

QUEEN'S ONCE MORE DOMINION FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Westerners Offer Poor Opposition to the Tricolor; Canadian Final Materializes Into Colossal Farce

Regina Not a Good Intermediate Team—Outplayed and Made Ridiculous by Great Tricolor Machine—Score of 54-0 Typical of the Play—Queen's Players on a Scoring Rampage With Touches As Thick As Players.

(By Whig Staff Reporter.)
Toronto, Dec. 1.—The laurels of Dominion champions rest once more upon the mud-bespattered brows of Queen's University's unbeaten football squad. To-day, in a game that was only saved from being burlesque by the precision of the Queen's play and their beautiful work in every department, Regina, much-heralded western champions, formed the other name on a score-board that registered 54-0 for the eastern champions.

It was a farce—and a terrible one. Toronto fans, many of them hoping to see the mighty Tricolor humbled, turned out about 5,000 strong, and remained only to laugh at the ludicrous attempts of Regina to make headway against one of the greatest teams of Canadian football history. Even when the first half ended with Queen's leading by twenty points, they continued to hope that the westerners would show some of that legendary greatness which has been waited east by enthusiastic press agents, but in the latter half, with substitutes of Queen's all in use, thirty-four more points piled up. From flying wing to snap-back, from touch-line to touchline, from starting whistle to the final blast, the crowd from the prairies were outplayed.

Victory Genuine.
And it was no case of train-wrecking, nor lack of condition, nor any of those mythical alibis advanced last season in support of Eskimos. Regina were just about 3,000 miles out of their class, which is the distance from "Pilo-o-bones" down here.

McEachern, heralded as a hooping marvel, and modestly admitted to be of the best of all time by the coach, looked like some gamey old man, and he was a weak link in an eastern high school team. Dr. Hamilton's quite broken in. He is a pleasure to use. Dr. Hamilton's quite broken in. He is a pleasure to use. Dr. Hamilton's quite broken in. He is a pleasure to use.

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smash to atoms the aspirations of the Kingston team to a second consecutive Dominion championship—that the pride of the east would be humbled in Toronto, that city whose football teams have been humbled so many times lately.

But it was only a dream—and it turned out to be a nightmare. Little fellows like Batstone, Leadley, Quinn and Baldwin gained through it without trouble and the heavier boys, the two McKelveys, Reynolds, Brown, Muirhead, Airth and Adams, smashed through for ten, fifteen and twenty yard gains time and again.

On the offensive the western line was a joke. Not once was an appreciable gain made and only the extension plays made any impression—and that but little.

Those two-hundred-plus terrors seemed puny against the lighter Queen's men and if that slippery surface was Regina's favorite field, then we hesitate to think of the possible score had the ground been dry and fast.

Tough on Regina.

The game had a pathetic side to it and one which all the Queen's players felt keenly. Under ordinary conditions the Tricolor squad would never have piled up so high a score nor made the route so complete. But they were goaded into it by the remarks and criticisms of two or three newspapers in the city in which the game was played. Had they won by a close score their just dues would never have been given them—and they knew it and played accordingly.

Afterwards—when that fine young bunch of boys from the west gathered with them at Hart House, taking their beating like gentlemen and game sports, but terribly humiliated nevertheless—some of the Queen's boys regretted that large score. But it was the only way and it had to be done. The westerners might just as well have been beaten by one hundred as by one and it has served the purpose of silencing Queen's critics.

Cadets' Good Showing.

The cadets of the Royal Military College have certainly made a creditable showing this season, and if they play the same class of game, it is quite likely that Kingston will have the honor of having both the Dominion senior and intermediate rugby championships this season. Major Greenwood, staff adjutant of the College, Captain Vokes and Lieut. Panel, who have been responsible for the training of the team, have certainly turned out an outfit which is a credit to any college. The strict discipline has been enforced, and the cadets never question any decisions of the officials. On many occasions decisions have been against them, but they just went back into the fight and said nothing, which is certainly true sportsmanship, and says a lot for those in charge, and especially for the players themselves.

From a financial standpoint, the team has not been as great a success as Queen's seniors, but the staff of the college, and the cadets themselves are determined that they will go through and win the Dominion finals if possible, whether they face a deficit or not. While Queen's have Boo-Hoo as mascot, the R.M.C. team has two white dogs which are tied together and parade up and down in front of the grandstand. The mascots are the property of Major Greenwood.

Smith, the great kicking half-back of the R.M.C. was not going to be outdone by Leadley, who made the first marked kick in years, in the game against Hamilton Tigers a week ago, the R.M.C. boy played the same stunt on Saturday afternoon.

Nearly Scored Another Try.

Had the whistle been delayed one minute at half time cadets would surely have had another touch. They had the play right on the Montreal line, and would have got across, but the whistle blew just as the ball was ready to be snapped.

It is a question who the stars were on the R.M.C. team, as all the players demonstrated a very unselfish spirit. It is not a question of who gets the points. The ball is passed to the man who is in the best position to get the points. B. G. Carr-Harris, left-half, contributed one of the best exhibitions of his career. Although light, he is as slippery as an eel, and time after time he evaded the Montreal tacklers.

through the Regina left side for a 25-yard gain. Batstone went through the centre for 10 yards more and dropped the ball while squirming through the line, but another Queen's player recovered the ball. From 15-yards out Campbell, the Queen's captain, rounded the end, and after shaking off a couple of weak tacklers went over for another easy touchdown between the posts. Leadley again converted, making the score: Queen's 12, Regina 0.

That Pair.

Practically nothing need be said of the work of Leadley and Batstone. They were expected to be marvellous and they were. Batstone favored with runs varying from sixty yards to ten yards and Leadley ran, caught, returned and dodged in his sprightly and wholly amazing style. It was Batstone's first long run, and later his try, that started that long parade of scoring, and Leadley's wonderful toe over-kicked McEachern by twenty yards on every kick.

Johnny McKelvey and his brother, "Gib," figured prominently. "Red" was his old self again, smashing and plunging with a reckless abandon that has not been his since early in the season. His was a fitting windup and his younger brother played the whole game through with ability that speaks well for his future.

Thomas and Walker had a few little sidelines of their own in Saturday's game. Both figured in ball-carrying, Walker intercepting a pass and dashing 45 yards for a try and Thomas carrying the ball to within a few feet of the line, whence it was carried over.

Is This Enough?

Surely, after such a game as this, in which a high-class team was needlessly dragged into December, and a game bunch of boys from the west humiliated, the Canadian Rugby Union will think twice before allowing a western team to come east once more until it can prove conclusively that it has something in the nature of a team with which to challenge.

Third Period.

Regina had the kick-off, but Queen's carried the ball into the westerners' territory almost immediately. By mixing in line plunges and under runs, they carried the ball for own 40-yard line to Reynolds' kick in eight downs. Reynolds kicked to the dead line score: Queen's 21, Regina 0.

make an impression on the crowd, and McEachern's ball to Leadley, who was before being blocked into touch. The westerners' line was kicked to the ground, and the Queen's players responded by holding Queen's for downs at centre. Otton and Rogers tried an end run, without success. A line-plunge also failed. McEachern then booted to Quinn, who was downed 30-yards out. Queen's plunged for their yards, and then Quinn went around the end for 15 yards on a bluff pass. He hurt his leg and had to retire. Queen's had possession at Regina's 40-yard line when time was called. Final score: Queen's 54, Regina 0.

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McEachern's punt was short and a Queen's man secured 25 yards out. On the first down Leadley booted over the heads of the Regina back field players before they could get back. Rowand finally booted the ball to the dead line after trying to draw the Queen's wings into an off-side and Queen's counted another point. Score: Queen's 14, Regina 0.

Regina aroused a feeble cheer by bucking for their yards in two downs. Then the game developed into a burlesque. Peebles, Regina back field man, punted to Leadley, who made the Regina wings look foolish by dodging through a bunch of them and punting over the rest of the players. Peebles tried to kick the loose ball but made a mess of it and after fumbling and booting it around Campbell of Queen's picked the ball up for another easy touchdown, which Leadley converted. Score: Queen's 20, Regina 0.

Leadley returned the kick off beyond centre. Milne went around the back for a 15-yard gain, and McEachern finally punted to Batstone, who was downed 10 yards out. Leadley bluffed several passes and made a 15-yard gain with hardly an effort. Queen's failed to gain at line plunges, and Leadley punted to Rowand, who was downed in his tracks by Walker at Regina's 40-yard line. McEachern booted to Leadley, who took the kick and ran it back 20 yards, only to be crashed down hard. Queen's got the first 15-yard penalty for off-side interference. On the first down, Leadley's kick was blocked and Bates secured possession for Regina 45 yards out. It was a grand chance for Regina to score, and the crowd all pulled for them to make good; instead, they failed miserably. Being unable to gain on line plunges, they lined up for a drop kick, but McEachern spoiled the chance by kicking into his own scrimmage and Queen's got the ball.

Leadley and McEachern exchanged kicks for a Queen's gain. On another exchange, McEachern muffed and Queen's got possession at centre. On the first down Leadley went around the Regina left end for a 20-yard gain just as the whistle blew for halftime. Score: Queen's 20, Regina 0.

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Leadley returned the kickoff and forced Regina back into their own territory immediately. McEachern punted to Quinn, who was tackled at centre. Leadley punted into touch at Regina's 30-yard line. Quinn ran McEachern's back to Regina's 50-yard line. Regina forced Queen's to kick and Leadley booted to Rowand, who was playing a very useful game.

McEachern punted to Leadley on the bounce at centre. With three minutes to play, the crowd called on Regina again to score a point. They responded by holding Queen's for downs at centre. Otton and Rogers tried an end run, without success. A line-plunge also failed. McEachern then booted to Quinn, who was downed 30-yards out. Queen's plunged for their yards, and then Quinn went around the end for 15 yards on a bluff pass. He hurt his leg and had to retire. Queen's had possession at Regina's 40-yard line when time was called. Final score: Queen's 54, Regina 0.

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Reynolds carrying the ball for their yards on successive plays. Queen's tried to pull a hidden ball trick on a play close to scrimmage, but the referee blew his whistle and called the play. Batstone on the next down kicked to Rowand at Regina's 20-yard line.

Regina's slowness in putting their plays into operation cost them some ground and they were forced to kick. Quinn, who replaced Bond, took the kick and ran it back 10 yards. Then Quinn's showed the westerners the "split back" and Batstone went through the hole in centre by himself and carried the ball to Regina's 5-yard line before being nailed by the heels. On the very next down Batstone went over the line for another touchdown, which he converted himself. Score: Queen's 32, Regina 0.

Batstone returned the kickoff to Rowand at centre. On the first down Regina tried an extension run. They made a couple of passes, but on the second the ball fell right into the arms of Walker, the Queen's outside wing, who ran 50 yards for a touchdown, which Batstone converted. Score: Queen's 38, Regina 0.

Fourth Quarter.

Leadley returned to the game, replacing Batstone, who took a rest on the bench after a most brilliant performance. Baldwin replaced Evans and took the kick-off, running the ball back 10 yards. Queen's carried the ball to Regina's 35-yard line on two plays, a line plunge by McKelvey and an end run by Leadley. Thomas took a pass from McEachern and gained 30 yards. Crapper and McKelvey were ruled off for punching each other.

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FROM THE OUTSIDE--LOOKING IN.

Congratulations to Queen's on staying at the top and to R.M.C. on moving one more step up the ladder.

Those two Dominion Championships are looking better all the time. One has arrived—in glory.

The touch record in Saturday's game went something like this—Campbell 2, Evans 2, Batstone 2, Quinn 1, Reynolds 1, Walker 1. If a few minutes had been allowed Queen's to re-arrange signals, nearly every player might have had one.

Wasn't it a rather sarcastic stunt on the part of Queen's to show Toronto football fans what the Third Army team did to Argonauts?

Perhaps the yearly trips of the western champions will now be postponed for a few seasons. We sure hope so. It was almost criminal to make a good team drag out another week of training for that exhibition.

Might we suggest to the Toronto Telegram that it clip all sport pages from its files from October 1st, 1923, to December 1st, 1923.

Campbell, Quinn, Evans, McNeill and Reynolds tacked a glorious finish to their rugby careers at Queen's. They have established reputations that will go down in football history.

Queen's 54, Regina 0
R.M.C. 11, Grand Trunks 6.
(R.M.C. wins Dominion Semi-final.)
Sarnia 6, Dundas 0.
(Sarnia to meet R.M.C.)
Hamilton Collegiate 11, Sarnia 6.

Evans	Snap.	Sandstrom	the games in the conference district, contributing almost \$2,000,000 to school funds. It is said this was the greatest of all years in the history of the Big Ten. Five home games at the Ohio stadium drew a total attendance of 148,000, bringing the receipts to \$176,000. Illinois, located in the corn belt and far removed from any large city, ranks fourth, with 117,000 for five home games. Wisconsin shows a total of 66,500 for five home games; Purdue claims a total of 14,000 and Indiana 24,000. Minnesota, Iowa and North-western, each with five home games, account for approximate totals of 100,000 each.
Lewis	Insides, Quarter.	Creighton	
Muirhead	Middles.	Bates	
Adams	Middles.	Kerr	
Reynolds	Outsides.	Rennobolm	
J. McKelvey	Outsides.	Crapper	
Thomas		Leigh	
Walker		Brown	
Queen's subs.—McNeill, McLeod, Bond, Quinn, Baldwin, Airth. Regina subs.—Foster, Wood, Otton, Gilhooly, Smith, Peebles. Referee—Joe. O'Brien, Montreal; umpire, Reg. de Gruchy, Toronto; head linesman, Percy Roberts, Montreal.			

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