly three months. Mr. Dymont will relieve A. H. Allen, treasurer of the club, who during Mr. Dymont's absence, acted as both secretary and treasurer.

Charles Barton and Bert Allen, of last year's championship basketball team, are still on the job. Bert Allen is there with his mother and sister.

Since the advent of the club into the temporary quarters, the place has proven as much of a drawing card as the old building. The grounds are more centrally located than the former site.

A croquet set has been purchased and installed on the lawn on the Taylor-street side of the grounds. The game is proving popular. An octette of players can participate in the same contest, thereby making lots of fun.

Harry Matthew, who has been visiting his old home in Scotland this summer, will be back about September 15.

Dell O'Hanlon, Walter Hummel, Panny Peck, Everett Peterson, Tom Peters, Olnar Dranga, Ernest Hecker, George Woodford, Cecil Ireland and other of the younger members of the club were visitors at North Beach, Wash., recently.

Sim Bennett and Paul De Mar, who were camping at Seaside, Wash., have returned to Portland.

Workmen, under the supervision of Groundkeeper Hansen, are actively engaged in leveling and raising the field

SHOWER BATHS AND LOCKERS

Shower baths and temporary lockers are installed in the rear of the temporary quarters. A wrestling and boxing mat has been ordered from the East and will soon be delivered. Regular work in these departments will go right on this fall. Regular interclub meets will probably be held at the Army.

NOT MANY MORE WEEKS

Not many more weeks will elapse before Captain Gordon C. Moore and Manager Jack Latourrette will issue a call for football players to report for practice.

Some of the soccer players are already limbering up for the fall and winter season, in anticipation of a successful season of that popular line of sport.

A number of the club swimmers leave today for Astoria to participate in the aquatic events there. Arthur Cavill, assisted by his brother, Dick, has charge of that department of the regatta. The boys are expected to bring back some of the handsome medals.

President Walter A. Holt is a visitor at North Beach, Wash.

Plans for the new clubhouse are rapidly nearing completion. The new club building will be an imposing structure, one of which the city and state can well be proud.

OPENING FOOTBALL DATE SET

Salem High School Starts Season on October 15. SALEM, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Salem High School has already made partial arrangements for its football season which opens on October 15 with Jefferson High School playing in Salem.

On October 22 the locals will play Washington High School in Portland, and Eugene will play the great game of the year against Salem in this city on November 5. Salem will go to Newberg November 12, and on November 19 will meet Columbia University in Portland.

The season will close for the locals with a game at Vancouver, Wash., on Thanksgiving day. Second team games have been arranged with Turner, McMinnville, Woodburn and the State Reform School. Professors Moore, Stiles and Kirk, of the High School faculty, will have charge of the coaching this season.

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EVERETT MEN ARE ENTERED

Unusual Interest Taken This Year Owing to Large Number as Well as Visitors in Entry List—Starr-Reynolds Cup Play On.

BY RALPH H. MITCHELL. With already over a score of entries in prospect, the annual Fall Irvington open handicap and club championship tournament of 1910, starting this week, promises to be the banner event of the club's history.

The events in the handicap tournament open to any tennis player are as follows: Men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles and doubles and the mixed doubles. In the club championship play there will be but two events, men's singles and women's singles. These events are open to members of the Irvington Club.

Many Entries Arrive. The following have already handed in their entries in the several events: Men's Singles—Open Handicap. J. T. O'Neil, Captain J. J. Reynolds, M. J. W. Todd, R. B. Black, S. G. Humphrey, Howard Evans, George Rae, E. M. Van Loan, Henry Corbett, P. N. Lewis, J. L. Stabler, D. Wakenam, Walter Erickson, Everett Ames, E. E. Harrigan, N. J. Edgar.

Men's Doubles—Open Handicap. Irving L. Webster and R. E. Black, A. D. Wakenam and R. E. Black, E. M. Van Loan and E. A. Noyes, M. H. Wildes and L. N. Pritchett, Walter Erickson and S. E. Bennett, J. E. Harrigan and Nelson Fleming and Miss Stella Frohman.

Women's Singles—Open Handicap. Miss Stella Frohman. Mixed Doubles—Open Handicap. A. D. Wakenam and R. E. Black, J. E. Harrigan and Nelson Fleming and Miss Stella Frohman.

Men's Singles—Club Championship. Irving L. Webster, S. B. Cooke, E. M. Van Loan, E. A. Noyes, S. G. Humphrey, G. S. Bennett, Minot Davis, Everett Ames, Henry Corbett, J. E. Harrigan, P. N. Lewis, F. E. Harrigan, A. D. Wakenam.

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ENGLAND CHARY AS TO FILMS

Promoters Hesitate at Paying \$70,000, in View of Uncertainty.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—The first moving pictures of the Reno fight on this side of the Atlantic are being shown in Dublin this week, and are expected to be on view in England for some weeks yet. This delay has occasioned considerable surprise, but it is understood that the proprietary syndicate in America finds difficulty in obtaining the terms which they demand for the European rights. They are asking \$120,000, of which the English rights represent \$70,000, charging in addition \$150 for each film.

The English bioscope promoters are chary at giving so much, as it is un- known yet to what extent municipal authorities will allow the pictures to be shown. The London County Council has already notified the picture people that they will prohibit the exhibition, unless the authorities of Liverpool and of one or two other cities.

CALIFORNIA TENNIS CRACKS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP WITH EASE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Melville Long and Hazel Hotchkiss are the singles tennis champions of California for the ensuing year, and Melville Long and Ward Dawson will hold the Doubles title. The championship titles were decided on courts of the University of California, Long won in three straight sets, M. E. McLoughlin, last year's champion, was not on hand to defend his title.

Miss Hazel Hotchkiss won from Miss Goda Meyer in straight sets, by scores of 6-2 and 6-4, but the match was really closer than these scores would indicate. The little champion's drives and smashing were really remarkable for a woman. She had full and unimpeded line, the majority of her strokes as most men.

FANDOM AT RANDOM

FOR the first time since 1908 the Portland bunch won a series from San Francisco on the Portland grounds, for yesterday's victory gives Portland four out of a possible six.

Today will mark the Seals' last appearance in Portland this season, for the Altonites will be returning home to come North when the Beavers return for their last home stand.

The Beavers bumped Henley at opportune times yesterday, for hits came just when needed during the matinee, or at least during the part of the engagement Henley occupied the slab.

Eugene Krapp had the Seals on his staff throughout, and might have worked harder and scored an shutout had it been necessary. However, his teammates secured an early lead and Gene took things easy.

Gus Fisher wound up the game by making a great catch of Shaw's foul against the grand stand in the ninth inning. Two men were out at the time, and Fisher's catch sent the bugs home talking about him.

Buddy Ryan's score in the seventh was a plain gift by Berry, though the outfielders of the Seals might have flagged Buddy at third had they been able to intercept the ball after it got by Kiddick Mohler.

Perle Casey's work around that second sack yesterday was all to the credit. The veteran second sacker seems to be younger and more sprightly than ever, judging by his activities in the recent games.

Gus Fisher is suffering a slump in hitting, and yesterday McCredie dropped the slugger catcher down in the batting order, but it did not do Gus any good, for he only came close to getting a hit once, and Tennant sneared that chance for him.

Despite his couple of boots at third yesterday, Oscar Vitt did some really creditable work, for the young third sacker accepted several hard chances and made beautiful throws to Tennant or Berry as the occasion demanded.

The New York Giants took sweet revenge on the Chicago Cubs yesterday, for McGraw's "roughneck" slammed the Chicago pitchers for a total of 18 runs and 22 hits. Chicago also contributed 9 errors.

Moser, the Oakland twirler, seems to have "come back" for he shut Los Angeles out yesterday for the second time this week, and once more beat Walter Nagle. The Oaks are becoming more and more dangerous every day.

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