

Pastimes.

In spite of the inclemency of the weather and the doubt that remained in the mind of the public in general, that the Victoria Hunt Club were to hold their meeting, a very fair audience witnessed the third of the football matches against H. M. Navy yesterday. The few ladies that were present at the match are to be congratulated on attending in spite of the bitterly cold weather that prevailed during yesterday, and particularly during yesterday afternoon.

The teams lined up as follows:

Victoria—Full back, J. Rithet; three-quarters, H. Gillespie, C. Gamble, H. Gillespie, B. Schwengers; half, A. T. Goward (captain), A. Gillespie; forwards, R. Dunsmuir, W. Moresby, K. Macrae, R. McLean, J. D. Pemberton, Cope, Little, Fraser.

Navy—Full back, R. G. Dinwiddy; three-quarters, J. C. Matters (captain), G. H. Brady, E. K. Arbutnot, H. Rither; half, A. C. Underwood, H. DeP. Renwick; forwards, H. Formby, R. L. Nicholson, R. S. Roy, A. Bromley, R. A. Wilson, — Spring.

The Navy having won the toss elected to play with the wind behind their backs. Cope kicked off for Victoria. Scrimmages immediately followed, the ball being worked down well into the Navy's 25. Some good combination amongst the three-quarters resulted in K. Gillespie securing, who passed to A. T. Goward, who grounded the leather behind the uprights after seven minutes' play. J. H. Gillespie taking the kick but failed to convert.

Arbutnot dropped out from the 25, but the Victoria forwards rushed the ball over their opponents' goal line and compelled them to touch down in self-defence. The Navy again kicked from the 25 line, Rithet returning, but the wind carried the ball into touch, losing ground. After the throw out the ball was worked well down into the home 25, and scrimmages took place perilously close to the Victoria's goal line; however, the home forwards rushed the ball back and from a punt from A. Gillespie, Renwick, for the Navy, made his mark. K. Gillespie relieved well, and the Victoria forwards following up quickly, it looked as if the home team were about to score again, but the Navy full back, Dinwiddy, saved splendidly and the ball was worked back again to the centre line. A series of scrimmages took place, the Victoria forwards working well together, and heeling out. K. Gillespie relieved by a long punt into touch.

The ball was again worked back by the Navy forwards, Underwood's tackling at this period of the game being particularly good. By good packing and heeling out by the home forwards, A. Gillespie secured and passed to his brother, K. Gillespie, who made a good run and passed back to A. Gillespie, who relieved the pressure. Loose scrimmages were the order after this, until Matters obtained possession, with one of his now famous dodgy runs, and looked as if he were sure of crossing the home line, but Rithet, at full back, was equal to the occasion, and tackled him splendidly. More scrimmages followed, and the Navy forwards rushed the ball down, but K. Gillespie saved, and by a good dribble gained a lot of ground, but the Navy full back relieved well. By good combination between the Victoria three-quarters, K. Gillespie carried the ball

well into the Navy's 25. At this juncture K. Gillespie had to retire in order to replace some of his garments.

On resuming play scrum after scrum followed inside the Navy's 25, but their forwards getting well together dribbled the ball well into the home 25, Rithet saving well. The home forwards then retaliated, and sent the leather once more into their opponents' quarters, but Dinwiddy was equal to the occasion and relieved. Victoria once more made a most determined rush and carried the ball over the Navy's goal line, compelling them to touch down.

From the drop out at 25 yards the Navy rushed the ball down, and their three-quarters by some good combination, gained ground, but Rithet by a splendid kick relieved soon after. Goward secured and some very pretty passing between the home three-quarters resulted in the ball being taken perilously close to the Navy goal line. However, the opposing forwards worked the ball into safe quarters and scrimmages following, the home forwards by good dribbling again threatened their opponents' line. This time it seemed certain that the home team would score, but Dinwiddy relieving well saved the situation.

The Navy forwards here made a most determined effort to save, and rushed the ball well into the home 25. Underwood secured, and making a good run, gained some ground. Schwengers at three-quarters, here infringed the off-side rule, and a free kick was awarded Victoria. K. Gillespie made touch close to Navy goal line, and following up well secured and crossed the line. Rithet took the kick at a difficult angle and converted. On re-starting, scrimmages in centre field were the order, K. Gillespie frequently relieving. The home forwards then rushed the ball towards the Navy goal line. Dinwiddy failed to hold the ball, Goward secured and crossed the line. Rithet again converting.

From this point the game was almost entirely a forward one, and once more the Navy touched down in self-defence. Victoria once or twice looked dangerous, but no more points were scored and the game resulted in a win to the home team of 16 points (two goals and one try) to nil.

THE TULIP AND THE LADY.

It was the second night of the Jubilee Hospital ball—or rather it was the morning of that event, it being considerably after the witching hour. The Tulip was deeply engaged thinking on the mutability of things in general and the P. R. in particular, the while discussing a preparation playfully yclept, "soda water with a stick in it." His meditations having arrived at that point indicated in books by the mystic word "Finis," and his soda water, etc., reaching the same stage, he was about to order a replenishment of the latter from Bacchus' high priest, when the door opened rather abruptly, and in walked a sailor and his lass. The sailor was a typical Jack-Tar, but for the fact that his face and hands had not the tan usually associated with our gallant boys in blue. The lady was a beautiful blonde.

"Hullo, Tulip! Have a drink?" cried the A.B.

Well, don't mind, seeing as how"—answered the Tulip.