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NO HEAVY WORK FOR TRICOLOR

Brushing Up Old Plays and Going Over New Ones for Game at Toronto Saturday.

If Queen's are doing any worrying about their meeting with Balmly Beach in the Eastern Canada semi-final at the Varsity Stadium in Toronto on Saturday they are certainly not showing it. With just-to-day left for practice, the Tricolor squad has not yet attempted anything strenuous and although they were out last evening until the stars began to do their stuff, they did not go into scrimmage work with the juniors, who were also on hand to prepare for their game with the Loyola team at the Richardson stadium on Saturday afternoon.

All the players were out with the exception of "Red" McKelvey, who was otherwise engaged and Jimmy Wright. New plays were gone through. Queen's will uncoak something in the Balmly Beach game that they have yet failed to show. They went through one play alone last evening for over an hour and it worked like a charm. Toronto fans will have something novel to look over when they see Queen's pull off a few of their new ones on Saturday. They have a bagful more besides these, however, but they will not use them until they appear before the Capital City crowd in Ottawa a week from Saturday.

Athletic Director W. P. Hughes kept at the players yesterday until he could not see them, even with the aid of the few odd beams from the arc light on the corner of Frontenac and Union streets filtering over the top of the stadium wall. When it was impossible to go through formations and plays even with the white ball, the rugby mentor contented himself with chasing them up and down the field, taking deep breaths and doing other stunts conducive to good physical training.

The team will leave tomorrow at noon for Toronto and will make their headquarters at the King Edward hotel. They will attend "Rose Marie" in Toronto on Friday night and will take on the last hopes of Toronto on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.

While no official lineup has been given out for the game, it is altogether likely that Queen's will start out with the following doing duty: Flying wing, "Bubs" Britton; halves, Harry Batstone, "Pep" Leadley and "Gib" McKelvey; quarter, "Baldy" Baldwin; snap, "Curley" Lewis; in sides, "Unc" Muirhead and "Tiny" Adams; middies, "Red" McKelvey and "Bozo" Norrie; outsides, "Liz" Walker and "Bud" Thomas. On the bench and ready to hop in any time they are called upon will be Cliff Howard, Carl Voss, "Peewee" Chantler, "Hank" Brown, Don McCrimmon, Jimmy Wright, "Snag" Skelton and "Chicks" Mundell.

While the members of the team feel quite confident that they will win, they will be a hard-fighting outfit all the way in Toronto. There is no feeling of over-confidence and while everybody is calling them to beat the Beaches by a big score and the general opinion seems to be that there is nothing to it for Queen's, they are paying no attention to the general talk and have their course mapped out for them. Just try and get over-confident with W. P. Hughes around, anyway.

Triumphant Thrift.

"But don't you cook much more for dinner than we use, darling?"

"She—'Of course, silly! If I didn't, how could I economize by making leftover dishes?"

A Rugby Game 30 Years Ago

A veteran rugby player directed our attention to The Whig files of November, 1895, when Varsity and Queen's battled for the gridiron supremacy in the O.R.F.U., just thirty years ago. Queen's had played Varsity the first Saturday of that month in Toronto and the team of "Biddy" Barr, who captained the Toronto students, had mauled the Tricolor to the tune of 19 to 2. It was one of those victories that do not show the relative merits of the teams engaged, because the following Saturday in Kingston Queen's defeated Varsity by 12 to 7, but lost the round and the championship.

In those days Queen's had star players, but few did any physical training. The majority of them had played on the Queen's team which won the Dominion championship in 1893 and against Ottawa College in 1894 for the same championship, which the Ottawa team won by the close score of 8 to 7. In the game against Varsity thirty years ago, one of the Queen's inside wing players had dropped out of the game, but was induced to return for the championship tests. But this player was a keen student. He would not miss his classes for any championship rugby game, so he had to be shipped to Toronto on the 2 a.m. train. And berths were not provided in those days for Queen's players, unless you paid for your own. Those who travelled at night used to like to sit up in the day coach chatting to the Tricolor followers, and got little sleep. What they did get they snatched as best they could, curled up on a double seat.

The veteran who recalled the game of 1895, stated that the year previous, Queen's star kicking half-back, Chick McRae, had to take a night train for Toronto to join the remainder of the team, which the following afternoon was to meet Ottawa College in the Dominion final. McRae had a sore leg and to enable him to play he was given cocaine injections. This great kicker was seen curled up in a cramped position in a day coach trying to get some sleep. Had McRae been in form, or even had a night's rest, Queen's would likely have won in such a close game as the contest proved to be.

Well, to get back to that game in Kingston thirty years ago for O.R.F.U. championship, which was refereed by Ed. Bayley, now deputy attorney-general of Ontario. It was played on the old Kingston A.A.A. grounds, which Queen's used until the Richardson stadium was completed four years ago. It was a rainy day, but the crowd was large, as it was thought that Queen's might possibly overcome Varsity's lead of seventeen points, but the condition of the ground was against this. A strong wind was blowing and in the second half it turned cold, with snowflurries. Varsity won the toss and kicked with the wind. At half time the Toronto team led by 7 to 0, making the score on the round 26 to 2. Yet the crowd thought Queen's would still more than win the game. The Tricolor had a good wind behind them for the second half. In those days a "half" was three-quarters of an hour. All Queen's could do, however, was to tally twelve points, losing the round by 26 to 14. The feature of the game was the touch made by McRae made near the outside line. Notwithstanding the wind, which blew somewhat across the field at Queen's back, McRae kicked the goal from a most difficult angle. He knew what to allow for the wind, and kicked sharply to a point out in front of the Varsity goal posts. The wind carried the ball in and over the centre of the bar, amid a roar of applause from the crowd.

Of the Queen's team who played

FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

Here's a funny one. The American Amateur Union has barred a boy from playing in amateur sport because five years ago he was a bat boy for a ball team and got six dollars a week for the job. The A.A.U. takes up this case and then allows the "amateur" players to do just about what they like. It's nothing short of a big joke.

Action in connection with hockey for Kingstn is wanted and the sooner we get it the better. The arena opens in two weeks and while there has been a lot of talk, there has been no action about getting an O.H.A. team. Come on. Let's have a little stir in this hockey business and let's know what's going to be on the programme.

The Scout Leader in taking up the question of sportsmanship, pointing out how necessary it is in the scout's life, refers to the case of Batstone in a game at Toronto. Batstone lost the sole of his shoe, which did not call for the delay of the game for the trouble to be remedied, but Warren Snyder, who was then captain, allowed the game to be halted, while Batstone was fitted out with another pair of shoes. This was certainly sportsmanship on Snyder's part and the incident has not entirely been forgotten.

Inquiries are starting to come in as to when the City League will get under way again. It's rather hard to say. It would appear as though the officials of the league are the ones to do that. Nobody is very anxious to be accused of "trying to run things" by trying to get the clubs together and start the league on its travels for next season.

that game, Wicky Wilson, Charlie Webster, Arthur Ross, Billy Baker and Herb Horsey are still in Kingston. Guy Curtis, whose generalship carried Queen's to victory in the two preceding years, was captain and left half-back. Charlie Fox was quarter, and Tom Scott, lately professor of civil engineering in Queen's, was centre half. Varsity had as fullback Be-langer, who had played with Ottawa College, then a great rugby team under the tuition of Father Michael Fallon (now Bishop of London, Ont.), J. L. Counsell, who became a leading Hamilton lawyer afterwards, was on its half line.

And what do you think? Varsity thirty years ago had a player named Bradley who wore whiskers like those of the House of David fellows up in Michigan. "Whiskers Bradley" was what the Queen's students called him. How Herb Horsey did like to get hold of the Varsity wing man by the beard! But Bradley was some player though, and had to be watched. The Varsity quarter was Hobbes, a great rival of Fox, but not up to the mark of the Queen's man, who was a wonder at finding holes in his opponents' line and getting through for good gains. In front of Fox was a powerful scrimmage, consisting of the great George Kennedy, afterwards with Ottawa Rough Riders and since deceased; Dr. J. McManus and W. C. Baker (now a professor in Queen's).

Queen's rugby team was much in the limelight three decades ago. After Guy Curtis came E. S. (Chaucer) Elliott, who guided the Tricolor team for several years. Then there came on the scene other Kingston halfbacks in Jack and Ken Williams and Jack Haslett, all great kickers. Kingston supplied Queen's with many of its best rugby players in those days as well as now; in fact the championship team of 1893 was more than half Kingston players; three out of four of the backs being local men. Now times have changed and as many Queen's halves have come from outside places. Yet, in the championship period of 1922 to 1925, Kingston has contributed some great rugby players to the Queen's team. Among them are Jack McKelvey, Johnny Evans, Bill Muirhead, Pres. McLeod, Bill Campbell, Charlie Mundell, Gib McKelvey, Jack Delahay.

Exactly thirty years after that 19 to 2 victory of Varsity in Toronto, Queen's put it over their Toronto rivals, when they trimmed them by 17 to 0—the same margin by the way.

EXPECT TO GIVE A HARD BATTLE

Much Being Counted on Beaches' Backfield Trio—Look for a Break.

Toronto, Nov. 19.—Queen's should carry through to another Canadian championship. That is the general opinion of the Rugby public in the east. However, down at Scarborough Beach, where the Balmly Beach seniors hold forth, such an opinion is not shared. And down around Ottawa all the excitement about the elections is wiped out in favor of Ottawa's enthusiasm over the victory of the Senators in the Big Four. And these Ottawa fans are looking for their champions to stop the rush of the famous Queen's team, if Balmly Beach do not accomplish the task next Saturday. And, of course, Winipeg must have championship aspirations or they will not likely be coming east in quest of the honors.

Queen's unquestionably must be given the edge. They have moulded together a great team and their form this season has convinced even the most biased fan that the Presbyterians play better football than the other fellows. However, all teams must falter, and that may happen in the coming championship play-offs with the other clubs. They have a real opportunity to build up any injured members, with that long two-week lay-off, though they have been lucky at that with injuries, except in the pre-season practices and exhibition games.

Right now the fans are interested

in what Balmly Beach will have to offer against Queen's here on Saturday afternoon at the Stadium. Queen's will be favorites, but favorites do not always win. It will be remembered that last season the fans all flocked to the Stadium to see the Tigers and Queen's play, in expectation of a high-class exhibition. But the much-vaunted Tigers put up a poor exhibition. Then the following Saturday, when Balmly Beach and Queen's played only a small crowd attended. In that game Queen's had their hardest tussle of the season.

Queen's great strength, as is well known, is on the backfield with their kicking and running and at end wing with Thomas, Britton and Walker as outstanding tacklers. With that they have team play that is a great advantage. Balmly Beach have a husky line and one that should gain ground against the Presbyterians in line plunging. The Beachers also have three good tacklers in Ponton, Keith and Finmark. If that tackling strength stands up, then the Queen's rear-guard will have trouble running back punts.

Balmly's doubtful quantity is on the backfield. That Robertson-Smith-Cawwell combination works well together in extension runs, but what they will do against the tackling of Queen's is hard to say. Robertson, who last year was a junior, has played some mighty fine rugby this season. He does the kicking and has improved. He is not up to the form of Leadley and Batstone in this department, but if he does not have a real bad day with his kicking then Balmly won't suffer greatly in this respect.

"Scotty" Cawwell has played fine Rugby for Balmly all season. He is of the rugged type, is a strong runner and a pretty sure catch. He is strong on the defensive also and bring his man down hard. Balmly looks to be strong, as said, on the line, good on the second line of defence, and they can be good on the backfield if Robertson stands up to his task. Cawwell isn't likely to falter. Of course, Balmly Beach will miss their captain, Ted Reeve, who is bothered with a bad knee and is not likely to play.

EXPECTS YANKEES TO CLEAN UP THE WORKS

Edward G. Barrow, general manager of the Yankees, who is also secretary, business manager, ivory hunter in chief, supervisor of trades and exchanges, and chief engineer of the waiver route for Col. Jacob Ruppert, was in Toronto a few days ago on his way back to New York after a sojourn in the north country.

"Do you realize," he asked as he tucked a gun under each arm and clutched suitcase, duffle bags, fishing rods, and sleeping rugs in his hands, "do you realize that the Yankees of 1926 will be the greatest home run hitting combination of all time?"

Except that the Yankees of 1925 were one of the greatest no run getting combinations in the history of baseball, no observations followed this apparent challenge.

"Look over the situation," said Mr. Barrow. "We'll have Babe Ruth, who made 25 home runs this year in one of his poorest seasons and who figures to do much better. We'll have Bob Meusel, who made 32 homers this year. We'll have Tony Lasserri, who broke Babe Ruth's home run record out on the Pacific coast by making 50, and we will have Buster Gehrig, who knocked out twenty in his first year in the big leagues."

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"What's the matter, Evelyn?" inquired her father.

"Well, dad," she replied, "you might have told me that you had painted the garden seat. Fred and I sat on it last night, and Fred got his coat and trousers in a dreadful mess!"

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The outstanding changes in the basketball rules for 1925-26, are those abolishing the hand behind the back on jump ball and the goal zone. Under the new jump ball rule it is a personal foul for a player to interfere in any way with his opponent, and this has special reference to the hand not used in tapping the ball. To avoid this foul players should try to keep this hand in the plane of the body.

An appendix to the rules, in the form of questions and answers, is also provided and has been found of great value in clarifying doubtful points.

The review of the season comprises an account of the game in every important section association, reports of individual organizations, records interscholastic basketball and the approved list of games officials registered with the committee.

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