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Junior clubs pay tribute

BLACKS 17 pts.
WHITES 14 pts.

Old Parkonians' ground in Holm Lane was the venue for a fine entertaining rugby union game on Sunday as the 10 junior clubs in Wirral paid their own tribute to the Cheshire Centenary season.

The determination and effort could not be faulted and the fact the Blacks triumphed with a score in the very last minute was of little significance.

The clear message here was that junior rugby in the Wirral is in very good shape with plenty of talent to choose from for a rare occasion like this.

The Blacks side was drawn from Old Anselmians, Hoylake, Old Wirralians, Older-

shaw, and Old Rockferrians. The Whites comprised representatives from Caldy, Wallacey, Old Instonians, Old Parkonians and Port Sunlight.

A cocktail party and luncheon preceded the rugby with the county officials including the selectors and other invited guests amongst the gathering. Proceeds from the day were being donated towards the furtherance of youth rugby in Cheshire.

In a see-saw game No. 8 forward Green (Anselmians) was the star in the Blacks side. Scrum-half Welch (Instonians) was prominent for Whites and McKewen (Wallasey) showed his paces in the threequarter line.

Ferguson (Anselmians) gave Blacks an early lead with a

penalty but Whites replied with a well engineered try scored by Welton (Parkonians).

Blacks regained the lead with Francis (Oldershaw) touching down but then McEwen raced over for a try for Whites and before the interval Peers (Caldy) added a penalty to give Whites an 11-7 lead.

Ferguson made it 11-11 with a Blacks try but then Peers was on the mark with a second Whites penalty.

In the very last minute Scott (Oldershaw) eluded several tackles for a vital Blacks try and Ferguson goaled for good measure.

The spectators who braved the bitter wind were well rewarded.

—Andrew Stratton