

99/44

NZ Services v NZ Eleven

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23 March 1944

CRICKET, CRICKET, CRICKET

The Outstanding Sporting Event of Years.

N.Z. SERVICES Versus ' N.Z. ELEVEN

BASIN RESERVE

TOMORROW (FRIDAY) and SATURDAY.

Play commences each day at 10.30.

See New Zealand's leading cricketers, including Cowie, Wallace, Hadlee, Cromb, Uttley, Mooney, McCrae, Ongley, Pearson, and Sutcliffe.

ADMISSION

Friday, Is;

Saturday, Is to Ground; Is extra to Enclosure and Stand.

Net Proceeds to Patriotic Funds.

24 March

STOP PRESS

CRICKET AT THE BASIN.

At 2.25 p.m. the Allied Services cricket representatives were all out for a total of 99 (Crawford 35 not out). New Zealand had no wickets down for 29 runs (Uttley 13, Cromb 14).

25 March

DRAWN GAME

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Heavy rain ended the patriotic fund cricket game at the Basin Reserve on Saturday shortly after the Combined Services team had gained the necessary runs to save them from an innings defeat at the hands of the New Zealand eleven. Throughout the morning the Services batsmen slowly amassed runs against accurate bowling, but with five wickets down for 60 runs their chances of averting the innings defeat did not look good, although McVicar's dogged batting gave the hope that a stand might be made.

It came when O'Brien and afterwards Scott joined him at the wicket, and the 134 runs needed were raised shortly before rain stopped the play. Scott's innings was the most popular of the day from the spectators' point of view. The Canterbury player hit out fiercely from the start, and the crowd was beginning to sit up when he was given out to a catch behind the wicket. There was a moment of hesitation on the field as if there were some doubt, and the crowd applauded vigorously when Hadlee called the ball.

The New Zealand bowling, as on the first day, proved too strong for the Services side who, although they had more success in avoiding McKrae's leg trap, could still not cope with Burtt, who took four good wickets and had most of the batsmen missing badly on occasions. Cowle, who was indisposed on the first day, bowled a consistent length over 13 overs and took two wickets, the others going to McKrae and Butterfield.

Details:—

NEW ZEALAND ELEVEN.	
First Innings	233
NEW ZEALAND SERVICES.	
First Innings	99
Second Innings.	
S. A. McVicar, b Butterfield	50
H. T. Pearson, b McRae	10
J. A. Ongiey, c and b Burt	4
C. A. Kerr, b Burt	1
R. Crawford, b Cowie	7
E. Bezzant, b Cowie	10
M. A. O'Brien, st Mooney, b Burt	15
R. H. Scott, c Mooney, b Burt	36
L. Smith, not out	4
N. R. Hoar, not out	1
Extras (byes 8, leg-byes 1)	9
Total for eight wickets	147
Fall of Wickets.—One for 11, two for 20, three for 28, four for 40, five for 60, six for 94, seven for 120, eight for 146.	
Bowling Analysis.	
	O. M. R. W.
McRae	17 6 30 1
Cowie	13 2 26 2
Burt	18 3 52 4
Butterfield	10 2 19 1
Cromb	4 1 11 0

CRICKETER'S ESCAPE

Shot Fired at Basin Reserve

While two members of the Services cricket team were in their dressing room at the Basin Reserve today, a bullet, apparently of .303 calibre, passed through the window and out through the open door. One of the cricketers had just moved away from the line of flight when the shot was fired. The police are making inquiries.