

FOOTBALL.

DANDENONG v. FERUTREE GULLY.

On Saturday last the Dandenong footballers proceeded to Ferutree Gully to fulfil their engagement with the local club. A start was made from the township about one o'clock, two conveyances being quartered from Millett's livery stables, and the journey passed most pleasantly, although the roads were found to be in an almost impassable condition in parts. All difficulties were surmounted however, and they arrived at their destination before three o'clock and put up at Mrs. Blair's hotel, that good lady kindly providing them with dressing rooms. Quickly donning their uniforms, the Dandenong lads adjourned to the playing ground, which is situated at the rear of the above hotel, where the Ferutree Gullyites awaited them. Monk won the toss from J. Rouison, and decided to kick towards the railway goal, having the advantage of playing down hill. The Gullyites made little use of it during the first quarter, for the play was very even, neither side being able to claim supremacy. On changing ends Dandenong prevailed, and playing well together, they carried the ball to their opponent's goal, where it was put through by Kelley. On the ball being bounced in the centre the same manœuvre was repeated, Kelley scoring second goal for his side. The local men rallied, and it was only their determined defence that kept the visitors from scoring time and again. The first half closed without any further material scoring. On resuming after the usual interval the Gully men went off with a rush, seemingly determined to make use of the down grade whilst they had it; they fully met their match in the Dandenong backs, who, however, had all their work cut out on several occasions to save the goal. Tharle, Trounson and Russell deserve special mention at this part of the game, for not only were the Gullyites prevented from scoring, but one or two minor points were registered for Dandenong. On changing for the last quarter Dandenong forced the game, and had the local men beaten. The ground was very slippery and it was with difficulty that the players kept their feet. To this must be attributed the fact that one goal only (Kelley) was scored by them, although they had repeated shots near goal. The game was played in a most friendly spirit, and the Dandenong team speak in terms of admiration of the treatment received by them from the Gullyites. Mr. W. Dawson, who some years ago was a prominent player for Dandenong, umpired the match, and it may be plainly said that both sides were equally satisfied with his decisions, a statement which cannot always go unchallenged. The final result was:—Dandenong, 3 goals 4 behinds; Ferutree Gully, 2 behinds. For the Dandenong Tharle, Russell, Trounson, Heath, McCoy, Williams, Aiton, and Evans played well. The most prominent players in the Gully team were:—Monk, Dobson (2), Stringer, Williams, Rankine and Lam.

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Berwick v. Cranbourne, to be played at Cranbourne next Saturday. Former team:—Aurisch, Beckett, Bain, Crouch, Bedford (2), Boyes, Brunt (2), Cummings, Collinson, Graham, Hollan, McDonnel, Miller, Richardson, Stiffe, Sweeney, Warne, Waschope, Wilkinson, Woods Worthington.

The secretary of the Berwick Football Club, Mr. R. K. Bain, desires us to acknowledge with thanks a donation of 10s. from R. Skews Esq.

Dandenong v. South Yarra. — This match will be played on Saturday next on the local ground. The Dandenong team will be chosen from the following:—Aiton, Dalley, Trounson, Evans, Rouison (2), Irwin, A. Potter, Uren, Kelley, Mills, McCoy, Vaux, Heath (2), Williams, Dunn (2), Russell, Handley, Manley Harrison, Swords, Gaskett, Angwin