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OUTSIDE COMMENT ON THE BIG GAME

(Mail and Empire.)
Queen's will have no fault to find with the arrangements whereby the net gate receipts in the three intercollegiate Union play-off games are pooled and divided equally among the Queen's, Toronto and McGill clubs. For several years the Kingston university athletic authorities have advocated that method in all intercollegiate games, but the union voted two to one against it when ever it was proposed. According to the draw for the play-offs, which was decided by the toss of a coin, the college final may be played between Queen's and McGill in Toronto. Next Saturday the Blue and McGill play at Montreal, and the survivors meet Queen's here a week later, viz., on Saturday, Nov. 27th. University of Toronto Stadium will be packed to its utmost capacity for the final game, no matter what teams are engaged. The big playground was "jammed full" when Toronto and Queen's met, and that record will be equalled, at least.

Memorial games have been played in the intercollegiate, but none will go down in history like the Queen's-Varsity tussle on Saturday. It is hard to recall a senior game where only four points were scored, nor where fifteen yards was the closest any team got to their opponents' line while in possession of the ball. Queen's were twice at Varsity's fifteen yard line, while the nearest the Blue and White ever came to the champions' line was once at twenty-five yards and another time two yards closer. However, it was night or Blucher for Queen's in the final ten minutes of the play, so desperately did the Queen's Parkers step on the gas, and the cry which went up after the game from the Limestone City crowd was more a sigh of relief than one of pent up enthusiasm.

The luck of the draw for the intercollegiate play-off favors the champions, more especially if McGill defeats Varsity. The extra tonic for Queen's, for they came out of Saturday's game in worse condition than Varsity. How Harry Batstone stood up under the grueling he received will always be a mystery. He admitted after the game that it was the toughest struggle he has ever in, and added that during his rugby career he had played against some great outside wings, but none who tackled harder than Pug Irwin did Saturday. That goes for "Bud Thomas and the rest of them," said the greatest half-back in the game.

Monohan was the chief ground gainer for the winners, and he was called upon frequently, sometimes twice in a row, and he always made some kind of a gain. Altogether he gained 87 yards for the Tricolor. There were others who were prominent in the victory. Pee Wee Chantler saved the day with one play, but he was valuable at other times. Lis Walker, Howard, Bubs Britton, Agnew, Sutton, Gih McKelvey and Brown were in there every minute, and the remainder, while not so noticeable, did their share.

Reunions are the bane of the Varsity team. In the opening game at Montreal they ran into the McGill reunion and lost the match, and again on Saturday they arrived in time to make Queen's reunion a merry affair. As reunions can only occur once a year they may now be able to go on and win the next two games, which will give them the intercollegiate title.

The game may also serve as an argument for those who claim that the defence is too strong for the offence under the present C.R.C. rules, but Saturday's game was of the "Safety First" variety, neither team showing a disposition to open up

the attack until the closing period when the losers tried a couple of on-side kicks and once were successful in skirting the end for a sixty-yard gain, which almost snatched the game out of the fire.

The game was a magnificently played one from the defensive angle and one reason Queen's won was because they were better defensively than the Blue and White. Queen's only had two real chances to score and they capitalized on both, in the first period they tried a drop kick and secured a rouge and in the fourth quarter they broke through the Varsity line and threw Snyder for a safety touch before he could get the ball away.

The game was a battle of stars, and Queen's owe their victory to two players especially, Harry Batstone and Vince Monohan. These two were worked constantly, and while it looked as if both of them would break under the strain put on them they came through to the final whistle. Batstone has played many great games, but it is doubtful if he ever played a more courageous one. He did all the kicking and plenty of ball carrying from scrimmage. He was a marked man for the Blue and White tacklers all afternoon, and took many a hard bump, the Varsity backs kicking to him continually. Seidom was he able to get away, but he let Voss away once for a good gain. He stood head and shoulders above his backfield mates, and they rendered great service.

Queen's deserved the victory although there was little margin on the play, there was an intangible something about the Tricolor's play that made even Toronto enthusiasts admit they deserved the victory but just that that quality was hard to state. Each backfield played with but one mistake and neither was costly, the tackling on both sides was great, in fact it could hardly be improved upon, the kicking was good, but Queen's have had a slight edge in this department. Queen's returned four to Varsity's one so forced the losers to do more attacking and reserve strength counted for a lot in the closing minutes.

(The Globe.)

When Queen's nosed out the University of Toronto team at Kingston on Saturday while eight thousand frantic fans moaned in the anguish or roared their thunderous approval, history was made. It was the first time that the three college teams ever finished the season on even terms. The records show that they are well matched. Queen's have scored 44 points against 25; McGill 25 against 40, and University of Toronto 26 against 20. It would appear, therefore, that Queen's have the best scoring machine, and U. of T. has slightly the better of the going defensively. McGill's defense is nothing to rave about, because in the last three games they have had 14, 11 and 12 points scored against them. U. of T. should be able to pierce this kind of a defense for eight or nine points next Saturday. Can McGill score more? It must not be forgotten that all college teams have won their home games to date.

"Oh, for a goal from the field!" Captain Warren Snyder of the University of Toronto team tried two of them in crises in Saturday's game with Queen's, either of which, had it been completed, would have tied the score. One resulted in a dead line for Toronto's only point, while the other was kicked into the "T" scrimmage. While these two attempts at a goal from the field in the feature game in Canada on Saturday proved all but futile, it is notable that practically all of the important fixtures of the Eastern States were won by the same play. The goal from the field was much more popular and effective than the much-discussed forward pass. Even at the risk of being accused of specializing the game too highly, it might pay Canadian teams to train a man specially for this play. Queen's stars like "Tou" Leckie of Queen's, Gordon Southam of Toronto and Hamilton Tigers, Ross Blinckley and Jack O'Connor of Argos could execute that drop kick point-getter with neatness and precision. In fact, Gordon Southam kicked so many of them that he was instrumental in having the Blue of a goal from the field reduced from five points to three.

University of Toronto got the worst of the draw after losing in Saturday's thrilling battle at Kingston, and their ill-fortune may cost them the intercollegiate Union championship. Even the supporters of the Blue and White will admit that the inspired McGill University team will take a world of beating at Moison Stadium, with the title perhaps swinging in the balance. McGill defeated the locals at Montreal in the opening game of the season, but have improved wonderfully since then, while it is an open question if the Blue and White have made strides in the proper direction. When Queen's lost to McGill at Montreal they freely admitted that on the play the better team would. Some people who saw the struggle were under the impression that McGill should have "outscored" their

rivals decisively. But the Blue and White players will not back up under fire. They know that they can expect strong opposition, and they will have to stop a fast line-plunging and end-running attack, something McGill did not have in the first game of the season, when Coach Shaugnessy relied on the fast running of his backfielders, punting and on-side kicks to baffle McGill opponents.

The game itself lacked the spectacularity expected of it. As the score indicates, it was machine-like football, mechanically perfect in nearly every detail. The field was too slippery for either team to risk the open play that makes for spectacular football. The big thrills were all crowded into the final quarter. It was in this period that U. of T., apparently beaten, came within an eyelash of snatching victory from Queen's. Two opportunities presented themselves to the, at least, the score or forge ahead. That Toronto failed to meet these opportunities successfully is due more to the uncertainties of the game than to any lack of effort on the part of the players.

On the day's play the better team won. Stories of dissension in the ranks of the Queen's players can be discounted considerably, for the Tricolor presented a solid, determined and harmonious front to University of Toronto. Led by the brilliant Batstone, Queen's played with a snap and dash that U. of T. could not cope with or even rise to. Batstone did not spare himself. His spirit was contagious, and it is the Batstone spirit that will carry Queen's to the title, if Saturday's game is any criterion. Chantler grabbed the glory when he brought down Trimble and prevented a touchdown. Chantler was comparatively fresh, for he had not been in the game long when his big chance came.

The tackling of both team was of a high order. Batstone was a marked man throughout, and he was subjected to some of the stiffest tackling of his career. At one time three Toronto players all plunged for him and covered him like a blanket, but he came up smiling. The punting was also good, and the wings gave the opposing backs little chance to make headway after the catch. The ground was too soft for the backs to start fast, and in the majority of cases, the ball was downed where it was caught.

For Queen's "Irish" Monohan did some powerful line-plunging. He repeatedly made five and ten-yard gains, and his work in this respect stood out all through the game. He started Queen's back down the field toward Toronto's end when U. of T. threatened in the last quarter, and at various other times he brought his team out of critical situations by the strength of his attack. Skelton, Howard, McKelvey and Baldwin, were also strong in line work.

(Montreal Gazette.)

"On the territorial play Queen's deserved their victory. They had the better of the fray up to the time Varsity launched its final desperate rally. Queen's showed improved fight over their game against McGill in Montreal the week previous. There was spirit and dash in the way they started off to dominate the play in the first quarter, clearly indicating the benefits of the assistance they had last week from old-boys. But it was through smarter generalship that the Tricolor triumphed."

(Ottawa Journal.)

Not since "Red" McKelvey was busting lines wide open had a middle wing like Monohan appeared on the horizon. Monohan was in every second play and his great work stood by Queen's in the dying minutes of the game when they were hard pressed.

Britton saved the day when he slammed through and blocked Snyder's first attempted drop. Monohan, too, caught up a loose ball when Varsity were pressing hard.

From a financial standpoint it was a great game for Queen's, who had their greatest crowd in history. Also they will cut in on two more juicy gates. Thus the demand for the "pooling" of receipts will be met without opposition. At that, it is gratifying to all who admire this plucky little institution to note that cash and glory are going together hand in hand in their behalf.

"Red" Batstone played a marvelous game. He was subjected to hard legitimate grueling but he played like a titan to the finish. His kicking had a lot more accuracy

SPORTING NOTES AND COMMENT

Saturday's game has been replayed a thousand times since Saturday and Queen's have won every time.

Great will be the interest created in the Varsity-McGill clash at the Moison Stadium next Saturday. Can McGill come through and defeat Varsity? Local opinion seems to favor a Varsity win but it talks counts for anything local fandom is pulling for a McGill victory.

A big delegation will go from here to Montreal on Friday for the Varsity-McGill game.

The officials in the intercollegiate have been much discussed within the past few days and their work has been commended by local fans. They think, however, that Batstone should get more protection from them. He takes some terrible head-on tackling that doesn't look quite according to Hoyle.

Balmly Beach go to Ottawa next Saturday, and from all indications the Toronto team should be able to come through. If all reports are true, the Balmly Beach team is powerful while Ottawa, who will be without Tabman, have been slipping

than any Varsity half man. There isn't a better halfback in the game than the same "Red" and he backs up great individually by fast thinking.

Varsity without Snyder wouldn't look so good, and it must be confessed that without Batstone or Monohan Queen's wouldn't qualify for a playoff.

Few teams have shown stronger defensive rugby than Queen's and Varsity. Up to within six minutes of the end of the game yards had only been made thrice by each side. Then Varsity took command to march down the field for distance four times in a row.

"Pee Wee" Chantler was a big hero when he caught Trimble by the pants and hauled him down. Chantler made the play perfectly as he tried to chase Trimble to touch. The latter had come a long way and was badly winded.

Johnny Evans helped direct the Queen's team from the bench. "There never was a Varsity team that can beat Queen's to-day," was his constant anthem.

It was a close, hard tackling game which, while not an exposition of brilliant rugby, was tremendously exciting. The tackling was letter perfect on both sides. Walker, perhaps, shaded the others and certainly no finer demonstration of outside wing play has been given this year.

Queen's deserved to win. They dominated the game for 50 minutes and it would have been the hardest kind of luck had they lost. Varsity, too, deserved great credit for their fighting finish.

PRaises QUEEN'S FOR GREAT WIN

Ottawa Journal Shows Credit on Queen's and Varsity for Game Here Saturday.

Bazil O'Meara, Sporting Editor of the Ottawa Journal, who was here for the Varsity-Queen's game on Saturday, says of the struggle:

For the final ten minutes under the pressure of a constant charge led by Warren Snyder and Stollery, Varsity pressed Queen's back to their own goal line, and almost wrenched their hard won victory from their grasp. It was an attack that carried the suddenly inspired Blue team right to the shadow of the Tricolor posts where their advance was stayed by the Queen's adamant defence, and only a point was gleaned for the spectacular effort of the defeated team.

Seidom has better defensive work been revealed by any teams, and the tackling was of a very high order throughout. It was a game in which neither side dared take a chance, and for this reason it looked at times as though dumbness prevailed in both quarters, and there was considerable of the two backs and a kick atmosphere about the contest; but under the conditions, any other course would have been suicidal.

Neither team cared to lose possession of the ball, except when essential, and they placed great dependence on line thrusts which, with few exceptions, were met by their opponents with checking plays that rendered this type of game abortive. Varsity took yards seven times to Queen's three, and four of these occasions came in the final session. Queen's had seemingly expended their strength, but were sullenly fighting inch by inch till their final effort thwarted the Blues with victory almost in their clutches.

The Final Effort.

Some 10,000 fans, most of them hopeful for a Tricolor win and triple tie in the college race, saw

of late. Beaches are favored to defeat Senators.

And incidentally, Queen's supporters expect to see Balmly Beach in action here against Queen's in the Eastern Canada final in three weeks. Plans may be all upset before that time but that is the present expectation.

Tomorrow afternoon at the stadium local fandom will see two snappy junior teams in action when Varsity III. and R.M.C.II. hook up in a junior intercollegiate fixture. R.M.C. are the winners of the eastern section and Varsity will have to travel fast to defeat them. The Blue and White team, however, is reported to be a strong one.

R.M.C. Juniors have been working hard for this meeting and tomorrow they will field a powerful team against Varsity.

The hockey season will be on us shortly but as yet no effort has been made to get the Juniors together to start them off the first week that the Arena is open. The Arena will be open thirteen days from now, according to present plan.

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recovers the on-side kick. In other words, Major Forbes' plan would not permit of an uncompleted forward pass and the return of the ball to the attacking side with the loss of one down. If the pass was not successful, the side gaining possession of the ball would retain it. Friends of "the play" maintained after the Queen's-Toronto game that, in view of the failure of the teams to make material gains through the line, around the ends, or aerially, they might have used the forward pass to good effect, and provided a more open and enjoyable contest as well.

Tubman of Senators May Not Play Again

Joe Tubman is unlikely to ever appear on a gridiron again. The courageous Ottawa backfield star has knee trouble that may not respond to treatment, and while he is optimistic others do not agree with him. Argos loaned Tubman Joe Breen's special kneeguard on Saturday, but Tubman's case is so serious that it is not believed that he will ever boot a football again. Thus passes one of the best backfielders of all time. Tubman started slowly in his senior

career, but his optimism and faithfulness under all conditions endeared him to the hearts of Ottawa's football fans, and enabled him to climb to the dizzy heights of fame. With Connell suffering from a charley horse, and Tubman out, Ottawa's chances of retaining the Dominion title are fading rapidly away. Next Saturday Balmly Beach will play in the Capital, and if they are as strong as their supporters say they are Ottawa will come to the end of the winning trail, for this season at least. The O.R.F.U. champions will enter the battle at full strength, and they are called to give the Senators a great argument.

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