

DISCOVERIES

Crown Studios (Wellington, NZ) 1935 All Blacks Photocards

Here are 3 samples from a full set of 30 plain backed photocards (postcard size) produced by Crown Studios, Wellington. Included is a type of another batch of cards of the same team but are different in that they have a blind stamp (impression mark) at the bottom RH corner plus hand-stamped on the back "Crown Studios" (illustrated far right). They are sepia coloured and have a textured appearance on the front. Unlike the full set of cards of the 1924-25 All Blacks reported by Peter Lowe (see page 14 of Sep/Oct 2005 Cardlines), Crown have added the player's name and Crown Copyright on the front. With two different sets now seen so far there is good reason to add "Crown Studios" (an issue of Rugby cards) to a Trading/Trade Card category in future reference books &/or NZ produced catalogues. *Reported by Wayne King.*



(Different type: C. J. Oliver, Vice Captain)

More "Silver Fern" brand items by Roger Jeffs

I was interested in the Silver Fern article by Bruce Isted & Ian Tombs that featured in the Mar-Apr 2006 Cardlines, page 18. I am a keen collector of cigarette/tobacco tins/packets and amongst my collection are several items with the "Silver Fern" brand (see photos below). On my trip down South earlier in the year, I acquired the large round tin with the yellow sky which is very rare. The tobacco jar on the left has the correct label and pictorial lid; the one on the right has an incorrect label. I have seen the jar with plain red or green lids. It is interesting to note that the jars were actually sold in a cardboard box. I also have hanging on the wall in my tobacco room a shop sign price list (possibly issued about 1935) of various NZ tobacco brands including "Silver Fern"; which is priced at 1/9.

