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Cricket

Cricket is the great game of England. And it is played in many of the King's Dominions and Colonies—Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India and the West Indies. It is now the favourite game of Papuans; and it is one of the best things you have ever learnt from the white man.

Hearing About the Test Matches by Wireless

Cricket has been much in the news. All who are interested have been thinking of the Test Matches. In these wonderful times those who live in Papua can hear all about the Test Matches while they are being played. The news comes over the wireless, ball by ball. We can nearly see the game with our ears.

The Fifth Test Match

The last of the Tests has been played, and this time England has won. Such a game, full of records!

England went in first and made 902 for 7 wickets, declared. A young

man name Hutton, only 21 years of age, made the biggest score in any Test—360 runs. And he batted 12 hours before he got out.



Dr. Strong who is Retiring after 34 years' Service

Australia could not beat such a score. It is true they had bad luck. Bradman and Fingleton could not bat because they were injured; and McCormick, the fast bowler, could not bowl. They were beaten by an innings and 500 runs.

This means that England and Australia are square on the Test Matches; and Australia, since she won them last time, will bring home the "Ashes."

Test Matches in Papua

Meanwhile we have been having our cricket in Papua. Barton Diritanumo writes from Misima saying that there have been "two Test Matches on the Bwagaoia Cricket Ground." And there have been a number of other important matches.

Europeans v. Natives in Port Moresby

One of the most interesting was between the Europeans of Port Moresby and the natives of Hanuabada. The native team batted all the first



Don Bradman, Captain of the Australian XI

Saturday afternoon and made 288. On the second Saturday the Europeans made 273 for 6 wickets. So that match ended in a draw.

We often get stories of cricket matches from our readers. Usually there is no room to put in all the scores. But this time we do so, because this number of the *Villager* is mostly about cricket.

Competition

WHY IS CRICKET A GOOD GAME? WRITE AN ARTICLE IN ANSWER TO THIS . . . Articles must this time be sent to the Government Printer, and must reach him by 15th December, 1938 . . .

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Motor Buses in Fiji

The Island of Fiji has many good roads, and many motor buses run on them.

A bus is a big motor car with seats for a lot of people. Each man who wants a ride pays his "fare" or money.

In Fiji the native Fijians and the Indians who work on the sugar plantations are always using the buses. They sit by the roadside, with their bags and boxes, waiting for the bus to come along. Then they get in and travel a long distance for a few pennies. There's a good chance for a native to buy a bus and run the people from Port Moresby to Hanuabada between 4 and 5 o'clock. But perhaps it is just as well there is no bus. The walk probably does them good.

Retirement of Dr. Strong

In May of this year Dr. Strong took 12 months' leave, and at the end of it he is retiring from the Papuan Service. He has been with us for a long time—34 years—and his many friends will miss him when he goes.

An Anthropologist

He came to the Territory in 1903, as an Anthropologist (which means that his work was to study the natives of this country and the way they live). He was a member of an expedition which came to do that work; and when the expedition went away he stayed behind and entered the Government as a Magistrate.

A Magistrate

He first worked in the Mekeo District; and there he did many long journeys inland. There is one big mountain there called after him, Mount Strong.

Then he went to the North-Eastern Division and became the Resident Magistrate at Cape Nelson.

But all the time, as well as being an Anthropologist and a Magistrate, Dr. Strong was a Doctor of Medicine. And in 1914 he entered the Medical Service.

Chief Medical Officer

In 1920 he was made the Chief Medical Officer. And a year later he also became the first Government Anthropologist (he gave up this position in 1927).

As Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Strong has done 18 years' work for the people of Papua—European and native. It has been his work to look after all the doings of the Medical Department, for he has been the boss.

The European doctors and assistants and clerks and all the Native medical assistants have worked under him.

Food for Natives

Dr. Strong has therefore done a great deal to keep the people of this country in good health. He wrote about different kinds of food; and he made people understand that food is very important for health. The native labourers on plantations are given better rations now than before; and they keep well, so that both they and their employers are satisfied.

Native Medical Assistants

The Native Medical Assistants are an idea of Dr. Strong's. He arranged for them to go to the School of Tropical Medicine in Sydney; and before they went he himself gave them some training at Port Moresby. The Native Medical Assistants have done a great deal of useful work.

A Gardener

Dr. Strong is a great gardener in his spare time and in this way he is doing some important work for the Territory. He has made many "experiments"—that is to say he has tried many new plants in different ways, watching how they grow.

In his garden at the Fifteen-Mile he has plantations of Okari trees, fish-poison plants, and date palms. All of these may be very important for Papua.

His European and native friends will miss Dr. Strong as Chief Medical Officer. But they will all wish him a long life; and they will be glad if he stays in this country to carry on his work.

Lions at Play

We read in *The Children's Newspaper* about some hunters in Africa who have been making lions gambol.

This sounds like a very good trick. But the lions don't gamble with cards and money—the sort of gambling you get put in goal for. In fact they don't gamble at all; they gambol.

This only means that they play and jump like cats. For lions are really great big cats (big enough to eat you) and they love playing just as much as little cats do.

The hunters travelled in a lorry. They dragged a piece of meat along the ground by a rope and the lions came running after the lorry. When the lump of meat went bobbing along the road, they thought it a great joke. They began to play with it, as a cat plays with a mouse.

The hunters on the lorry did not want to shoot the lions. They were only taking moving pictures of them.

An Australian Aboriginal in Trouble

A Fall from a Horse

An aboriginal in the Northern Territory of Australia had a bad accident not long ago. His name was Tiger, and he was a buffalo-hunter.

As he was riding along on his horse, it put its foot into a hole and fell. Tiger was thrown off and the horse fell on top of him. He could not move his legs, and it was thought that his back was broken.

A Long Journey to Hospital

Then his friends came to his help. They carried him to the nearest white



Hammond, Captain of the English Team

man on a stretcher. Then the white man drove him on a lorry to a place called Pine Creek. They had to go across country, for there were no roads; and sometimes his native friends had to get off the lorry and cut a way through the bush.

At Pine Creek a white nurse looked after him while the Flying Doctor was sent for.

The Flying Doctor

When the Flying Doctor came they put Tiger into the plane and he was taken to Port Darwin. The plane arrived there after dark, and the Aerodrome had to be lit up with flares so that it could land.

Tiger stuck to it very well, and said he had a comfortable ride. We all hope he gets better.

It doesn't matter whether it's a white man or a black man—when he is in trouble people will turn out to help him.

A Long Row

A crew of Torres Straits Islanders had a long row some time ago. A lugger called the *Toza* was wrecked, and the captain (a Japanese) and his crew had to take to the ship's three dinghies. They had no water and very little food but they rowed 150 miles to the coast and all reached there in safety.

A Friendly Shark

The *Pacific Islands Monthly* gives a story of a friendly shark of Malaita in the Solomon Islands.

The man who tells the story says that the natives beat the water at a certain place, and the shark answers the signal. He comes up to the top and is so tame that people pat him; they bathe with him; and the children even get on his back. He weighs 250 lb. A very good-tempered shark.

A Governor's Advice to his People

Listen gives the speech which Mr. Mitchell, the Governor of Tanganyika, made to the natives when he left them some time ago.

He was speaking to Africans, who have in many ways learnt more than Papuans; but we can quote something from what he said.

To the Chiefs

First he spoke to the Chiefs. He said that if they were too proud, if they despised their people, if they did not give them justice, if they used their power only to get things for themselves—then they would be "swept away as the grass is swept away by bush fire."

To the People

Then he spoke to the people. He told them first of all to remember their land and take care of it; to treat it properly and with good sense. Then it would always give them food, in the future as in the past.

Work

He told them that they could have good health and many children if they took the trouble. Good health came from good food, good houses, and good customs.

By good work they could have good food and good houses. If they earned money they should spend it wisely.

Spending Money Wisely

The man who receives 50s. for his cotton and ground nuts and spends them all on coloured clothes that are finished in a few months is a fool, for he might begin to build a house of bricks with doors and windows, or he might keep a part of his money in a Savings Bank against the day when he needs medicine or food, or do many other useful things.

Cleanliness

As for good customs he spoke specially of cleanliness—clean houses, clean bodies, and clean villages. He said, "The man who walks about in fine clothes and sleeps in a dirty hut is a fool, who is pretending to be what he is not."

The Future of Gardening

Then he spoke of Agriculture, or making things grow on the land. The Africans have gone further on in this than the Papuans. But someday we hope, you will go as far as they. These were his words:—

Those of you who have begun to cultivate larger farms with ploughs and oxen, following

the advice of the agricultural officers, have seen how you can live well and profitably. You must always remember that you can live better, however; you are only beginning now, and if you continue in your effort you will be able to live better and better as the years pass, until only the very old men will remember the little dirty huts of earth and grass, the little fields scratched with a hoe, the few and bad wells, the long journeys carrying cotton and ground nuts on the head instead of in carts with wheels, the thin cattle. All these bad things can become old people's stories to frighten the children.

Native Contributions

The Dugong

I dare say that most of you dear readers know about the dugong, and more or less have entered for the above competition.

It is good to know that the dugong is not a fish; it is an animal. It lives in the sea, but is sometimes found on the reef where food is available. It does not live entirely under water, but comes up to the surface to breathe the air.

It is noted for its tough and thick skin as well as for its blunt face. The natives here have a good reason for its name *Itsun'aiporo*, which means "pig's nose," for its nose is rather like that of a pig. It nips off weeds that grow at the bottom of the sea with its hard lips, and chews them with its teeth. It is known to have only twenty teeth.

These animals grow to a fair size. Its body is large and long. Besides others, one caught at Delena roughly but easily measured 10 ft. Its colour resembles the sea, and if I'm not mistaken too it has hairs. These are very short and are much separated, so can only be noticed at a close look.

Instead of arms a dugong is fitted with two flippers. With the tail and by the help of these it swims along. The tail, like the body, is very solid and serves as a weapon.

The Male

Like a boar, the male dugong has two tusks to defend itself. They are attached to the upper jaw. Both sexes possess these, but they cannot be seen on the female for they do not grow big.

The Female

The female breeds her young only one at a time. She has two breasts, one under each flipper. The young one is fed with milk from its mother's breasts. She has a very agreeable way of feeding her young. When the young one wishes to suck, she lies on one side so as to let the little one feed at ease.

Like all mothers she has a great love for her young. It is said that, if her young one gets caught, she does not swim away, but will keep close to see if her young one will return to her. It is a wise and easier way to catch the mother while she is in this to and fro motion.

Catching them

There are different ways of catching the dugong. In the west they harpoon the beast from platforms built for that purpose. These platforms are built over the reef itself or over the prow of a canoe.

Down this way people catch them with great big nets. A number of men go out in canoes a little over the reef. They go out at night, not necessarily moonlight nights, but where the sea is rather calm. They imitate its cry which more or less attracts the beast. They surround the animal with their big nets, and then close up. They swim towards the prisoner, quickly but carefully seizing it with ropes. It is then towed about a prisoner, while they wait the arrival of the next.

Rules and Charms

For many Papuan doings there are charms as well as observations. For the dugong catching it is the same. In other districts like the West I believe they have different dugong catching rules. Here they have to abstain from meat and certain vegetables. It seems the head man of each party has to play a fair amount. These rules must be observed otherwise the dugong will not come within their hands.

Customs and Final

The following is a true and vivid custom which is done here each time on the arrival of the fishermen. The poor fishermen after the night's toil and fatigue know and expect the coming event. Not all the people that are home, but only women and girls, may be actors to this funny custom. They wait the arrival of the canoes on the beach. Then when assured that the night's outing was a successful one, they make a mad rush to the

canoes, whether it's for joy I cannot say. They grab hold of anything in the canoes, if it's a net bag, a lime-pot, spears or blankets, and simply throw them into the sea. Not only those articles but also the men too, and if possible hold their heads under the water as if to drown them. What a welcome!

[By Geo. Scott, Catholic Mission, Yule Island. This article wins the 5s. prize.]

CRICKET

Samarai Natives v. Port Moresby Natives

Played at Samarai Cricket Ground 1st and 2nd April, 1938.

To the Editor, Port Moresby.

Dear Sir.

Will you be good enough to insert attached cricket scores of our last match with the Port Moresby Natives in *The Papuan Villager*.

SAMARAI (1ST INNINGS).

John Solomon, c. Ruma, b. Rea Mea	...	22
Papua Simoi, c. Ruma, b. Rea Mea	...	18
Jack Agonia, c. Eno, b. Rea Mea	...	13
John Guise, l.b.w., b. Rea Mea	...	4
Roy Namuri, c. Tom, b. Eno	...	30
Dennis Robert, c. Eno, b. Paulo	...	55
Iru Rau, h.o.w., b. Paulo	...	8
Heari, c. Ruma, b. Paulo	...	11
Isikini, b. Paulo	...	0
Mazeppa Bacca, not out	...	4
Banaba Ou, c. Mea, b. Rea Mea	...	8
Sundries	...	12
Total	...	185

BOWLING: Paulo, 4 for 37; Eno, 1 for 44; Rea Mea, 5 for 41; Dadi, 0 for 10; Tom Moses, 0 for 8; Heni Puka, 0 for 13; Willie G., 0 for 9; Ruma, 0 for 8.

PORT MORESBY (1ST INNINGS).

Dadi Gaudi, b. Dennis	...	16
Eno Gamu, c. Mazeppa, b. Iru	...	7
Vetali Abe, c. Roy, b. Dennis	...	14
Ruma Vai, l.b.w., b. Dennis	...	2
Willie Gavera, c. Papua, b. Dennis	...	5
Rea Mea, b. Mazeppa	...	27
Tom Moses, c. Jack A., b. Mazeppa	...	11
Heni Puka, c. Iru Rau, b. Mazeppa	...	3
Mea Hila, b. Jack A.	...	0
Lawrence Taunao, not out	...	6
Paulo Toua, c. Isikini, b. Jack A.	...	0
Sundries	...	5
Total	...	96

BOWLING: Jack Agonia, 2 for 14; Iru Rau, 1 for 9; John Guise, 0 for 21; Roy Namuri, 0 for 5; Dennis Robert, 4 for 14; Isikini, 0 for 8; Mazeppa Bacca, 3 for 20.

PORT MORESBY (2ND INNINGS.)

Dadi Gaudi, c. Roy, b. Jack A.	...	1
Willie Gavera, c. Isikini, b. Papua S.	...	10
Ruma Vai, c. John G., b. Papua S.	...	0
Mea Hila, c. Dennis, b. John Guise	...	5
Rea Mea, c. Roy, b. Dennis R.	...	16
Heni Puka, c. Heari, b. John Guise	...	0
Tom Moses, stp. Roy, b. Mazeppa	...	14
Vetali Abe, c. Dennis, b. John Guise	...	3
Eno Gamu, b. Dennis	...	0
Lawrence Taunao, b. John Guise	...	2
Paulo Toua, not out	...	2
Sundries	...	7
Total	...	60

BOWLING: Papua Simoi, 2 for 23; Jack Agonia, 1 for 11; Dennis Robert, 2 for 1; John Guise 4 for 15; Mazeppa Bacca, 1 for 3.

Samarai won by an innings and 29 runs.

Yours faithfully,

MAZEPPA BACCA.

Cricket Match

P.O.D. Europeans v. P.O.D. Natives

Dear readers of *The Papuan Villager*.

Hope you won't resent my article about cricket match which we played in Daru on L.M.S. Cricket Ground between whites of Papua Oil Development Company, Limited, and natives employed by the Company, on 7th May.

Commencing about 2.15 p.m. Mr. Faithorn, Assistant Resident Magistrate, led the white team. Mr. Osborne and two of his friends from the Island Exploration Company joined in the game; as also Mr. C. Champion, A.R.M., Daru, and the Rev. Mr. Schlencker of L.M.S., Daru, who were pleased to have a game with us.

It was a very fine day--no rain; not like the previous day when it rained all day. All the white men residing in Daru and natives of Kiwai were in attendance to watch the cricket. The cricket place was surrounded by natives.

We were captained by L. Tarata Hitolo. When the toss was thrown up in the air the whites won and decided to bat.

The scores shown as hereunder:—

P.O.D. EUROPEANS (1ST INNINGS).

Hanna, run out	...	19
Dr. Jenkins, l.b.w., b. Adam Mahiti	...	4
Miller, b. Rupert Amos	...	1
Osborne, b. Rupert Amos	...	0

Foley, b. Rupert Amos	...	...	0
Champion, b. Kerai	...	...	13
Madders, b. Morea Arua	...	...	7
Huon, b. Kerai	...	...	0
Rev. Schlencker, b. Kerai	...	...	0
Scanlan, b. Morea Arua	...	...	0
Faithorn, not out...	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	8
Total	...	...	52

BOWLING: Au Morea, 0 for 10; L. Tarata Hitolo, 0 for 5; Rupert, 8 for 13; Adam Mahiti, 0 for 6; Kerai, 8 for 6; Morea Arua, 2 for 4.

P.O.D. NATIVES (1ST INNINGS).

Morea Arua, stp. Hanna, b. Faithorn	...	...	2
Au Morea, c. Madders, b. Champion	...	...	6
Adam Mahiti, stp. Hanna, b. Faithorn	...	...	0
L. Tarata Hitolo, c. Dr. Jenkins, b. Faithorn	...	...	0
Sam Lohia, c. Dr. Jenkins, b. Faithorn	...	...	4
Virobo Tamasi, c. Dr. Jenkins, b. Osborne	...	...	30
Arere Nohokau, c. Osborne, b. Huon	...	...	1
Kerai, c. and b. Osborne	...	...	38
Rupert Amos, c. Osborne, b. Huon	...	...	0
Tau Eki, not out	...	...	0
Nicholas Farr, l.b.w., b. Hanna	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	4
Total	...	...	80

BOWLING: Dr. Jenkins, 0 for 3; Foley, 0 for 6; Faithorn, 4 for 17; Champion, 1 for 12; Osborne, 2 for 15; Miller, 0 for 23; Huon, 2 for 0; Hanna, 1 for 0.

P.O.D. NATIVES (2ND INNINGS).

Morea Arua, c. Schlencker, b. Champion	...	...	0
Arere Nohokau, b. Foley	...	...	1
Sam Lohia, c. Champion, b. Huon	...	...	7
Tau Eki, c. Dr. Jenkins, b. Champion	...	...	11
Kera, not out	...	...	10
Vani Sarahu, not out	...	...	3
Sundries	...	...	3
Four wicket for	...	...	35

P.O.D. EUROPEANS (2ND INNINGS).

Hanna, c. Adam, b. Tau	...	...	2
Dr. Jenkins, b. Tau	...	...	9
Miller, c. Nicholas, b. Tau	...	...	0
Champion, l.b.w., b. Tau	...	...	0
Osborne, b. Tau	...	...	0
Faithorn, c. and b. Kerai	...	...	5
Madders, c. Rupert, b. Tau	...	...	1
Foley, b. Tau	...	...	5
Huon, b. Morea	...	...	0
Rev. Schlencker, c. Sam, b. Morea	...	...	1
Scanlan, not out	...	...	4
Sundries	...	...	3
Total	...	...	30

BOWLING: Tau, 7 for 18; Kerai, 1 for 5; Nicholas, 0 for 3; Morea, 1 for 6; Arere, 0 for 5.

Well Readers of *Papuan Villager* convey my greetings to all the cricketers. Hope the cricket is success for the coming year.

[By Arere Nohokau, Daru, Papua, c/o. P.O.D. Co., Ltd.]

Test Match at Misima

The weather during the past week has remained dry, but this week a change appears to be about to take place with South-Easterly, North-Easterly and South-Westerly winds; and heavy clouds are massing. It is to be hoped that this time the long-hoped-for lot of rain does materialize, as crops are ready. The above-mentioned winds bring down colds and flu.

Bwagaioia Team v. Suau Team

The first Match, Bwagaioia Team v. Suau Team was played on the Bwagaioia Cricket Ground on 14th May. Bwagaioia Team won by 96 runs.

BWAGAIOIA TEAM (1ST INNINGS).

Raymond Ogeram, not out...	...	...	7
Kenneth Kaiw (Capt.), b. Tanaibu	...	...	18
Noi, c. Tuteri, b. Iauneki	...	...	9
Armitage Abuga, b. Marahiri	...	...	22
Basil Peroko, c. and b. Misilaw	...	...	0
Maragili, b. Misilaw	...	...	15
Keai, b. Midiegu	...	...	34
Peko, c. Buidada, b. Midiegu	...	...	25
Bareji, not out	...	...	1
Tom Morley, b. Buidada	...	...	0
Sundries (byes, 11; leg-bye, 1; no-ball, 1)	...	...	13
Eight wickets for	...	...	144
Innings declared closed	...	...	...

SUAU TEAM (1ST INNINGS).

Misilaw (Capt.), b. Keai	...	...	3
Buidada, b. Keai	...	...	20
Puritara, c. Kenneth Kaiw, b. Keai	...	...	5
Gidori, b. Keai	...	...	0
Hileila, not out	...	...	2
Jack, b. T. Morley	...	...	3
Iauneki, b. T. Morley	...	...	0
Gamaidou, b. Keai	...	...	5
Tuteri, b. T. Morley	...	...	0
Meseko, b. Keai	...	...	0
Manahiri, b. T. Morley	4
Sundries (byes, 5; leg-bye, 1)	6
Total	48

[By M. D. Barton, native clerk, S.E.D.]

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