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total catch of about forty fish.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The grand opening for the 1959 Football Season takes place next Saturday at 4pm. when last years winners will try conclusions with Skipjacks. The Superintendent, Mr. R. H. Bartlam will officially commence the season by "Kicking Off".

A word of congratulations Carl Wyles and Max Simpson for their thoughtful football last Saturday afternoon. Noticing a winger out of position, Carl's short kick sent Reg James smartly following up, and over for a fine try. Max Simpson's continued endeavours to open up his sides play brought a reward with a beautiful backing up effort which found Mackie scoring under the posts.

A reminder to footballers, particularly the Juniors, that the times for football are-Juniors 2:30pm. and Seniors 4pm. The Executive has decided if the team or teams of juniors are not ready to take the field, at the latest, by 2:45, the team not ready shall forfeit the match. The seniors are asked to be ready to take the field immediately the Junior game is finished.

The Executive has also decided to keep twenty men in continuous training to have a Rep. team ready for any games which may eventuate.

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Will all players take care of football gear? A definate reminder that the gear is the property of the Welfare, and on no account is it to be taken away after the match.

Weekend football was not inspiring to watch. It is back-line play that pleases,
and is the scoring play. Condition and training
are 'musts' if accidents are to be avoided.

This year it is hoped to train a squad of referees. Volunteers will be coached, and shown the finer points of the use of the whistle.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

By R.J.

While most coloured people on Palm Island do not use much in the way of postage stamps we all know what they are for to pay for the service that delivers the letter or parcel to the name and address written on it. This is assured provided they are stamped properly to the full value that the Post Office demands on the letters and parcels according to weight and destination. Allowances are made for insufficient postage and this applies to all civilised countries whether kingdoms or republics.

Letters and parcels will not be handled by any post offices anywhere unless stamped. The only exception that I know of for civilians sending letters unstamped through the post was during the last war in Papua. Here we could not procure stamps so we had to write on the envelopes where the stamp should be placed - "No stamps available" and these letters were delivered.