

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

It is a pity that the Junior teams cannot make sure they are there to start their game on time. It is a pity, too, that the Juniors who are the players of the future do not play the game as if they enjoyed playing. Some players spend most of their time lying down, and this does not make for good football from a spectators point of view. Others make one or two good runs, and become a passenger for the rest of the game. Twice around the block each morning would cure this!

In the Junior Game on Sunday, Skipjacks defeated Rainbows in a very scrappy uninteresting game, by 16 to 12. Spectators thought that Lindsay Friday and George James shone for the Skipjacks while Fred Thomas and Ernest Friday played best for Rainbows.

The Senior game which did not begin till half past four began scratchily, and I don't think it is a good idea to play good players out of their usual position, particularly in the forwards. On the whole, the scrums were not well-packed, and the Skipjacks gave away far too many free kicks. Free kicks favoured Rainbows by 16-7, and Referee Puttaburr was right in penalising the Skipjacks for their breaches. But half-backs too, should read the rule on putting the ball into the scrum. and should not pull the ball from the scrum before it is out of the tunnel where a tight scrum is packed. The scrums favoured Skipjacks by 13-9.

However, after half-time the game livened up, and we saw several good individual runs, and the scores 40 all indicated the closeness of the game, though the Rainbows were unlucky to lose. Herb Fisher cut through the defence for the Rainbows many times only to find no one in support, particularly in the second half. His first try, in which he cut through the defence to run about 30 yards and score was a gem. On the day, the Rainbows seemed to have better condition.

For the Rainbows, Harry Johnson played a good game in the forwards, even though he did kick at the wrong time once. Herb Fisher, W. Seaton, R. James and Dave Twaddle also played well. However, cover defence was weak in both teams.

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