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QUEEN'S AWAY TO-DAY AT NOON

Tricolor Warriors Are Confident They Will Return Home With the College Title.

Queen's rugby squad left at noon for Toronto where on Saturday they invade the Varsity stadium in a tussle with the Blue and White that promises to be the most thrilling rugby engagement of the year.

Last night a chalk talk was given to the players by the Athletic Director and details of various plays were talked over. The men were impressed with the importance of the struggle that is to come on and while they have confidence of defeating the Blue and White, feel that they will have their work cut out for them.

Little is being said by the Tricolor warriors but they are mighty serious about this game. They are very anxious to make it four straight games and it is expected that they will be able to come through. The fans here have every confidence in the boys to return home with a victory and the Intercollegiate title for the fourth straight time.

As far as the team that will start out against the Blue and White, it is expected that Britton will be at flying wing with Chantler, McKelvey and Batstone starting on the half line. Baldwin will be at quarter with Lewis starting as per usual at snap. Muirhead and Adams will handle inside wing positions with "Red" McKelvey and Brown doing middle wing duty. Thomas and Walker will start at outside wing. The reserve list will be composed of Howard, Mundell, Leadley, Voss-Norrie, McCrimmon, Wright and Skelton.

McGILL TEAM READY FOR OTTAWA GAME

Regular Red and White Team Will Face Battling Senators.

Montreal, Que., Oct. 30.—Just how much condition players can lose in three days of training was fully demonstrated Wednesday at the McGill Stadium. When Coach Shaughnessy had the Red and White squad out for their first drill since their hard tussle at Kingston last Saturday. Three trips around the field took all the wind the players had and then they were sent through but a light signal drill to complete the work out. Yesterday they were given two hours of scrimmaging to prepare them for the exhibition game at Ottawa against the Senators Saturday, and the team, well rested after last Saturday's game, will be ready for a stiff battle with the Big Four leaders.

Shaughnessy intends to send his regulars into the fray, with the exception of Hammie Boucher, who is well bruised after his terrific display of line cutting last week. On the half line it is likely he will use Bill Grassick. While McGill is going into the Ottawa exhibition in earnest, they are

also manifesting keen interest in the Queen's-Varsity tussle to be staged the same day at Toronto. McGill men who witnessed the first meeting between the two university teams at Kingston at the start of the season when Queen's came from behind to win in the last quarter with a lucky touchdown anticipated a stiff and even battle between the Tricolor and Blue and White.

LOU MARSH HARD ON THE TRICOLOR

Nothing Very Complimentary in What He Says of Local Gridders.

"The team is coming along satisfactorily."

That is the best news of Varsity practices you can pry out of Varsity rugby officials.

On the eve of the biggest game of the year from an intercollegiate standpoint—the game with Queen's Saturday—the Varsity squad is still under cover, and nothing is leaking out.

Is it the moral effect the Varsity moguls are seeking?

Or have they developed something really new in Canadian football which they are going to spring upon the public—and Queen's?

The mysterious visit of "Yank" Bjorkman, famous Dartmouth line-man and captain, and his presence at Varsity practices the week following the game between Varsity and Queen's at Kingston, has the football public keyed up to the last notch.

What did Bjorkman teach Varsity players?

Of course it was interference—but what interference could Bjorkman give Varsity which Frank Shaughnessy could not give McGill?

Shag is an old U.S. college coach, and he should know all the tricks of U.S. interference which can be grafted upon the Canadian game, which legislates against all interference except in a three-yard zone in front of and parallel across the field with the line of scrimmage.

Of course this Bjorkman comes of a more modern school of U.S. football than Shag.

Maybe he has some new ideas. The excited rugby populace is on its toes and it will be looking for something radically at variance with the usual interference plays of Canadian senior teams from Varsity because of Bjorkman's visit.

Will they get it? That is the problem.

Any New Interference?

That the Dartmouth man has taught the Varsity players something which is considered of real value is evidenced by the fact that the rugby officials around the big college are eagerly awaiting his promised re-appearance this week to complete the work that he started two weeks ago.

When it comes down to acs, what Bjorkman is teaching Varsity players is probably individual stuff rather than team movements. The Canadian regulations regarding interference do not permit of the multiplicity of interference plays which have been developed across the line, where interference goes in any part of the field. What Bjorkman is imparting to Varsity line men is probably the latest U.S. ideas of taking an opponent out of the play on end runs or opening holes for the line plungers, with possibly a new wrinkle or two in line shifts and the

FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

It is now possible to predict with reasonable accuracy the size of the crowd that will see the Queen's-Toronto game at the University of Toronto Stadium on Saturday. According to the figures on record at the office of the Athletic Directorate, the largest crowd that ever saw a game in the enlarged field was that at the Queen's-Hamilton national semi-final game last season, when 16,725 paid admissions were registered. Queen's won by 11 to 1, and although the national final between the Tricolor and Balm Beach was a much better game, won by Queen's by 11 to 3 after a very stubborn fight, the attendance was much smaller. Weather conditions may affect the size of the crowd on Saturday, but the demand for tickets indicate that there will be "capacity business." The University of Toronto authorities will provide, by means of benches, etc., for a crowd of 17,135, which includes, of course, standing room. At the Queen's-Hamilton game 687 "S.R.O." tickets were sold, while on Saturday "standees" to the number of 839 will be accommodated. Word reached town from Kingston to the effect that all of 2,600 tickets sent to Queen's were sold. The local supply was, of course, exhausted long ago.—Toronto Globe.

Attention of rugby enthusiasts in Ontario is about equally divided between the Queen's-Varsity match scheduled for Varsity Stadium Saturday, and the Ottawa-Tiger tussle in Hamilton the following Saturday. There are many Queen's supporters in the capital. Few important games are played in Kingston without scores of Ottawa fans being present, but just now about everyone hereabouts is keyed up over Ottawa's chances of winning the Big Four championship, and few there are who would not like to see the locals play Tigers on Saturday instead of a week later, as the Senators are now at full strength and at the top of their form. The task of Coach Dave McCann is to keep the boys on edge until Saturday, November 7th, and if he is successful, Hamilton fans will see the best team in Red, White and Black colors they have looked upon in some years.—Ottawa Journal.

In spite of the fact that Varsity gave Queen's such a pretty argument down in Kingston and that the game is being played on Varsity's home ground, the Queen's Parkers will not go into Saturday's game favorites as far as the wagering public is concerned. Those who saw the game in Kingston figure that unless Queen's can perform back to their best form of last year or the year before that Varsity will emerge on top, but the cold-blooded betting fraternity cannot figure how a team with such outstanding and experienced stars as Leadley, Thomas, Batstone, Walker, McKelvey, Baldwin and Mundell can be downed by a team which possesses only two men which have yet reached rugby stardom—Synder and Weber. Still youth must be served in rugby as in all other active sports. There may be a lot of stars on the Varsity team when the sun goes down on Saturday night.—Toronto Star.

McGill may be out of the college championship with a double defeat by Queen's, but the Shagmen are on their toes to beat Varsity out for second place, so if Varsity downs Queen's here Saturday they will find McGill has to be taken seriously both in Montreal and here. McGill will lose four regulars through graduation, Philipott, Manson, Boucher and Wright.—Toronto Star.

loading around and bothering players who are getting ready for the games," remarked one of Varsity's coaches up at the Stadium the other day. "We haven't anything much to conceal but we do not want to be bothered with a lot of students along the side lines. The players and the coaches get along a whole lot better without these grand stand and side line critics. We are taking rugby a bit seriously up here these days but still we have not let it become a business. It is just a sport with us yet. These boys who are on the football squads come here to study. Rugby is just a side line in which they are having a lot of fun. We have a good crowd of chaps out and there isn't a speck of jealousy. We have twenty men on the first squad and not one of them will know for certain whether he will start out with the first line-up or not on Saturday—and what is more, I am satisfied that they are not one cares particularly. They are not over confident of the result Saturday and on the contrary they are not a bit apprehensive. The game at Kingston gave them a great deal of hope but they are not underestimating Queen's. We know, and they know, that the Queen's team we face here on Saturday will be a more dangerous team than the one we faced at Kingston, but if they have improved from that game it is reasonable to suppose that we have. At any rate I will say this, Varsity will play far better football here Saturday than they did at Kingston, Oct. 16th."

massing of strength at threatened points.

Queen's Worried.

One thing which does stand out to those who are studying the situation is that the Queen's team is genuinely afraid of Varsity. The belated squawk from Kingston about the rough play of Varsity players in the game down there is an indication of the state the canvas jacketed Blues threw into the handpicked Queen's squad. The whine in the despatch from Kingston to The Star is the first Varsity has heard about rough play. Varsity players came through that game unscathed—or rather without any injuries of consequence and it was remarked, on all sides, that Varsity players had condition on Queen's in that game, for, while Tricolor players festooned the sward at every delay in the second half, the Varsity players were always on their feet and rarin' to go. Not one laid down for a rest.

The fact that Referee Isibster of Hamilton checked Queen's up on illegal plays behind the line is worrying Coach Billy Hughes and his men into a lather. They have had to dig up a new set of plays and new signals. That will bother them here Saturday.

Down at Queen's rugby is being taken mightily seriously just now. The players are housed together and they eat at a "training table." They are up at six o'clock and they have a road grind and a signal practice before breakfast. In the afternoon they are hard at it from three o'clock to dark. Rugby comes mighty close to being a business down around Queen's.

Up at Varsity things are vastly different.

Varsity has not had a morning "skull" practice since the week of the Queen's game.

The Varsity squad works once a day and their practice does not commence until 4.15 when all lectures are over. The practice is in secret—that is true enough—but when it comes down to acs I guess the big reason of the secrecy is that the College authorities do not want to have a couple of hundred students loafing around the grand stand watching rugby practices and bothering coaches and players when they should be at home studying.

"If students are not out practising rugby they should be at home busy on their studies and not up here

LONDON IS READY.

Western Ontario City Takes Its Hockey Seriously These Days.

London, Ont., Oct. 30.—A meeting of the Hockey Committee of the London Amateur Athletic Association will be held on Monday evening, when final arrangements will be made for the coming season and committees selected to handle the London O.H.A. senior and junior sextette. William Marsden, coach of the London seniors, will also be manager, as the committee has decided to place the former Aurs Lee coach in full charge of the senior sextet.

The question of nominating a Londoner to the O.H.A. Executive Committee will be discussed by the London Hockey Committee. William Marsden has been approached to stand as a candidate for a position on the Executive Committee, but the local coach has not yet made a definite decision. It is expected that the London seniors will hold their first ice practice next Tuesday. The new uniforms have been ordered, and a series of exhibition games will commence about the middle of November.

Laddie Cassels Is On Big Four Board

Toronto, Oct. 30.—"Laddie" Cassels, former University of Toronto and Argonaut football coach and star player, has been selected as one of the Board of Governors of the Interprovincial Football Union. The

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Union is to be congratulated. Cassels, one of the cleanest sportsmen who ever dug cleats into a gridiron will make good in this new role. He enjoys the confidence and respect of the Big Four teams, and he should be just as successful as a governor as he was as a player and a coach.

Cassels broke in with the University of Toronto seniors in 1913, when he was still a youngster, but from the first he was rated as one of the most brilliant middle wings in senior ranks. In the memorable intercollegiate Union final game here in 1914 Cassels' great plunge when the game seemed lost turned McGill back and won the championship for the Blue and White. Then Cassels went across the sea into the grimmer game of war, and again distinguished himself. In 1919 he rejoined the Argos and starred at middle wing. The following season he coached the University of Toronto seniors to the Dominion championship, and at the same time played middle wing for the Argonauts, champions of the Big Four.

He is now a successful lawyer, and, owing to pressure of business, has retired from executive office in sport, but he as usual commands the respect of all who know him. The Interprovincial Union has made a wise selection. There will be clean play in the Big Four or Cassels will be one of those who will know the reason why.

Shawkey's Good Shot.

Millers-on-the-Tobique, N.B., Oct. 30.—Bob Shawkey, veteran pitcher of the New York Yankees, has shot one of the biggest bull moose killed in New Brunswick this year. Shawkey, who is leading the biggest expedition of major league stars who ever hunted moose in Canada, shot

this moose the first day the party were in the woods at Nepisiquit Lakes according to another party of hunters who arrived here from Guide Charlie Cremin's hunting territory yesterday.

Shawkey's moose had antlers

which spread 56 inches and carried 28 points. It was a better specimen of moose than Shawkey killed when he was hunting on the Tobique last year. Babe Ruth did not kill any game on the first day.

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