

BASKETBALL

Mens

The first game of the first round for the shield commenced on Monday night with Thunderbirds playing Bluebirds.

The match was hard and fast, neither team giving quarter at any stages. Even though Thunderbirds won by a comfortable margin, they gained no points easily.

I do suggest however that Bluebirds could do with more ball **handling** practise as they lost heavily due to fumbling and over throwing. Also both teams suffered due to a certain amount of "Grand-Stand playing", which is not good in a game such as this.

Wednesday night Grey Clouds and Rainbows met for their match, but during play it was declared "No Game", which means that they will meet again at a later date.

Womens

On Monday last, Swift and Waratahs commenced play in the first round for the R.H. Bartlam Shield, and this proved to be a good, clean, hard game. Both teams fought all the way for each goal scored, and Waratahs narrowly defeated their opponents by two goals. The second match of the night, between Shamrocks and Jubilee was a most uninteresting one, mainly because neither team seemed to be able to pick up speed after a very slow beginning. Many points were lost through bad handling of the ball and at times, wild throwing. However, these two teams have great possibilities and

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In last night's match, Jubilees were outclassed by their opponents Swifts, who won by a fairly large margin. Shamrocks put up a good fight against Waratahs which goes to prove that these girls can put their best foot forward when the occasion demands it.

A tip for basketballers. Be good sports. If your team is losing, don't give up. Try harder.

The position at present in the first round of this shield for Basketball (Womens Section) is :-

Waratah	2
Swift	1
Shamrock	1
Jubilee	0

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PREVENT FALLS

One flase step - and you or your family may end up in hospital - perhaps seriously injured. Then too late to regret that highly polished floor - the fallen toys which you meant to pick up, but didn't get around to. Prevent falls. They can be fatal, and they're among the commonest cause of accidents. Yet most falls need never happen.

Look around your home and check on