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HARD BATTLES FOR ALL TEAMS

McGill, Varsity and Queen's Are Three Powerful Squads.

The Toronto Globe sizes up the Intercollegiate race this season as follows:

This year's race in the Intercollegiate Union promise to be the most thrilling since 1914. The three competing teams—Queen's, University of Toronto, and McGill—are undoubtedly strong. The strength of the two eastern aggregations was recognized prior to Saturday's battle at Kingston, but the fans were unaware that the Blue and White were formidable. Even some of the U. of T. players were rather skeptical about their chances. Small wonder, then, that all the critics should go hand in hand in making the most outstanding blunder of many seasons.

It is, however, too early to get a line on the respective merits of the combatants. Last year the Tri-color machine slipped a lot. They showed this when they were on the verge of defeat in the Dominion championship game here against Balm Beach. Good and all as the O.R.F.U. title-holders were in their own class they had no license to be hobnobbing with one of the great teams in the history of football in this country.

But while the Easterners faltered in 1924 there was every reason to believe that they would regain form and be more powerful than ever this season. The fans were told that Queen's were practicing three times daily. But practicing and keeping in perfect condition are two vastly

different things. Evidently Billy Hughes, famous Queen's trainer, is badly missed. He was a stickler for condition and condition is nearly half the battle.

Top Them All.

Queen's have no excuse to offer regarding lack of material. The second string backfield players, for instance, Voss, Chantler and Britton, would form a rear-guard second to none in senior ranks. Britton played for a few minutes against University of Toronto, but he would have been a star in the O.R.F.U. or Big Four, and would have been a sixty-minute man. Without the shadow of a doubt Queen's have the best material in the country.

Close followers of football think that a mistake in judgment was made when Bud Thomas was sent to flying wing. Thomas is a brilliant outside wing, and he was missed in that position last Saturday. The U. of T. backfield men had plenty of time to get straightened away for long dashes before Walker and Wright, the regular outsides, arrived.

Bert Airth, a fine wing man, has been lost to the Tri-color and Queen's plan to use Norris in that position. Yet Mundell, whose playing at middle wing just about won the play-off game for Queen's against University of Toronto at Montreal in 1922, is available for that position. Mundell is far more valuable as a middle wing than he ever will be as a quarterback.

New Tactics Needed.

Queen's plays haven't been changed radically in the last three seasons. The fake plunge and end run as used by the Tricolor so often has resulted in a defense being built up to break up these extensions. Balm Beach showed that this could be done when they were the first team to stop the Leadley-Chantler-Batstone-McKelvey end runs. University of Toronto did the same last Saturday. A radical change in the attacking system will likely follow.

Football tactics alter with the times, but plays that were used years ago and have been forgotten would be effective to-day. Coaches Barr and Maynard introduced some of these last Saturday. The Tricolor, caught napping, were made to look foolish. It is the unexpected in football that gets results.

The game next Saturday at Montreal, with Queen's and McGill the competitors, will likely attract a record crowd. McGill fans and players believe that this is their year. The Red and White wing line, always powerful, should outplay the Tricolor front line, but if Harry Batstone and "Pep" Leadley return to form the McGill rear-guard, even if vastly improved over those of the last few years, will be outplayed. Batstone and Leadley are not likely to repeat Saturday's performance very often.

Up With Leaders.

The opinion of the self-appointed critics may not be worth much. It wasn't on Saturday at any rate, but nevertheless they are issuing a warn-

ing to look out for McGill. Frank Shaughnessy is confident and the big McGill mentor is anything but an optimist. He has his own ideas about the requirements of a winning football machine, and he thinks that the present McGill squad qualifies. If the Red and White go down next Saturday there will be many shattered hearts at Old McGill.

Joe Cameron, former St. Andrew's College player, is a regular on the McGill backfield. S.A.C. thus takes the lead in producing senior backfield men. Hamby, Paul and Miller being with Argonauts and Ault with Ottawa. Bruce King, who plays middle wing for the University of Toronto seniors, is also a former St. Andrew's player.

University of Toronto's great showing at Kingston has featured the season to date. The gallant local collegians deserved a better fate. They fought a good battle and lost through the toughest break. But that defeat will not prevent them from standing toe to toe with finish. Every team in the college union looks good enough to win at home. A victory on a foreign field would settle the race.

INTERNATIONAL RACE IS TO BE RUN THIS YEAR.

Gloucester, Mass., Oct. 14.—Prospects for an international fishermen's race series this year grew brighter, when the United States Race Committee, meeting here, voted to accept the suggestion from the cup trustees in Halifax that the racing schooners of the two countries be matched in November.

The committee expressed disapproval of the Canadian suggestion that elimination and cup races be run off jointly, but accepted Halifax as the scene of the proposed contest, and in the matter of date, urged only that the first race of the series be staged not later than Nov. 7th.

At the end of the meeting the following telegram was sent to H. R. Silver of Halifax, Chairman of the Cup Trustees: "Replying to your telegram of Oct. 5th, the dates mentioned are satisfactory, but we would prefer that the first race be sailed not later than Nov. 7th. As we can assure but one American entry, your suggestion of sailing in a joint free-for-all and international race combined is not acceptable to the American committee, they preferring the usual procedure."

The schooner Columbia, which raced against the Lunenburg Blue-noise at Halifax two years ago, will be the Gloucester entry this year. The 1923 series ended when Capt. Angus Walters of the Blue-noise refused to accept the committee's ruling that a race be sailed over again, and left for home.

TO CHANGE HANDS.

Pittsburgh Club May Be Sold In Thirty Days.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 14.—Within the next thirty days there is a strong possibility of the Pittsburgh Baseball Club passing into the hands of a syndicate of sportsmen, headed by State Senator John P. Harris, one of the leading theatre magnates in this city; Joseph C. Tress of the Benedum-Trees Oil Company, and Fred Clarke, assistant to the president and assistant manager of the Pirates.

While no details of the negotiations under way to purchase the Pirates have been made public, it was learned here from a reliable source that the final word on consummation of the sale will be given by President Barney Dreyfus following the completion of the world's series.

When Fred Clarke returned to the Pirate fold less than a year ago it was the intention of eventually securing, if possible, control of the club. Clarke has already been approached on the question of accepting the management of two other clubs in the major leagues, but has remained with the Pirates, expecting to eventually become one of the owners.

VARSAITY AT LONDON.

London, Ont., Oct. 14.—Toronto Varsity senior intercollegiate rugby team will meet the London Intermediate O.R.F.U. squad in an exhibition game here on Saturday afternoon. Warren Snyder and all the stars of the senior college team will appear against the Londoners in one of the feature rugby attractions of the season.

Members of the London rugby club predict a record crowd for the Toronto Varsity and London tilt on Saturday afternoon. It is the first time in years a senior intercollegiate team has played in London, and the local organization is deserving of support in its effort to give the local fans a glimpse at a senior team in action.

To Remain Intact.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Oct. 14.—The Soo heard with considerable satisfaction that its application for membership in the A.A.H.A. would be accepted, and the new schedule in which it will play will give the game a big boost here. Lessard and Woodruff deny that they will play with a New York team, and the old Greyhound line-up is still intact.

About 1,000,000 tickets for free medical treatment have been issued by the Tokyo, Japan, municipality in the last six months. The bird population of the United States is estimated at \$75,000,000,000, 40 times the number of human beings.

FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

Judging by reports, the Queen's team is not the mighty machine which carried the Kingston students to three Canadian championships. Batstone and Leadley were not as effective on Saturday as they have been in past years, and had it not been for a "boner" on the part of Trimble, Varsity half-back, who stood and looked at the ball behind his goal-line and allowed "Pep" Leadley to gallop up and fall on it for a try, which was converted, the champions would have been defeated. The Toronto team was leading 5 to 0 at the end of the third quarter, and had Trimble fallen on the ball, Varsity would have won. A Hamiltonian who saw the game does not look for Queen's to win the Intercollegiate honors this year, let alone the Dominion championship.—Hamilton Herald.

Saturday's happenings on major football gridirons in Canada give promise of the most interesting race in years. Queen's, regarded as the super-team of Canadian football, and expected to make a runaway race of the Intercollegiate Union, and perhaps become national champions for 1925, got a most unexpected setback at the hands—and feet—of University of Toronto. The Tricolor appeared, on paper, at least, to be stronger this season than ever before, yet they were "dead lucky" to win from Toronto. The Blue and White beat Queen's at all styles of going until Dame Fortune burst right out into a loud guffaw, it was no smile, and the champions scraped up a victory out of almost certain defeat. At Montreal the Tigers, after their defeat of Argonauts, were expected to gather M.A.A.A. into their arms and "East 'em alive, r-a-a-a-aw!" The Winged Wheelers showed nothing whatever in their preliminary work to warrant the expectation that they would even make the score close, but they nailed the Tiger hide to the fence in a game which resulted 11 to 7. All in all, it looks like a season of highly interesting possibilities.—Toronto Globe.

After their layoff of Monday, when no practice was held, Queen's were out and at it on Tuesday afternoon and were put through their paces. There were mighty few railbirds on hand to distract the players and they went through a hard grind. Plays were changed over and timing formed a feature of the practice. "Bud" Thomas worked at outside wing yesterday with "Bubs" Britton at flying wing. Brown and Norris took Airth's place in turns at middle wing.

The Queen's rugby team was banqueted at the Capitol Cafe on Tuesday evening by Mr. George Wheelock, manager of the Capitol Cafe, and the boys were served a meal that they will not soon forget. Everything from soup to nuts was served and the players enjoyed every course put before them. At the close of the splendid meal, Jim Campbell, manager of the team, called on Capt. Harry Batstone to say a few words and the genial captain expressed the pleasure of the team at being present and congratulated Mr. Wheelock on the splendid dinner served and voiced the thanks of the players for the pleasant time enjoyed. Athletic Director Hughes also spoke a few words, pointing out the great trouble and expense that the management had gone to, and he also voiced the appreciation of those present for the kind invitation. Athletic Director Hughes called for a toast to Mr. Wheelock and his staff and three cheers and a hearty Queen's yell were given for Mr. Wheelock, the gathering being brought to a close by singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" for Mr. Wheelock. The manager of the Capitol Cafe replied suitably, stating that if the guests had been pleased, he was satisfied.

"Red" McKelvey was the only absentee from the practice on Tuesday afternoon and Athletic Director Hughes had every other man in his place. The boys went hard at their work and the drill was a mighty stiff one from start to finish.

Queen's are expecting stiff opposition from McGill on Saturday, but if they can defeat the Red and White on Saturday they will have an advantage and the players will do their best stuff in Saturday's game. It is expected to be one of the best games of the series and a large number will go to Montreal for the game on here.

MOORE'S HOMER WON THE GAME

Kremer the Pitching Hero in Tuesday's Game at Pittsburgh.

Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Oct. 14.—The Pittsburgh Pirates evened up the world's series by defeating the Washington Senators Tuesday afternoon, 3 to 2. Both teams have won three games and the deciding contest was played here today.

Ray Kremer, after a weak start, pitched a great game, allowing six hits.

Alec Ferguson, who started for Washington, was taken out of the box in the eighth when the Senators' board of strategy, known as "Bucky" Harris, tried pinch-hitters in an effort to win. Bucky took himself out to let Bob Veach hit for him, but Kremer checked the attempted rally. "Win" Ballou went in in the eighth and checked the Pirates. With the score tied 2 to 2 Eddie Moore, the Pittsburgh second sacker, slapped a homer into the left field stands in the fifth and won the game.

Goose Breaks Record. Goose Goslin drove a homer into the right field pavilion in the first. The Goose now hold the world's record for home runs, with six, three this year and three last.

Kremer pitched a tight game. He was in danger only twice and then the Washington rallies were stopped by spectacular fielding of Glenn Wright and Pie Traynor.

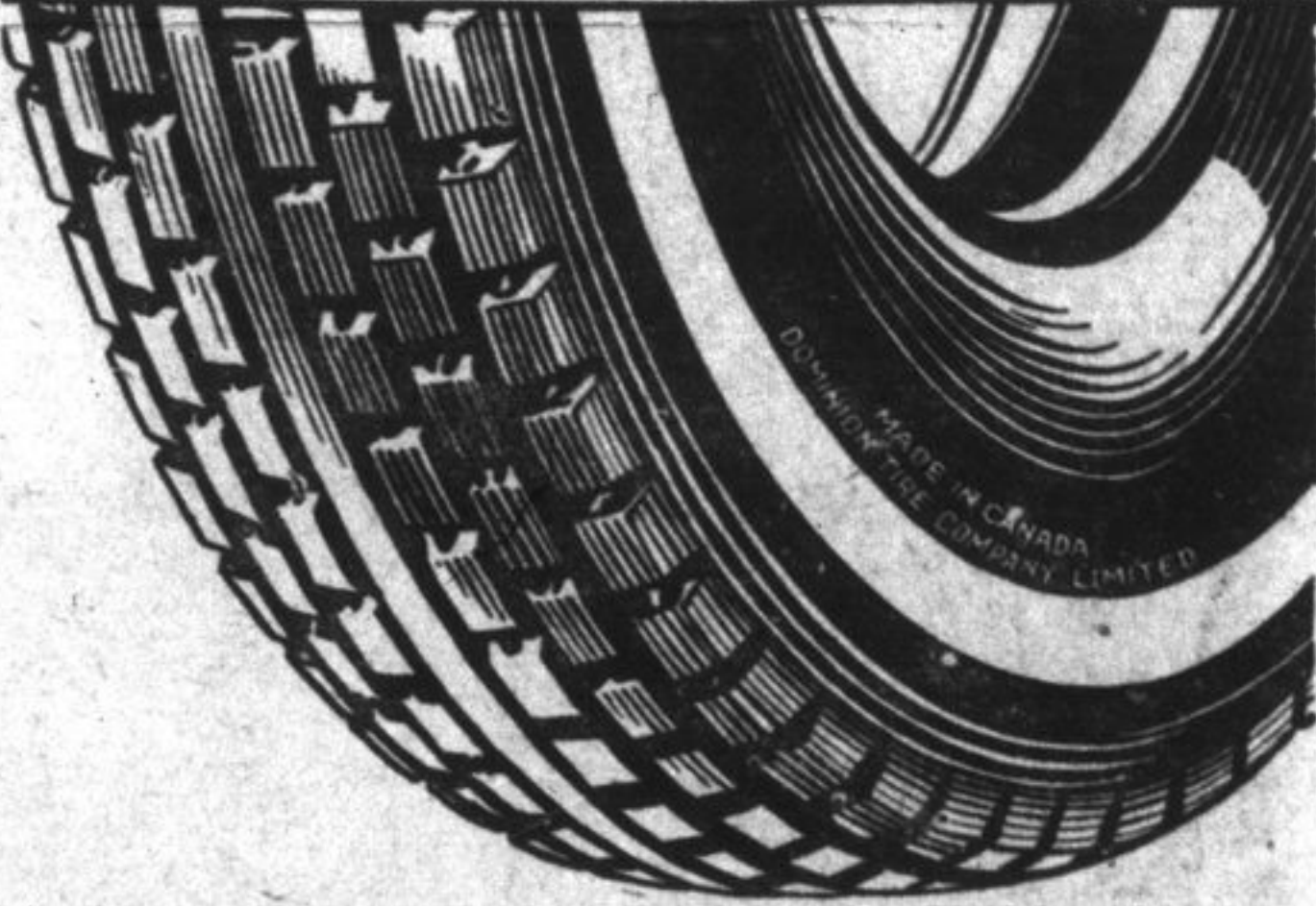
Betting changed to even money on the seventh game, many of the Washington rooters saying Walter Johnson would be as good as he was

in the other two games. McKechnie, manager of the Pirates, figured on starting Johnny Morrison, who did so well as a relief pitcher. Morrison was ready to start today, but McKechnie and Fred Clark knew that Kremer was right and they turned out to be right. Seat sales for the seventh game started with the last of the game and the fans swarmed out to get into line, that already extended two blocks.

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