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**Cricket.****OTAGO.**First Innings ... .. 180  
Second Innings ... .. 50**SOUTHLAND.**First Innings ... .. 179  
Second Innings, Six wickets  
for ... .. 52

Southland won by four wickets.

Very great interest centred around the return match with Otago. Southland had sent up a team to Dunedin on Christmas Day, 1919, and that team had not done well. There had been experienced many difficulties in getting a full side away; seven of the players who represented Southland on that occasion had been passed over by the selectors in their choice of a team for the return match here; the Christmas players had made totals of 55 and 42; many young players thought they should have been given a second game to retrieve the failure of their former efforts, and club and other sympathisers thought so too, and voiced and penned their strong disapproval of the selectors' treatment of promising colts.

The team picked against Otago was regarded as a "has-been" lot, and this judgment was communicated even to the visitors. The result of the match will clear some doubts as to the quality of the play of the harshly criticised oldsters and will give Southland cricket an impetus towards an even more successful season in 1920-1.

Reviewing the match, one is forced to the conclusion that the team did well, but that it could have done better if its fielding, its between wicket work, and its briskness all round were improved. Interest in country cricket will be stimulated by the success of the parent-town team of Southland. Already the Gore enthusiast, Mr G. Hammond, is laying his plans to have Eastern District sides visit Invercargill next season, so that selectors choosing teams to represent the province may have an opportunity of seeing other than town players. Teams chosen under such conditions will represent Southland more than they do at present.

After the match Groundsman Handford was congratulated by several members of the Otago team on the excellent wicket and outfield. They compared it more than favourably with Carisbrook, but thought the Caledonian turf to be much better. The recovery of the wicket after the heavy rain of Tuesday surprised them.

The match is now history, but a few remarks on it may interest.

Otago lost the toss and were sent in to bat on a drying wicket. Gilbertson showed sound judgment in this. Otago's batting read: One wicket for 2 runs, two for 7, three for 14, four for 19. At this stage Galland was playing very carefully, and the wicket was becoming easier. At the luncheon adjournment Otago had made 100. Galland was set, and the wicket was a batsman's. The Otago captain gave a fine exhibition while making his 71. Lomas hit up a vigorous 39, and was the ninth wicket to fall, with the score at 179. Only one more run was added to Otago's total.

The Southland fielding had not been good, returns especially not pleasing. Gilbertson, as wicket-keeper, gave a sound exhibition, catching one, stumping two, and letting only three byes past him. D. McBeath owes to him Galland's wicket from a smart stumping. Kavanagh's fielding was of a high order of merit, and D. McBeath did some fine work when in recess from the bowling end. Three bowlers were tried—D. McBeath, average seven for 66; J. Doig, two for 74; T. Groves, one for 29. On the drying wicket Doig might have been rested sooner by the slow bowler Washer, especially as Galland appeared to be set.

On a batting wicket Southland took strike and began well, but very carefully, one wicket falling for 22, two for 28; but the cricket was painfully slow for spectators. Kavanagh came in, and with D. Hamilton put some life into the running between wickets. The former was the only home bat to look comfortable at the wickets, though D. McBeath was only at time feeling his way. Kavanagh's 33 was well made, and Don Hamilton's 24 was creditable for a player with little practice. McBeath secured 32, one six among the total. Doig played very carefully for his 27, and made some forceful shots. At 6 p.m. Southland had eight wickets down for 156. When play was resumed on Wednesday forenoon, A. Hamilton, the not-out, brought his total up to 17, still not-out, two fours and a six showing to credit. Torrance had taken five wickets for 26, A. W. Alloo three for 63, Conradi two for 21. The Otago captain had kept Alloo on too long, but his general handling of his side was sound. The

Otago handling was crisp and keen compared with that of the home side, while in returns the visitors were far superior. Indeed, their work was a pattern worthy of being copied down here. Southland had come to within one of Otago's total when their last wicket fell.

The second innings was devoid of interest from a batting point of view. No batsman of the visitors could play either Doig or McBeath, who bowled unchanged ten overs each, averaging respectively six wickets for 21 runs and four wickets for 28 runs—wonderful performances. Only c.e. bye got past J. Gilbertson. Several catches were dropped. A fine slip was played as an extra off-fielder, and the experiment was successful in stopping several runs being gained. Otago reached 50 only. The collapse may have been due to the cross east wind making the swerve hard to judge. Otago batsmen themselves attribute their failure to a rot—an unaccountable rot.

Otago were of opinion that they could get Southland out for fewer than 51—the required number of runs to tie—and they proceeded to attack. The home side, with one for 2, two for 14, three for 15, four for 23, looked unlikely to do much; but D. McBeath made 28 (not out), and D. Hamilton treated Otago to some good running between wickets. With six wickets down Southland had made the required 52, thus winning by four wickets. Torrance two for 33, Alloo three for 14, bowled for Otago.



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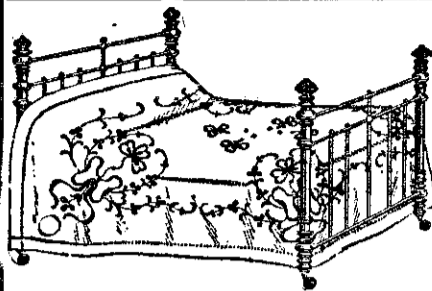
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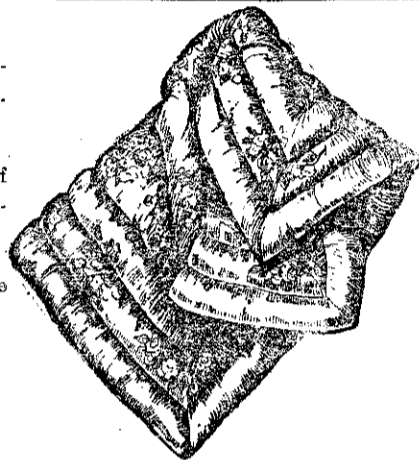
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