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Auckland Provincial Primary Schools'
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Catering: I. Grant.

Entertainment: E. Slaney.

Finance: K. Steel.

Playing: A. Delamore.

Judicial: B. Chote.

Publicity and Programme Editor: B. Dynes.

Tournament Rules

1. Boys must be not more than 8 stone, and under 14 years of age on 1st May of this year.

2. Games will be of 25 minute spells for Section games and 30 minute spells for the final.

3. Two points are awarded for a win, and one for a draw. A play-off will be held in either or both sections, if necessary, to find a section winner.

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Mayor's Message

To our young visiting footballers and their officials Thames extends a warm welcome. We are happy to have you with us and hope that this will be a memorable week in your lives.

Primarily you are here to play New Zealand's national game—Rugby football. Thames has produced many fine footballers and so we shall be taking a keen interest in your games. I am sure that you will all prove worthy of your teams, not only in your ability to play football, but also in your conduct off the field.

As well as hoping that you will enjoy your games, I trust that you will see something of our town and district. We are all very proud of our coast, and there is much of interest to be seen in both the town and the country.

Finally, may I say, Good Luck to you all, have a good time here in Thames, and

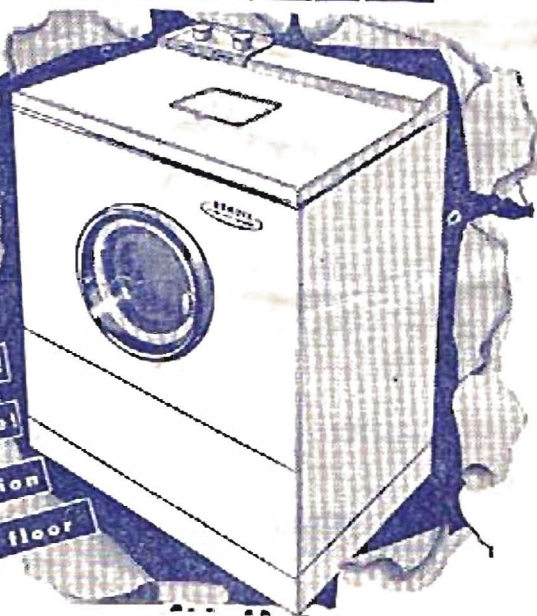
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S. ENSOR, M.B.E., Mayor.

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Thames Rugby Union

On behalf of the Thames Rugby Union, I extend a very hearty welcome to the boys and those connected with this very important tournament. To the boys, especially to those who are to play their first game as a representative, I offer my sincere congratulations. I would remind you that School Football should be one of the happiest periods of your lives.

There are certain lessons to learn: First, Play football and enjoy the game, be fit, and pay strict attention to your coach. Second, Learn the rules thoroughly, and remember that the referee is always right. Third, Your conduct must, at all times, be in conformity with the traditions of the game. Play hard, clean football, and leave all the talking to your captain.

Finally, I sincerely hope that you will have fine weather for Tournament Week. We are all looking forward to seeing bright, open football. The Officials have done everything in their power to make the Tournament a success. Now, boys, it is up to you to do your share!

L. M. HAYWARD, President, T.R.U.

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I would like to extend to the members of the teams taking part in this year's Roller Mills Tournament, and the managers, a warm welcome to Thames and the Valley. I trust that your week with us will be a happy one and that you will make friendships, both on and off the field, that will last for a long time.

To the boys I would say, make the most of this opportunity to get to know the people of Thames and visitors from other centres and then I am sure that no matter what the result of the games, which I feel sure will be played in the finest traditions of Rugby, your week will be an enjoyable one.

I would like to thank personally, and also on your behalf, all those people too numerous to mention who have assisted with the tournament, and especially those who have helped so generously with billeting.

Hoping for a most pleasant Tournament Week,

N. BATEMAN, President, T.V.P.S.R.U.

The Roller Mills Shield

In 1924, the Northern Roller Milling Company, presented the Shield for competition between primary schools teams from any Rugby Union district in the Auckland Province.

Auckland won the first tournament held in Auckland in 1925. Since 1926 Auckland has entered 3 teams, and since 1953 Waikato has had 2 teams.

The present holders, Thames Valley, are the only team to have held the trophy for 3 consecutive years.

Previous winners, with the number of times they have had the Shield are:—

Auckland	1	South Auckland	3
Auckland Central	6	King Country	4
Auckland East	4	Waikato	2
Auckland North	5	Waikato Rangers	2
Thames Valley	6		

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"A" Section

No. 1 Ground — MONDAY — 25th August

COUNTIES v. THAMES VALLEY won 8-3 1.15 p.m.

AUCKLAND WEST v. WAIKATO RANGERS 2.15 p.m.

No. 2 Ground — TUESDAY — 26th August

WAIKATO RANGERS v. COUNTIES won 8-0 1.15 p.m.

AUCKLAND WEST v. THAMES VALLEY 2.15 p.m.

No. 1 Ground — WEDNESDAY — 27th August

AUCKLAND WEST v. COUNTIES won 14-0 1.15 p.m.

WAIKATO RANGERS v. THAMES VALLEY 2.15 p.m.

SECTION POINTS

AUCKLAND WEST

COUNTIES

THAMES VALLEY

WAIKATO RANGERS

2	2	-	4
2	2	2	6
-	-	2	2
-	-	-	-

SECTION WINNER

Counties

"B" Section

No. 2 Ground — MONDAY — 25th August

AUCKLAND EAST v. WAIKATO ROVERS 1.15 p.m.

KING COUNTRY v. AUCKLAND NORTH 2.15 p.m.

No. 1 Ground — TUESDAY — 26th August

AUCKLAND NORTH v. WAIKATO ROVERS 1.15 p.m.

AUCKLAND EAST v. KING COUNTRY 2.15 p.m.

No. 2 Ground — WEDNESDAY — 27th August

AUCKLAND NORTH v. AUCKLAND EAST 1.15 p.m.

WAIKATO ROVERS v. KING COUNTRY 2.15 p.m.

SECTION POINTS

AUCKLAND EAST

AUCKLAND NORTH

KING COUNTRY

WAIKATO ROVERS

1	2	1	4
2	-	1	3
-	-	1	1
1	2	1	4

SECTION WINNER

Waikato Rovers

FINAL

at 2.00 p.m. SATURDAY, 30th AUGUST

CURTAIN-RAISER AT 1.00 P.M. TO BE ARRANGED.

Referees for matches have been arranged by Thames Valley Referees' Association.

Grounds by courtesy Thames Rugby Union.

The Heather Trophies

The Trophies for the most sportsmanlike team in each section are the Johnson Cup and the Carson Cup.

The Carson Cup was presented by the Barbarian (Auckland) Rugby Club to commemorate the late Major "Bill" Carson who, just before World War II, was one of New Zealand's leading sportsmen. He achieved the rare distinction of being a "double All Black," having represented his country in both Rugby and cricket.

The Johnson Cup was presented by Mr Johnson, formerly of the Hauraki Plains.

The Maori All Black's Line Flag was presented by Mr D. B. S. Heather, manager of the 1949 team which toured Australia. It is awarded to the outstanding Maori boy in the Tournament.

The Friendship Cup is awarded to the runner-up team.

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Daily Programme

MONDAY—

9 a.m.: Weighing in, War Memorial Hall.
10 a.m. Mayoral Reception, War Memorial Hall.
1.15 and 2.15 p.m.: Matches, Rhodes Park.
7 p.m.: Teams Get-together, High School Assembly Hall.

TUESDAY—

9 a.m. Assemble at War Memorial Hall for visits.
1.15 and 2.15 p.m.: Matches, Rhodes Park.

WEDNESDAY—

9 a.m.: Assemble at War Memorial Hall for visits.
1.15 and 2.15 p.m.: Matches, Rhodes Park.

THURSDAY—

9 a.m.: Assemble at War Memorial Hall for visits.
Afternoon: Play-offs if necessary.

FRIDAY—

10.30 a.m.: Assemble at War Memorial Hall for coast visit.
Take cut lunch.
6 p.m.: Banquet at War Memorial Hall.

SATURDAY—

Curtain-raiser: Town v. Country, 1 p.m.
FINAL: ROLLER MILLS, 2 p.m.

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Some Social Studies

FACTS ABOUT THAMES

Captain Cook was the first European known to come here. A cairn marks the spot at which he landed at Kopu.

Early trade sprang up in the 1800's in timber (kahikatea and kauri) and flax, and the British Navy was interested in obtaining masts and spars from the banks of the Waihou River.

In 1867 Thames was declared a Goldfield and the Gold Rush was on. At the height of the mining days, Thames was larger than Auckland was at the same time. Over 100 hotels sprang up in the town and boats plied daily between Thames and Auckland.

Many of the old business firms such as Price's and Judd's Foundries date back to those days.

As the mines closed down so the dairying lands came into production. The Piako Swamp was drained to become the rich, fertile Hauraki Plains and today it is the farming of the Plains and Valley and the scenic attractions of the Coromandel Peninsula which are the backbone of the area.

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Thanks

To all who so kindly billeted the boys and thereby made the Tournament possible.

To all teachers and others who worked for, and during, the Tournament.

To those who advertised and to those who gave donations.

To the Thames Union for the use of Rhodes Park.

To the Mayor and Town Clerk for their helpful advice and practical assistance.

To the business firms who invited the teams to visit them.

To the referees who controlled the games.

To Mr. H. Stern for assistance with advertising.

To those who showed an interest in Schoolboy Rugby by attending the games or by purchasing Season Tickets or Souvenir Programmes.

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