

The much-looked-for match between Ferny Creek and Olinda was decided on Saturday on the ground of the former, Mr W. Breen's spacious paddock, which enabled the game to be kept open, and was an advantage to the novices. The Olinda team came with an unbeaten record, while Ferny Creek was arrayed for the occasion. By the second quarter both teams had their full complement of men. Ferny Creek had the wind and the ground in their favor in the first quarter, and more than held their own, but on changing over better combination prevailed, and the visitors closed the quarter with a lead of 15 points. The home team by a spurt put on 18 points to 2, and the last quarter found them one point to the good. All might have been well but for the impetuosity born of youth. Had they set tight on their score instead of rushing the game, it would have been better for them. It is bad policy for a tiring side to assume the attack in a scrambling fashion. After 20 minutes of here, there, and everywhere, the game closed in favor of Olinda by 6.5 to 4.4. Several of the winning team played good football, viz., Captain Wyles, J. W. Simpson, W. Hughes, T. Brown, and T. Cruise; Jim Barrett hardly did himself justice, and is mostly very fit. For Ferny Creek the Melbourne colt, P. J. Bewicko, was the best man on the ground, and J. O'Connor, W. Breen, F. Carrington, F. Webb, and Mawson worked hard to stave off defeat. Umpire Lay gave general satisfaction.

Box Hill Reporter August 1908

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Ferny Creek United (14.29) beat Monbulk (1.5). This match was played on the United ground, and we would here like to state that in the last two reports of this team the word

"United" was in-advertently omitted. The team consists of the young bloods of Ferny Creek, Sassafras, and Sherbrooke, and the office-bearers are well distributed. The president (Mr. C. Earney) is a resident of Sassafras, as also the assistant hon. secretary. The captain (W. Sharpe) hails from Sherbrooke, and the hon. secretary (Gordon Bird) from Ferny Creek. It is pretty hard to describe a game that was so one-sided, when a few years ago Monbulk had a very fair team. One can safely say that fewer points would have been scored against Monbulk had that team played the men less. The United had the services of a very old Ferny Creek footballer in P. J. Beswicke, and the Monbulklers found him a hard nut to crack, but the whole team were altogether too slippery for the visitors, and have improved out of all knowledge since we recorded their match against Fern Tree Gully, who, by the way, visit them on Saturday. Mr. W. Breen, who always places his paddock at the disposal of all local sports, very kindly - at least Mrs. Breen did - provided afternoon tea to both teams and supporters, and the affair was quite a social gathering. A good deal of interest is being taken in the visit from the "blues" on Saturday. Umpire Wright will officiate on this occasion, as in the case of all the United matches, and he seems to give every satisfaction. Anyway, the United men acknowledge that he has kept them from doing things they ought not to have done, and warned them from leaving undone things they ought to have done. We might add in closing that the recent concert and dance organised by the United club was a profitable affair.

Reporter (Box Hill, Vic. : 1889 - 1925), Friday 24 June 1910, page 5

Football. Ferny Creek played the return match with Olinda on Saturday last and scored 5.14 to 4.8. The previous match resulted in a draw. The game on Saturday was very even right up to the last quarter, when Ferny Creek wiped off the 7 points standing against them and put, on two additional goals. For the winners W. Sharpe, who is fast, played a good game forward, and Gordon Bird made a good sound back. Jim Barrett, W. Hughes, C. Hackett, and A. Earney all played the game and played it well. For the visitors the brothers Brown again stood out prominently, and J. Robinson and Stott gave a good account of themselves. Umpire Wright helped to make the game pleasant, and gave every satisfaction.

Reporter (Box Hill, Vic. : 1889 - 1925), Friday 12 August 1910, page 4

Football. The Olinda and Ferny Creek football teams met for the third time this season at Olinda on Saturday. There were quite a number of spectators present, including a good sprinkling of ladies, whose presence and applause was an incentive to their respective sides. The day was an ideal one for the game of football, and the ground was in excellent condition.

Both teams were strongly represented, and a very even contest was expected, but from the bounce Olinda took possession and ran over the Ferny Creek boys, al-though they one and all worked hard to save defeat. The game was very one-sided, and Olinda ran out winners by 48 points. Olinda's kicking was very faulty, as will be seen by the scores: All Olinda's men contributed to their victory and all Ferny Creek did their best to save their side, from defeat. The umpire, who is equal to any of the league umpires, had a hard task, but he did his work well and is indeed the "wright" man in the right place. The scores were:--Olinda, 8 goals 19 behinds (67 points); Ferny Creek, 2 goals 7 behinds (19 points).

OLINDA.

Ferny Creek met Olinda at Olinda in the Mountain district competition on Saturday last. The game was the roughest that has been played in this competition, and could hardly be called football. After the first quarter the umpire simply had no control over the game. The scores were even at half time, and at three-quarter time Olinda had a slight lead. In the last quarter Ferny Creek drew up and finished up winners by 9 points, the final scores being:—Ferny Creek, 5.11; Olinda, 4.8.

AUGUST 1911

Football.

In the Mountain District competition the Olinda and Ferny Creek clubs met at Ferny Creek on July 29, when Olinda won by 3.11 to 1.6.

Last Saturday Olinda journeyed to Monbulk through roads up to the axle in most parts. This day was all that could be desired, and the game, according to some of the onlookers, was the best ever played on that ground. Olinda led at half time by three points, but when the last quarter opened Monbulk had an advantage of four points. The final scores were:—Monbulk, 6.11; Olinda, 6.3.

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AUGUST 1911

Football.

MONBULK v. OLINDA.

Monbulk journeyed to Olinda last Saturday for their second match with that club in the mountain district competition. The play was somewhat marred by the high wind, which kept all the play at one end, not a point being scored against the wind. Monbulk led by a few points at half time, but when they changed ends for the last quarter Olinda led by 11 points, and played against the wind, which had increased as the game proceeded. The last quarter was a magnificent struggle. Monbulk put up two minor points, and then with about six minutes to go Reville took the ball from a throw in and kicked a lovely long shot goal. Monbulk quickly added two behinds. Olinda was putting in splendid defence work, and Monbulk managed to snap a behind just on time, which made the match a draw. It was a grand friendly game, and after refreshments Monbulk left for their long walk home well pleased with their day's sport. The final scores were:—Olinda, 4.13 (37 points); Monbulk, 5.7 (37 points).

Mountain District Football

The Mountain District association has practically finished its games. The premiership cannot be altered, no matter what teams win on Saturday. Belgrave are on top and are entitled to the coveted honor. The last match but one on Saturday was played on the Belgrave ground against Ferny Creek, and the afternoon, although delightful from a weather point of view, was a real chapter of accidents. Before play started Bert Milligan, who played last year for Ferny Tree Gully, had the misfortune to break his left leg just above the ankle, and had to be taken to the Alfred hospital. Fortunately he was bandaged up immediately the accident occurred, and very kindly driven to the station in time to catch the 4 o'clock train by Mr. C. Nelson, but the latter was evidently not a favorite of Dame Fortune, the fickle jade, as when he got back from the station his pony took fright and broke the shaft and otherwise damaged his turn out, and his son, V. Nelson, playing for Ferny Creek, had to retire through a bad kick on the ankle. A similar accident happened to E. Cross, of Belgrave. Although the game was neither rough nor furious, a fair number of the players were practically hors de combat. The game itself was mighty slow for the first two or three quarters, and was all in favor of Belgrave, who had a lead at the final quarter of over eight goals; but Ferny Creek, who evidently improve with barracking, got a move on and put on 5.2. In this quarter, although Belgrave kicked two goals odd, Ferny Creek had much the best of the game, and had they made any sort of a show with the ground in their favor in the second quarter the game would have been interesting. We do not think Ferny Creek would have won in any case, as their team was very weak. The final scores were:—Belgrave, 11.7; Ferny Creek, 7.4. For the winners L. Wayman, G. Hayes, P. Atherley, and Ted Kehoe played best, and young Ron Murray made a good goal sneak, snapping the only two goals scored in the last quarter. For Ferny Creek Dick Laube, Gordon Bird, and Geo. Earnsey played best throughout, and L. Mouldy when put in the ruck did good work. Ted Bartlett and Ted Harrett were obviously off color, and much more so C. Hackett, who was far too unwell to do any useful work. These young fellows certainly play for dear life without much training on rough grounds, and they have all had about enough for their first year, as was evidenced by most of them having the Alexandra limp pretty badly.

Monbulk journeyed to Olinda last Saturday to meet the local boys for the last time this season. In the first quarter it looked like a runaway match, for Monbulk kicked 7.8 to Olinda's 1.1. Olinda put on 4.8 in the second quarter, and at three-quarter time the game stood:—Monbulk, 10.20; Olinda, 5.9. The last quarter was very fast, and the game finished up with even scores:—Monbulk, 10.20 (80 points); Olinda, 11.14 (80 points). The last time these two teams met at Olinda a draw was recorded.

September 1911 (above)

Football.

A correspondent writes:—"Ferry Creek United football club met Olinda on the Olinda ground on Saturday. The weather was fine, the ground dry, and the play was fast and willing. Both teams were full-handed. Ferry Creek started off with a bound, and Olinda as usual did not awake till Ferry had a few goals put up. Olinda livening up, took the ball to the forwards, but the forwards failed badly and were unable to get the leather through. As the game proceeded, it could easily be seen that the old antagonism of last year was still alive. Players crowded the ball, and the umpire could not see what was going on. Some of the visitors to the district, lovers of the game, left the ground, disgusted to see players scrambling, scragging, punching, and jumping into one another like a lot of wild cattle. The final scores were:—Ferry Creek, 9.11; Olinda, 4.6. Next Saturday Olinda play Belgrave at Bulgrave."

The Box Hill Ramblers will play the Mary street R.F.C. on Saturday on the Box Hill Ramblers' ground. All players are requested to be on the ground at 2.30 p.m.

"H" Company Senior Cadets' football club will visit Surrey Hills to play a friendly game of football on Saturday. All players are requested to catch the 2 p.m. train from Ringwood, so as to be on the ground and ready to start at 3 sharp.

JUNE 1912

orter (Box Hill, Vic. : 1889 - 1925), Friday 26 July 1912, page 5

FOOTBALL. An exciting game was played at Olinda last Saturday between Olinda and Ferny Creek teams. Owing to the heavy rain, the ground was in a terrible condition, but both teams were confident of winning, and from the bounce a tough struggle was witnessed by nearly 100 spectators. At the close of the first and second quarters Olinda led by a couple of points; at three quarter time the scores were level, and Ferny Creek had the fall of ground in their favour, but Olinda prevented them from scoring, and added four points to their own tally, thus winning by four points. The final scores were: Olinda, 1-10; Ferny Creek, 1-6. Olinda's best players were Davies, J. Williams, Quinlan, Brown, Gibson, (unreadable)

Reporter (Box Hill, Vic. : 1889 - 1925), Friday 21 June 1912, page 7

Football. FERNY CREEK v. MONBULK. Ferny Creek (3.13) beat Monbulk (1.3) The Monbulk football team journeyed to Ferny Creek on Saturday, to try conclusions with the local team. Monbulk started off with a rush, but they were soon checked by Ferny Creek, who after the first quarter had Monbulk in difficulties and kept them so right throughout the match. The umpiring was in the hands of E. Anderson, who gave both teams a fair game, and only awarded four free kicks all day, two to each side. The final scores were Ferny Creek, 3.13 Monbulk 1.3. After the match a tea was given to the visitors and players by the local ladies, and Monbulk went home with their appetites appeased and their hearts cheered. For the ladies hearty cheers were given by the visitors, whose conduct throughout showed that they were sports of the right sort and will be always welcome to a match at Ferny Creek. Belgrave visit Ferny Creek on Saturday when another good game is looked forward too. The scores of the district competition to date are as follows:—Monbulk—played 5, won 4, lost 1; Ferny Creek—played 5, won.3, lost 2; Olinda—played 5, won 2, lost 3; Belgrave—played 5, won 1 lost 4

Monbulk District Football Association.

MONBULK PREMIERS.

Owing to a tie between Monbulk and Ferny Creek United the question of supremacy was decided on Saturday last on the Olinda club's ground. The weather was not favorable to good football. Rain had fallen during most of the morning and early afternoon, but it cleared up by the time the ball was bounced—a little after 3.30. Robinson captained Monbulk, and E. Barratt Ferny Creek. Monbulk won the toss and elected to kick up hill. Soon they had a shot at the Creek's goal through the efforts of N. Camm, who scored a behind, which was quickly followed by another, but G. Bird booted the ball well up the field to Captain Ted Barratt, who passed it on quickly and enabled C. Hackett to raise the two flags for Ferny Creek. Some crowded play followed, but Monbulk worked the ball forward. G. Bird again saved the situation, but Ferny Creek were a little too anxious and handled the men rather much, with the result that several free kicks were given against them. J. Clarkson's attempt seemed a bit dangerous, but it resulted in nothing, though N. Camm's for Monbulk. At this stage W. Breen (ruck) was playing best for Ferny, and although the marking of G. Bird and Ted Barratt stood out the defence of Monbulk was sound, especially in the case of Bert Camm and W. Hamilton. Ferny Creek only notched another behind, although C. Hackett did some specially good work. With the down grade Monbulk quickly had Ferny Creek on the defensive, but R. Laube saved, only to find the citadel again in danger. For so early in the game play was very crowded, and Umpire Wright, who was having a hard time, repeatedly broke up the crowd. Three times in quick succession E. Hackett saved, and the play then became slow. Ted Barratt had a free kick within scoring distance but nothing was scored, and Hamilton notched a behind from a good mark. N. Camm did likewise, and shortly after Monbulk raised the two flags. This quarter was all in favor of Monbulk, who played the better football and notched two more goals in quick succession from the boot of N. Rogers, who was playing a good game. W. Breen in ruck was good right through for Ferny Creek, and P. Simpson was a tower of strength in the same position for Monbulk. The second quarter ended in favor of Monbulk by 10 points. After half time Ferny Creek picked up to some extent, scoring 4.1 to nil, and their citadel was not seriously in danger. The play was a bit scrambled, but also crowded, and gave C. Hackett his second goal from a long mark by T. Barratt right across the ground. J. Grant, who played a good bit better in this quarter, snapped a brace, and G. Bird, who had gone in the ruck, also got a goal. W. Breen was playing the best game on the ground, but had not the luck to get a shot at goal; he fed his rovers well, and thus did much to help the score. At the end of this quarter Ferny stocks rose considerably, closing with a lead of 10 points. The game got fairly fast in the last quarter, but Monbulk pressed Ferny Creek hard, and quickly notched a couple of behinds, followed with a

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The gold medal for the highest goal average falls to C. Hackett (Ferny Creek) with 24 goals in 13 matches. Ferny Creek, while only runners up, hold the highest points average, as did Monbulk, we believe, last year when Bolgravo won. The right of challenge would overcome this difficulty, and it might be worth while for the association to consider it when framing next year's rules.

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TELEPHONE—CANTERBURY 171.

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May 1912

Football.

defeat. Monbulk football club played and presence of a large crowd of spectators. The weather being very hot and the ball slippery made it unpleasant for both sides. Monbulk had in their full team, and held Olinda at a slight disadvantage, Olinda being three men short up till half time. The play was open, clean, and fast, but Monbulk roughed it up at times. The excitement of the spectators was intense, and their noise could be heard three miles away. After half time the umpire had some difficulty in keeping the men off the ball, and by three-quarter time it became so crowded that it was not worth watching. The final scores were:—Monbulk, 6.8; Olinda, 3.8. Umpire Wright umpired a very difficult match satisfactorily.

BOX HILL REPORTER

FOOTBALL.

BAYSWATER v. OLINDA.

The Bayswater football club commenced the season on Saturday, May 3, by playing Olinda on the Bayswater ground. The result was a decided win for Olinda, the total scores being:—Olinda, 5 goals, 12 behinds (42 points); Bayswater, 1 goal, 4 behinds (10 points). The best players for Bayswater were H. Bazeley, J. Poynton, and H. Dinsdale; and for Olinda—Gibson (Curly), W. Brown, and F. Barrett. Mr. W. Jones (Bayswater) umpired.

OLINDA NEWS.

On Saturday night, September 5, an enthusiastic send-off was tendered to Howard Gutmann and Clarence Fenton, who are leaving for the war in Europe with the Australian expeditionary force. The dancing was thoroughly enjoyed, there being an eagerness on every lady's part to be partners to the gunner boys, whose coolness augers well for their immediate future. During an interval Mr. Boulter made a presentation to each man on behalf of the Olinda residents, and stated the feelings of the people quite correctly when he said that all were proud of their representatives, and wished them God speed and a safe return. Mr. O'Farrell, on behalf of the football club, and Mr. Devine, for the ladies' patriotic fund committee, also presented suitable gifts for use en route to the war. Both gentlemen made intensely patriotic speeches, and were applauded, as were also Mr. Millward and Mr. J. Dodd, who said "Au revoir" on behalf of the progress association. As Olinda's oldest inhabitant, Mr. Dodd spoke very feelingly, and hoped they would soon meet again to give them a bumper welcome home. The audience cheered vociferously when Mr. J. Foster, bearing his four war medals, finished up the speeches with some sound soldierly advice. God Save the King closed the proceedings.

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION,

Olinda beat Belgrave, 6-4 to 3-5. Monbulk v Ferny Creek at Ferny Creek, resulted in a win for Monbulk, 1-7 to 0-1. This is the first occasion that Ferny Creek have been defeated on their own ground since a football club was formed there some 7 or 8 years ago. Monbulk now heads the premiership list.

Wandin v, Seville, played on Mr R. Reid's ground on Saturday last. Wandin 5-6, Seville 1-9.

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