

In the second spell of the same game, the Riwaka forwards had pushed the Albion back over their goal line, and four of the players fell on the ball to force it, Tommy Bird and Bob Watson of the Albion team, and Dean Cook and Alf Broucher of the Riwaka team, and they started to wrestle, and tussle for possession of the ball, which was then known, as a maule in goal, Watson and Broucher were soon out of the maule, as they did not have a good grip on the ball, but Bird and Cook still struggled on, until Bird eventually turned Cook over on his back and wrestled the ball from him. The rules of the maule in goal were, that you had to have contact with the ball, to be in the maule, when you lost contact you were out of the maule, this maule in goal used to carry on for some time, and it was a good thing for Rugby football when it was abolished. As there was no play in it, only wrestling and brutality. What with players wrestling on the ground for possession, and the Referee standing over the players to see fair play and the crowd milling around, hooting and shouting, and cheering their side on, it was more like a donnybrook, than a game of football. The personal of the old Riwaka football club, carried on until 1897. Then a younger generation of footballers took over, and played for a silver cup, in competition with the Motueka club. This cup was presented by Mr George Jenkins, a draper of Motueka. He was better known in later years as old Jinks. The conditions governing this cup was, that either team could win the cup outright, with three successive wins or four times at intervals. That year Riwaka had a good pack of forwards, and won the cup outright, with three wins in succession. Some years later, when the

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Motueka Sub Union was formed, this silver cup was handed over to the Union, as their Junior Championship Cup, and it so remains today.

During the course of one of the games, between Motueka and Rimatua for this cup, this little incident occurred. Rimatua had worked the ball out to their winger, Jack Duncan, and he taking his pass at top speed, raced down the touch line, and would have scored, a try, but a spectator named Pat Gross, who had worked himself up into a frenzy, stepped into the field of play and brought the Winger down with a beautiful dive tackle. The next thing we saw, was the Rimatua touch judge J. G. Whitenden whaling into Pat Gross with a stick, across his back and side, at the same time repeating, you bugger, you bugger. I'll teach you not to do that again. By this time Pat Gross thought that he must have done something wrong, so he totted for the gate, whilst Jack Duncan recovered from so sudden, and unexpected attack. In the year 1900 Rimatua entered a team in the Nelson competition, but it was not until 1908 that they were successful in winning the Nelson trophy. For the first six years, ~~they~~ ^{they} had to travel to Nelson every Saturday to play ~~the~~ ^{their} games, leaving home at 7 am in the morning, and arriving at Nelson between 10.30 and 11 am. after a long rough ride, in an open express drawn by three horses. exposed to the elements of all weathers, when ~~they~~ ^{they} arrived at Nelson ~~they~~ ^{they} made a bold bid for the fire at the Hotel, and after a good warm ~~they~~ ^{they} took a stroll around town to get the circulation moving. Then the Nelson Union, granted ~~to~~ ^{them} home and home games, and that helped considerably. When ~~not~~ ^{they} won the Nelson Cup, ¹⁹⁰² it was estimated ~~then~~ ^{then}.

that it had cost Piwaha, between £4000 and £5000 to win the Kilron trophy.

In 1909 Piwaha and Huia clubs amalgamated, and called their club, the Kai Ora football club, they entered one senior and one junior team in the Kilron competition, they carried on until 1910 ^{winning the senior championship.} and then disbanded. In 1911 the Motueka Sub Union was formed and started competitions in that area. The old Piwaha club then split up into two teams, and called themselves the Wanderer and Tikaohau football clubs. The Wanderer colours were Black jersey and Black pants, the Tikaohau, White jersey and Black pants, they both entered a senior, junior, and third class teams in the ^{Motueka} competition. And there ends my record of the old Piwaha Rugby football club, from 1884 to 1911.

~~Wanderer~~

~~1911 to 1917~~

Outstanding Rugby Players.

The outstanding Rugby players of Rivakia, from 1884 to 1911, Albert Asher, a fast elusive tricky fiveeight, a deadly tackler, a good pair of hands, and very fast off the mark.

Arthur Travella, a very brainy player, a great centre, one who could draw the defence, a good tackler, and a good handler.

Malcom Duncan, a great scrumming forward, one who could use his feet in controlling the ball to perfection, a real adept at this type of play. He played soccer in Scotland, before coming to NZ. (a lost art today)

Destie Beckerman, a fast dashing type of forward, a great powerful player, a great asset to any team. He has represented the West coast, in his day.

Lawrence Duncan, a very speedy wing threequarter, who has scored many tries from sheer speed.

George Learmont, a fast powerful forward, with a beautiful fend, he also played at centre, scoring many tries from that position.

Eric Drummond, one of the greatest fullbacks in this district, he had a good boot, a good pair of hands, a good tackler, his positional play was perfect, and he was an adept at potting goals. In later years he became one of the finest fullbacks in the Nelson province, and he has represented the ^{South} Nelson in Seddon shields games.

Sandy Drummond, was a great scrumming forward, one of those who is never seen, he was in his element when he was in the thick of it, he was also a good hooker, and he has represented Petone, Wellington, for several seasons, and also Nelson in his day. He was a great asset to the Riwaka team.

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Riviera second generation of players, 1897-1911

The personal of the Riviera second generation of players, from 1897 to 1911.
Francis Fry, Bill Marshall, Karl Fowler, ~~Les~~ Les Drummond, Percy Arnold, Sam Bennett
Horace Bate, Percy Bate, George Brewer, Elliott Fry, Harry Fry, Jack Duncan,
Len Rowling, Ted Reed, Alex Drummond, Percy Cameron, Althea Bate, Jimmy Robinson,
Tim Woolf, Percy Woolf, Jim Holyoake, Althea Drummond, Oscar Beckerman, Les Bederman,
Mark Bradley, Althea Bradley, Charles Goodall, Lew Francis, Melby Stubbell,
Jimmy Palmer, ~~Reg~~, ~~Harry~~, Reg Fry,

Riviera third generation of players, from 1900 to 1911.

The personal of the third generation of players.
Fred Drummond, Jack Drummond, Elliot Fry, Noel Rowling, Bert Rowling, Len Rowling,
Joe Rowling, Les Goodall, Eddie Goodall, Jim Inglis, Lew Inglis, Reg Stubbell
Bliff Bederman, Fred Drummond, Roy Fowler, Harry Taylor, Les Bradley,
Reg Rowling,

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in that area, the atom club there split up into two clubs, Wanderers and Tekeko
and played in that competition, that was the end of the old Riviera club.

During the 1908 season, in the Nelson competition, three teams, the Nelson club, the College, and Riwaka, were all running neck and neck in the competition. In the first round, Nelson beat Riwaka by 23 to 5, College beat Nelson by 11 to 3, and Riwaka beat College by 8 to 3. In the second round, Nelson were drawn to meet Riwaka, the Riwaka boys were right out to avenge their first defeat by Nelson, so in the first spell there was no score, although the Nelson forwards dominated the play. At half time, after receiving a good talking to, and altering their type of play, the Riwaka forwards took charge right through the second spell, and six tries were scored, ~~five~~ ^{four} by the half back Ted Reed one by the winger Jacky Cameron, and one by Ted Bideman a forward five of the tries were converted, Riwaka winning by 28 to nil.

When Riwaka met College in their ^{second} bout, Riwaka again ^{won} by 8 to nil, after a very close game, the College backs were always dangerous. Riwaka had to use their forwards right through to win the day. In the third round, Riwaka beat Nelson by 6 to nil, and Riwaka beat College by 8 to 3, and thus won the Championship.

Riwaka Club also entered a second junior team in the Nelson competition, they were the youth of the district, and although they never won the championship during the few years that they played for it, still there was some fine promising players among them, such as Ted Drummond who showed great promise as a fullback in his early days, and when he became a senior player he was one of the finest fullbacks in the Nelson district. And has represented both Nelson and Golden Bay - Hokianga in Nelson shield games. Roy Towler also showed great promise in his younger days, as a centre threequarter, and he proved in later years, to be one of the best in the district.

Jack Drummond, a good aggressive forward both in the tight and loose play

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a deadly Tackler, a good pair of hands, and was always on the ball.

Cliff Bickman, showed great promise as a wingquarter, what with his great speed and elusiveness he was hard to stop. And there were many others of the
These second juniors that showed great promise in their early days.

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