

A sporting nation

The role of sport in New Zealand

CRICKET CLUB.

A MEETING

Will be held on THURSDAY, December 7th, 1848, at Seven o'clock in the Evening,

AT THE COMMERCIAL INN, DUNEDIN,

For the purpose of framing the necessary Rules and Regulations.

All parties desirous of joining are requested to make an early application.

PLAYING TO COMMENCE ON THE 26TH DECEMBER, 1848.

Dec. 1, 1848.

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CHURCH OF OTAGO.

FRIDAY NEXT, the 23rd instant, being the ANNI-
VERSARY of the safe arrival of the First Party of
Settlers at Otago, and it having been determined on the
part of the members of the Church, to observe that day as
a day of Thanksgiving, Humiliation, and Prayer before
God. Public Worship will be held at eleven o'clock Fore-
noon, and two o'clock Afternoon, the same as on a Lord's
day.

THOMAS BURNS, MINISTER.

Manse of Dunedin,

17th March, 1849.

Otago News, March 21 1849

COMMERCIAL INN.

SPORTS! SPORTS!! SPORTS!!!

TWO MARQUEES belonging to Mr. T. S. WATSON, of the COMMERCIAL INN, will be Erected on the RACE GROUND, on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 23rd and 24th day of MARCH instant, where may be obtained good LONDON STOUT and splendid BURTON ALE on draught, which T. S. W. has especially reserved for the occasion. A COLD COLLATION and REFRESHMENTS in constant readiness, at reasonable charges.

Otago News, March 14 1849

The Committee for the Management of the Anniversary Sports have issued a "bill of fare" for the day which proves creditable to their own exertions and to the generosity of the subscribers. As a first attempt, we look upon it as a very successful one. The day is henceforth stamped in the Otago calendar as one set apart for hilarity, mirth, and cheerfulness, and as such, we have no doubt, will be anxiously looked forward to by the thousands yet to inhabit Dunedin;—a day of unbending from the every-day work of life, to mix socially together, and in the remembrance of the past to gather fresh courage for the future. We are also glad to observe that a Ball will close the festivities of the day, at Mr. WATSON'S large room in the High Street; thus, more especially, affording a few hours' pastime to the gentler sex, who will no doubt profit by this opportunity to recall the "merry days of old," and trip yet once again on the "light fantastic." The inhabitants of Port Chalmer's, determining not to be outdone by those of Dunedin, have decided upon a Regatta and other sports, to be held on the 23rd day of April next. From the well known activity and enterprise of the settlers there, we expect some first-rate sports.

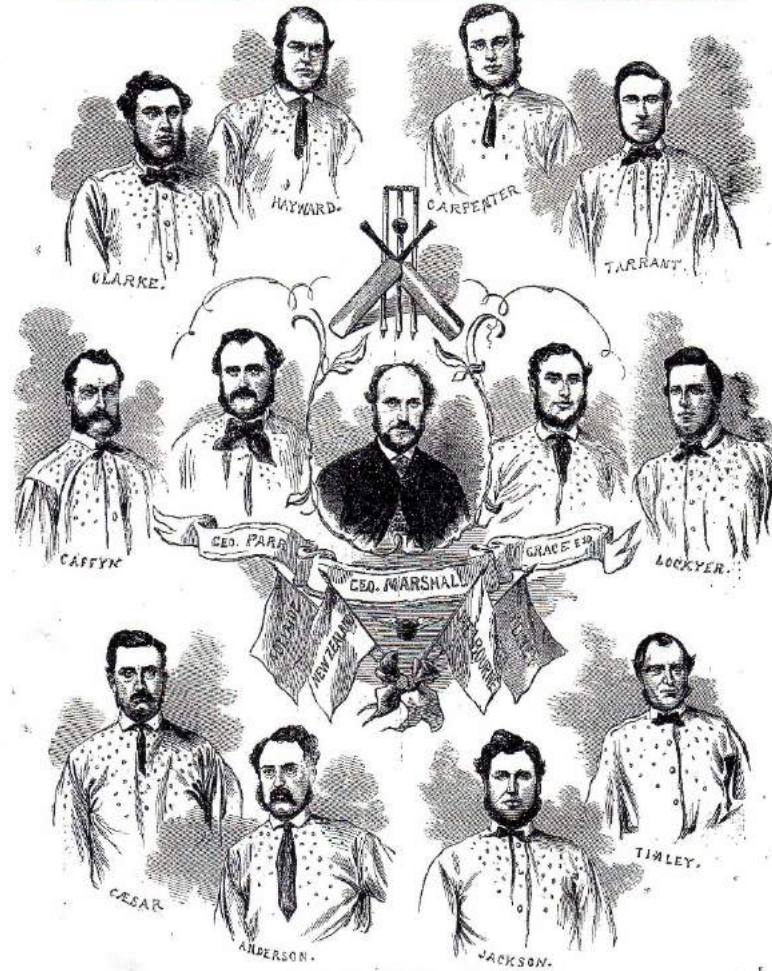
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CLARKE. Top—the position of the...
HAYWARD. Top—the position of the...
CARPENTER. Top—the position of the...
TARRANT. Top—the position of the...
CAFFYN. Middle—the position of the...
CEO. PARR. Middle—the position of the...
CEO. MARSHALL. Middle—the position of the...
GRACE. Middle—the position of the...
LOCKYER. Middle—the position of the...
CESAR. Bottom—the position of the...
ANDERSON. Bottom—the position of the...
JACKSON. Bottom—the position of the...
TIMLEY. Bottom—the position of the...

How the *Otago Witness* welcomed the England cricketers

Tom Wills from Melbourne





The first international cricket match in New Zealand

George O'Brien, Toitū
Otago Settlers' Museum



William Gilbert Rees



“After work”

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CRICKET MATCH
AUSTRALIANS *VERSUS* OTAGO.

Dunedin, January 8th, 1881.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, DUNEDIN.

SIR,—We beg to bring under your notice the fact that the Australian Cricketers play at Dunedin on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd of JANUARY, and as their visit is calculated to do a deal of good to the advancement of the game generally, in addition to being an event of rare occurrence, respectfully ask you to invite the citizens to observe the AFTERNOONS of THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 20th and 21st INST., as HALF-HOLIDAYS in honour of their visit.

We are, yours respectfully,
(Signed)

GEORGE W. ELIOTT	W. C. KIRKCALDY
H. S. FISH, JUN.	J. F. WATSON
ROBERT SEWARD	J. MACKENZIE
A. HILL JACK	H. NORTH
LANGE AND THONEMAN	JOHN HISLOP,

And other 45 signatures.

REPLY.

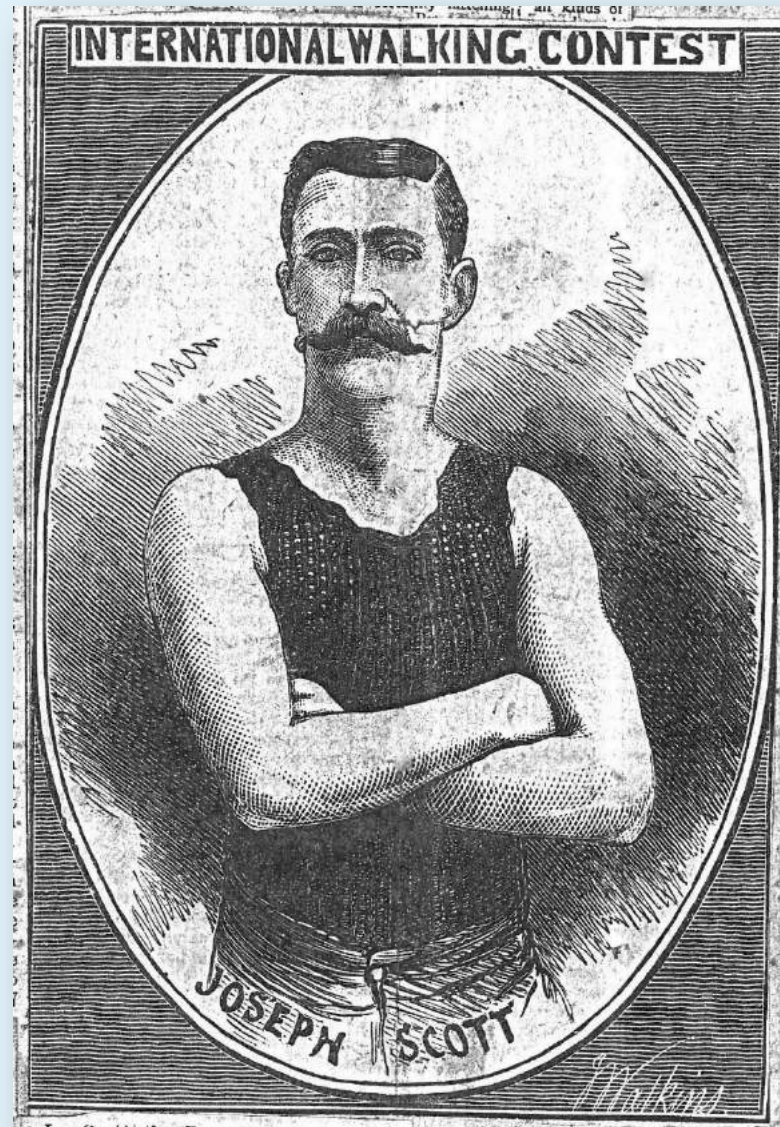
GENTLEMEN.—In response to the foregoing requisition, and in compliance with the request preferred by the Otago Cricketers' Association, I respectfully invite the Citizens to observe the AFTERNOONS of THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 20th and 21st INST., as HALF-HOLIDAYS, in honour of the visit of the Australian Team of Cricketers, who on the occasion of their recent tour in Britain so successfully proved their proficiency in the game.

A. H. ROSS,
Mayor.

17th January, 1881.

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The influence of cricket



FOOTBALL RULES

THE FOLLOWING

Rules

**WERE SANCTIONED BY A LEVEE
OF THE SIXTH,**

On the 28th of August, 1845,

As the

LAWS OF FOOTBALL

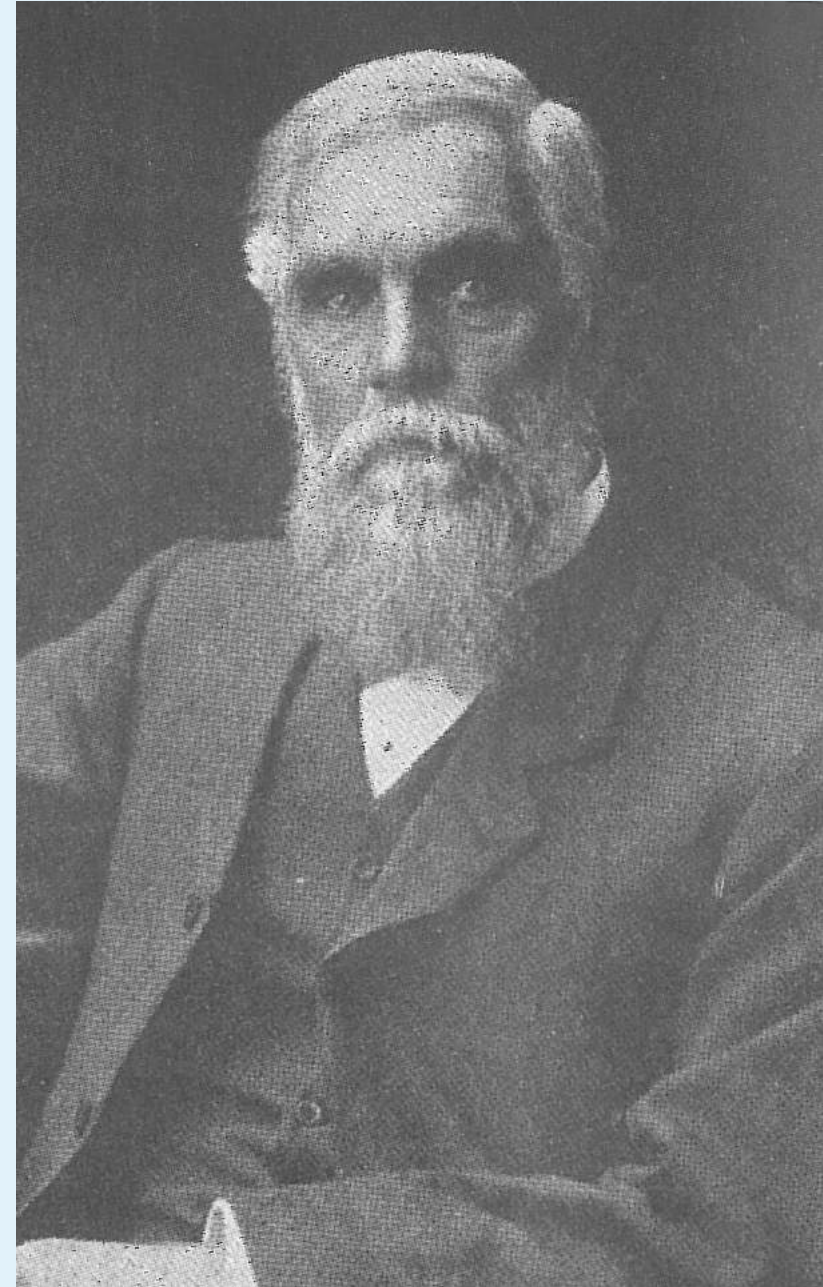
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At Rugby School

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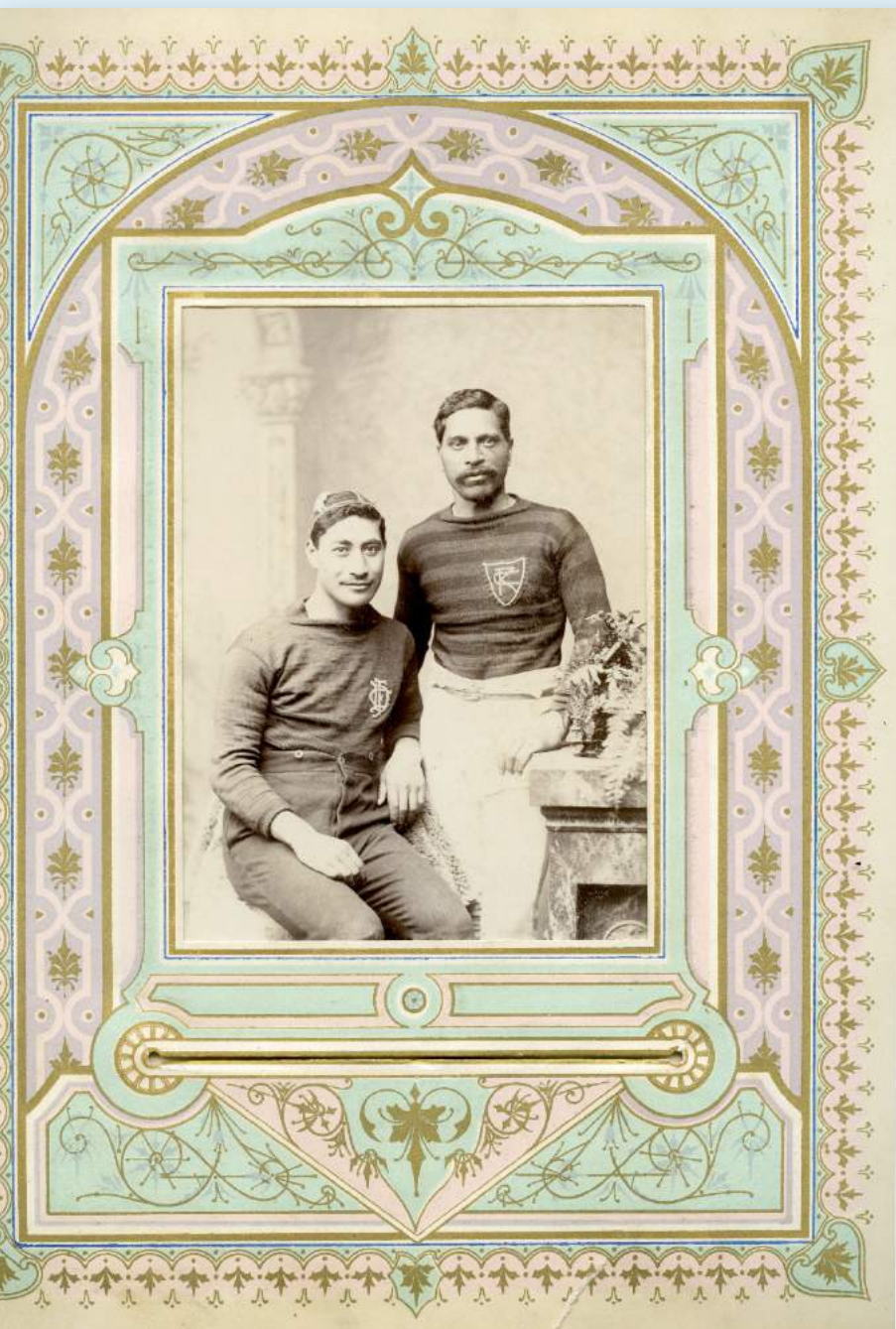
George Sale and
the rules he
helped frame





1884 New Zealand team





Cousins:
the Taiaroa
brothers and
Tom Ellison



Toitū
Otago Settlers' Museum

J. A. WEBSTER.

G. H. WYNYARD.



NEW ZEALAND NATIVE FOOTBALL TEAM, 1888-1889.
(From a Photograph by H. A. Chapman, 235, High Street, Sarcusca.)

P. KEOGH. T. EYTON A. WARBRICK. G. A. WILLIAMS. T. R. ELLISON. W. KARAUARIA. J. R. SCOTT H. J. WYNYARD.
(Treasurer). (Manager).
W. ANDERSON. F. WARBRICK. J. A. WARBRICK (Capt.). E. MCCAUSLAND. H. LEE. D. STEWART.
D. GAGE. W. ELLIOT. W. T. WYNYARD. R. G. TAIAROA.

1888 Natives

119 matches

Otago Settlers' Museum



1890 New
Zealand
athletics team



The 1893 New Zealand team
– the first All Blacks



The 1905-06
team in
London

Jimmy Duncan of Otago
was the first All Black team
captain and two years
later, the first coach



Not just a game for men



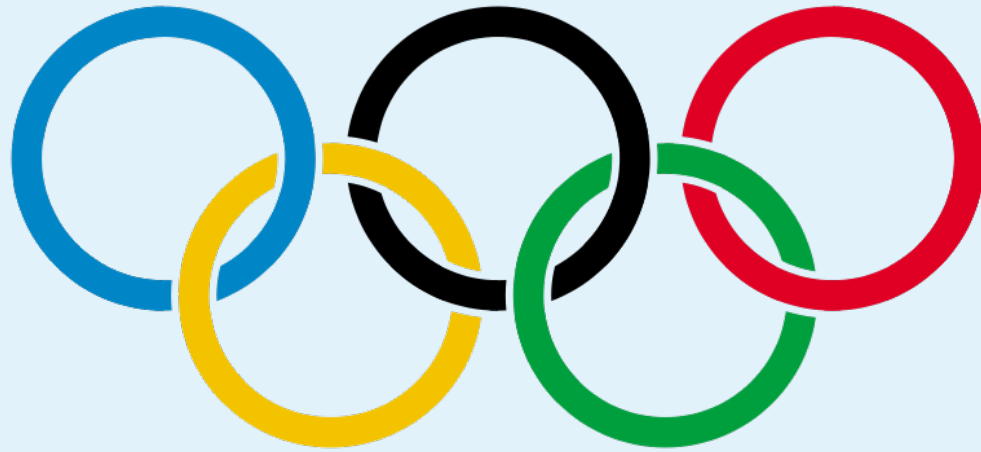
Jean Batten





2005-06
in
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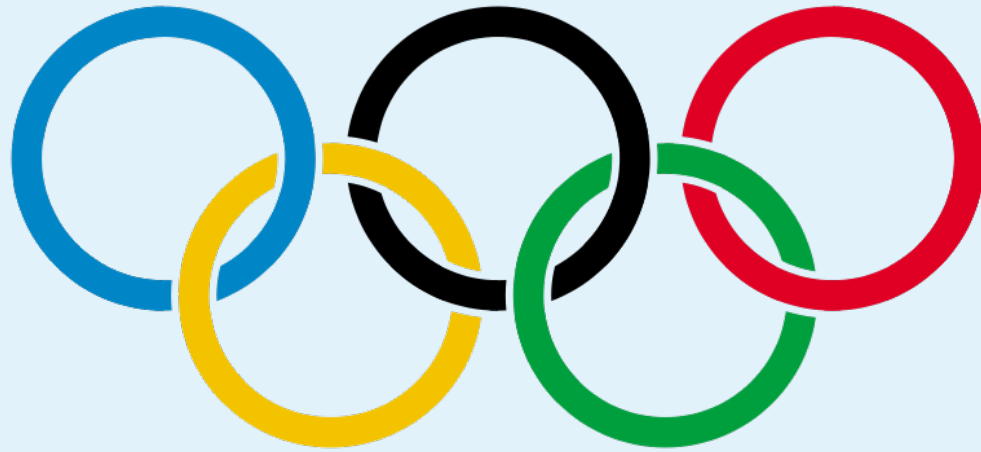


New Zealand has won 43 gold medals at the Olympic Games

Most successful country per capita?

New Zealand won 13 medals at the Olympic Games in London in 2012 and on a population basis, was ranked fourth behind Grenada, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago

At Beijing in 2008, ranked ninth and Athens in 2004, ranked 15th

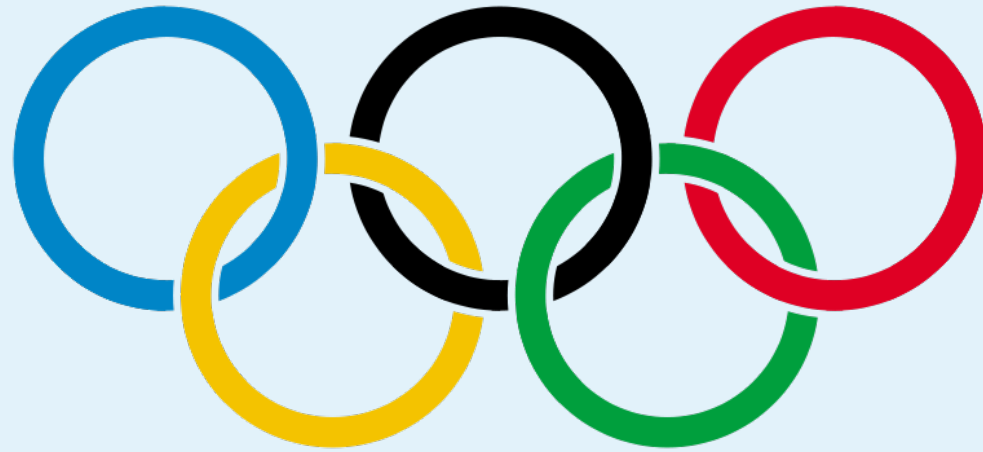


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BUT



Rome 1960 and Tokyo 1964, 4th

Seoul, 1988 5th

Helsinki, 1952 9th

Berlin, 1936 13th

Amsterdam, 1928 20th

Comparative rugby success

Country	Tests	Wins	%
New Zealand	538	413	76.7
South Africa	452	287	63.5
France	722	396	54.8
Argentina	404	219	54.2
England	692	372	53.7
Wales	681	352	51.6
Australia	589	303	51.4
Samoa	214	97	45.3
Ireland	655	283	43.2
Scotland	654	276	42.2

