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Varsity Juniors Defeated R.M.C. In High Scoring Game Yesterday

A 115-Yard Run by Cushing and Smith Resulting in a Touch Was the Outstanding Play of the Game—First Time It Has Happened Here in Yea rs—Varsity Presented a Strong Line—R.M.C.'s Kick Formations Very Poor and Four Kicks Were Blocked—Second Game in Toronto Saturday.

Varsity juniors earned a three-point lead over R.M.C. for their second game in Toronto by virtue of their victory of the Cadets here yesterday in a junior Intercollegiate playoff game at the stadium, winning out by the score of 19-16. The U. of T. team was a powerful one and showed a line that has seldom if ever been excelled by a junior team on the local stadium. Smashing drives at the line were the main weapons of attack of the visitors and as a defensive force they found little trouble in breaking through the Red line, blocking at least four kicks during the play.

The feature performance of the day was provided by R.M.C. when Cushing and Smith combined for a 115 yard run. Cushing, in the last quarter, took the Varsity kick five yards behind his own line and raced to Varsity's 55 yard line, clearing tacklers behind his own line to break. When about to be tackled by a lone Varsity wing, he passed to Smith who completed the distance for a touchdown, unobstructed. It was a beautiful play and brought the people in the stands to their feet. Incidentally it is the first time that this stunt has been done here in years.

The poor defence afforded their kicker by R.M.C. caused two touchdowns to go to Varsity. Twice, on kick formations near the R.M.C. line the Blue broke through to break it up and secure the ball to go over for touches. The defence of the Red and White team was woeful at times and they made a gift of ten soft points to Varsity by not being able to ward off the attacks on their kicker.

Nearly all the first half the visitors knocked R.M.C. all over the lot with their line plays but the Cadets made a stirring comeback in the second half and for nearly all of the second thirty minutes, put up a far better game than they had shown in the first half. The return game will be played in Toronto on Saturday and the Cadets must pull down a three-point lead before they start to count on their own.

The teams:

R.M.C.		VARSITY.
	Flying wing.	
Clarke		Mooney
	Halves.	
Gobeil		Sinclair
Smith		Kirkpatrick
Cushing		Banewell
	Quarter.	
Kingsmill		Westwood
	Snap.	
Galsford		Keith
	Insides.	
Stanfield		Westley
Eberts		Christie
	Middles.	
Hudson		Little
McLaughlin		Cartwright
	Outsides.	
Rolph		Jeffrey
Scott		Smith
	Subs.	
Higgins		Thompson
Crombe		Finlayson
McLachlin		Simpson
Osler		Davie
Wotherspoon		Stringer
Gordon		Yeaman
Jacquays		Murchison

Officials—W. P. Hughes, Queen's; Clarke, Varsity; Harvey, R.M.C.

First Quarter.

Varsity showed from the start that they had a powerful line and in the early stages of the contest proceeded to rip through the R.M.C. line with great results. The Cadets were unable to cut down the onslaught of the visitors and in a very few minutes Varsity had forced the play to R.M.C.'s 35-yard line from where Banewell kicked the first point for Varsity, Smith being forced to rouge although he made a strong effort to clear from the goal line safely. Varsity 1, R.M.C. 0.

The lead was not held very long by the Blue and White, however, and R.M.C. secured a break that put them out in front. With Varsity in possession at centre, the ball was fumbled. Stanfield picked it up and raced fifty yards for a touch which was converted by Smith. R.M.C. 7, Varsity 1.

Another single for Varsity soon followed when Sinclair lifted over a beautiful punt, leaving the score 6-2 for R.M.C. Varsity line began to show more life and for the remainder of the half they ploughed R.M.C. at will. They were far superior to the Cadets for the first half of the game. Sinclair soon added five more points to Varsity's first quarter total by going over for a try which was not converted. Varsity 7, R.M.C. 6.

The Toronto line ripped into the Cadets and repeatedly gained ground. R.M.C.'s defence was decidedly weak and the wings were unable to cope with the heavy thrusts of the Blue and White. Varsity hammered and battered their way through.

Second Quarter.

The R.M.C. kick was blocked after Toronto's fumble at midfield and Varsity went in to recover the ball again. Toronto's line continued to rip wide open holes in the locals' line. Sinclair's kick was allowed to roll within seven yards of the R.M.C. goal line. On the first down Smith's kick was again blocked and Cartwright picked up the ball to go over for a touch. Varsity 13, R.M.C. 6.

Kirkpatrick supplied excitement by breaking on a fifty-yard run to R.M.C.'s 40-yard line on the first down, following Smith's kick. Varsity tore in with a vengeance and got something from their effort every time they tried. They were head and shoulders over R.M.C. A break gave R.M.C. the ball at their own 25-yard line when Varsity were called for a forward pass. Smith's kick was once more blocked and Little picked it up and cleared over the line for another touch, which was not converted. Varsity 18, R.M.C. 6.

Smith made the first real run of the game for R.M.C. when he skirted for 20 yards to centre. He sent a beautiful high kick to Varsity's 5-yard line on the first down. A fumble in the line on the first down by Varsity gave R.M.C. possession. For the fourth time in the game, an R.M.C. kick was blocked when they tried an onside. R.M.C. secured the ball but lost thirty yards on the play. Smith kicked on the first down to Kirkpatrick behind the line but he saved a point against his team by clearing nicely. Half-time score, Varsity 18, R.M.C. 6.

Third Quarter.

R.M.C. forced Varsity back at every turn and came into the second half with a rare old fighting spirit. They completely turned the tables on the visitors and at every turn they made an impression against the Blue and White. For the first three minutes of the play they ripped things up with a vengeance and kept the play within Varsity's 10-yard line. Banewell helped things out by sending a long beautiful punt to Smith at centre on Varsity's last down. R.M.C. proceeded to then make gains through the centre, fighting their way for yards twice in succession to force their way back to Varsity's 15-yard line. On the second down Smith galloped through for another touch, which was not converted. Varsity 18, R.M.C. 11.

R.M.C. returned the kickoff to Kirkpatrick at Toronto's 45-yard line. Varsity kicked on the second down to Smith at R.M.C.'s 30-yard line. R.M.C. were penalized for offside and kicked on the next down to Kirkpatrick at centre. Varsity thrusts were held for two downs and play ended at R.M.C.'s thirty yard line on Sinclair's kick. End of third quarter, Varsity 18, R.M.C. 11.

Last Quarter.

Varsity began to rip R.M.C.'s line again and in three tries at the line they gained yards twice, Westwood doing it single-handed the first time. Sinclair's kick went to Smith at R.M.C.'s 15-yard line and Varsity again broke through to block Smith's kick. Then came the most sensational play of the game and a trick that has not occurred here in years. Cushing took Sinclair's kick, five yards behind the R.M.C. line and broke to the right to clear Varsity tacklers. On he went until he had men up beside him. With only the left outside wing near him, Cushing had a man on either side of him and he passed to Smith after having gone sixty yards, Smith tearing on the rest of the way to make the touch, the whole distance of 115 yards being covered in making the play. It was a great run and turned a possible single against R.M.C. to five in their favor. It was not converted. Varsity 18, R.M.C. 16.

R.M.C. heartened by their own good play, tore into Varsity with might and main and fought with everything they had to overcome the lead. They were spurred on by their supporters and completely turned the tables on the visitors for the next few minutes, ploughing through their line and executing extended runs with great results. The crowd was wildly excited now and cheered lustily.

R.M.C. made a lucky recovery of Sinclair's kick to R.M.C.'s 25-yard line. Cushing took the ball but in the tackle he dropped it but dived after it to make a great recovery. He was surrounded by Varsity tacklers when he made the save. On the exchange of kicks Varsity were in possession fifteen yards out from the R.M.C. line and Sinclair kicked to the deadline for a single. Varsity 19, R.M.C. 16.

R.M.C. drew another penalty on the first down and on the next down kicked to Kirkpatrick at centre. He made a neat break for thirty yards to run the ball back. On a fake kick Sinclair carried the ball to within ten yards of the R.M.C. goal line. Varsity were penalized and R.M.C. given the ball.

R.M.C. kicked on the first down to their own 45-yard line. Cadets held Varsity thrusts for two downs and Sinclair's kick was allowed to roll almost to Cadets' line. Varsity continued to fight back and were going stronger than ever when the final whistle sounded. Varsity 19, R.M.C. 16.

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O.H.A. Annual On Saturday

James T. Sutherland of Kingston Has Proposed Two Amendments.

The annual convention of the Ontario Hockey Association will be held on Saturday morning at the Temple Building, Toronto, starting at 10 o'clock. President William Easson, Startford, will occupy the chair.

There is quite a lot of business to come before the meeting in addition to the reading of reports and the election of an executive committee. All the senior officers have been elected by acclamation.

Each club is entitled to one delegate and proxies are not allowed.

No Change in Junior Age.

The O.H.A. sub-committee through Sheriff J. F. Paxton, has the following amendments to the constitution:

That this association places itself on record as unalterably opposed to any change in the age limit of the junior series. There is a proposal before the C.A.H.A. to increase the age limit from 20 to 21.

That clause five of the constitution, which says: "No hockey club in this association shall employ the services of a professional coach," be amended by adding the words "except with the approval of the O.H.A. executive."

That P. J. Mulqueen, chairman of the Canadian Olympic Committee, be appointed an honorary member of the O.H.A. executive.

Amend Sailor Rule.

Suggested amendments to the regulations:

By G. S. Dudley, Midland—That clause three of the regulations, which deals with residence, be amended by deleting the following words: "In case of a sailor who has not been a continuous resident under this rule, he must play with the club of his town, city or village of which he has been resident from the first of January preceding the first of August mentioned in this clause."

Automatic Suspension.

By James T. Sutherland, Kingston—Add to clause six of the Regulations the following: "Any player who signs a professional contract automatically suspends himself from this association and cannot be reinstated inside of one year."

New Marking of Ice.

The playing rules will not be amended in any way except as to the marking of the ice and a re-wording of the offside rule. The amendments as they appear on the order paper:

By Sheriff J. F. Paxton—Goalkeepers' pads—maximum width 10 inches lying flat, instead of 12 (to go into effect season 1927-28).

By James T. Sutherland, Kingston—That it be a suggestion to the C.A.H.A. that goal posts be 6 inches wider than at present, viz., 6 feet 6 inches in width instead of 6 feet.

By Sheriff J. F. Paxton—In Rule 1, page 99 of the Rule Book, insert after the word "side" in the second line, "wearing ice skates." This is an omission from the O.H.A. rule and is merely a correction.

By Sheriff J. F. Paxton—As the first step towards uniformity of rules "new defence area" is defined as follows: On all rinks 200 feet or over in length a line is to be drawn 60 feet from the goal line; on all smaller rinks the ice to be divided into three equal sections between the goal lines. Distance behind goal posts must be at least 5 feet; ideal distance 10 feet. In the new 60-foot area the old rule applies, viz., no offside for the defending team. All rinks must be marked with defence lines as outlined above.

Offside Rule Re-worded.

By A. D. Campbell, Cobalt—That the present offside rule be re-worded to read as follows, so that as to make a clearer distinction between a player being offside and making an offside play:

Proposed Re-wording.

(a) A player shall endeavor always to be on his side of the puck. A player is offside when he is in front of the puck or when the puck has been hit or touched or is being skated with by any of his own side behind him, namely, between himself and the end of the rink near which his goal is placed.

(b) A player being offside is put onside when the puck has been hit by or has touched the dress or person of any regular player on the opposite side, or when one of his own side has skated in front of him either with the puck or having played it when behind him.

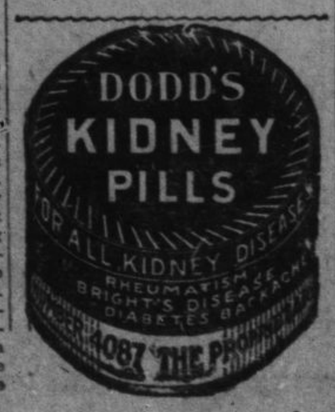
(c) Since a player who is offside may be put onside as provided in clause (b), the referee shall not stop play unless the player offends against the following clause (d) or (e) of this rule.

(d) Persistent failure to be onside shall be designated as loafing and penalized as a foul.

(e) If a player when offside plays the puck or annoys or obstructs an opponent the referee shall stop the play and the puck shall be faced where it was last played before the offside occurred. The deliberate making of offside plays shall be penalized as a foul.

(f) Despite the foregoing clause a player on the defending side is not to be considered offside within a space of 60 feet from his own goal line and extending to the side of the rink. A line parallel to the end of the rink shall be drawn across the ice of the rink to designate this distance. Within the space between this line and his end of the rink a player on the defending side, even though in front of the puck, may take a pass from or play the puck as it bounds off his goalkeeper or the end of the rink or netting or is passed by any of his team-mates.

(g) Players on both sides shall be onside when they and the puck are between the goal-line and the adjacent end of the rink.



SPORTING NOTES AND COMMENT

The Cook Brothers are going strong with the New York Rangers and in the first game against London, an exhibition affair, each scored a goal. In the opening N.H.L. game for the Rangers at New York on Tuesday night, Bill Cook scored the only goal of the game, taking a pass from his brother Freddy.

"Toots" Holloway, brother of "Bouncer" Holloway, of this city, former Belleville player, is going strong with the Montreal Maroons and figured largely in the game against the Rangers on Tuesday night. It seems strange that Bill Cook and "Toots" Holoway should again oppose each other, this time in professional ranks in New York. These two opposed each other many a time in the days when Holloway played for Belleville and Cook for the Frontenacs.

The Oshawa intermediates have started practising already for the hockey season and indoor work is being given to the boys in copious measures. Pretty near time Kingston was starting something like that.

Despite the fact that the Stratford Indians hit the pro. ranks when they joined the Canadian League, a minor league outfit, Stratford will have an intermediate O.H.A. team this season.

We've often thought that it must gall some of those Varsity people to think they are hanging out in "Queen's Park."

London Advertiser—There are always the bleacher managers and coaches in every game, but sometimes the coaches and managers, either by accident or design, do happen to stumble on the right thing to do. It is pointed out that if Coach Billy Hughes had not put Chantler in for Voss in the last period at Kingston, Saturday, Trimble would have been over for a touchdown after his great run. Nobody, it seems but the fleet Chantler, who was on the opposite side of the field when Trimble started his 50-yard sprint, could have barred his way.

The proposal before the C.A.H.A. to raise the age limit in the junior series from twenty-one years does not find favor in O.H.A. quarters. When a boy becomes old enough to vote he should be classed as a senior.

Memories of several amateur players having signed professional contracts and then refusing to report, are brought home in the amendment sponsored by James Sutherland, of Kingston. James would have any player who signs a professional contract automatically suspended from the Association, and if he changes his mind about playing in the monied ranks refuse him reinstatement for one year.

The appointment of Conny Smythe as head coach of the Varsity hockey teams, with Dr. Joe Sullivan as assistant, was expected despite the fact that Conny, through his relations with the New York Rangers, has not yet secured an amateur card.

Mail—Failure to develop a good kick formation and thus give protection to the booter, is one of the reasons attributed in many quarters to Varsity not now being Intercollegiate champions. In the opening game here, when Queen's were beaten, Varsity won through their clever blocking. On Saturday something went amiss at Kingston, or probably Billy Hughes figured a way to beat down the defence, the result being Queen's broke through when kicks meant points. Coach MacPherson will endeavor to rectify this weakness. By the way, the Varsity-McGill game on Saturday will be a Toronto-Montreal Intercity match, the Argos rally to the help of the Blue and White, and M.A.A.A. to the Red and White.

Globe—In Queen's Park most of the talk these days is in regard to the game of the season at Molson Stadium next Saturday, where McGill and University of Toronto will fight it out for the right to play against Queen's in the Intercollegiate Union final play-off game. Followers of the big Blue team have not lost faith. They think that Warren Snyder and his men will break loose with a vengeance, and eliminate the Shagmen. But McGill, put back in the running by Queen's sensational and close victory of last Saturday, will take on a new lease of life, and battle like Tigers. It looks like a toss-up. On paper U. of T. appear to be the better aggregation. There are no Stollerys or Sniders on that gallant McGill team, and the general run of material is far inferior to that of the local university. In the opening game of the season McGill surprised the football world by defeating the Blue and White by 7 to 3, but in the return game the locals were victorious by 11 to 3. The score on the round was, therefore, 14 to 12, with the U. of T. machine doing the leading. These figures, however, show that the home team has the advantage, and that McGill will likely start the struggle as slight favorites.

New York Times—It would be easy to make fun of the high solemnity with which Princeton and Harvard break off athletic relations. Plenipotentiaries and Presidents entering upon a great war could not be impressed with a deeper sense of their own dignity. But we believe that the outside public, and the great mass of graduates of both colleges, will look upon the rupture with disapproval, and even with disgust. It is not a question of alleged unfair tactics or foul play on the football field. The boorish insults of the Harvard Lampoon——for which it has just apologized—are not referred to in the Princeton ultimatum. What is dwelt upon is the spirit of ill-will, suspicion and animosity which now pervades "the undergraduate bodies of the two universities." They have worked themselves up into a state of mind where they can no longer meet in friendly athletic rivalry. This statement of the case is alone a sufficient condemnation of the whole petty squabble. If intercollegiate football, with all its expense and glamor, its magnificent stadiums and general glorification, has reached the point where it inflames gentlemen and scholars with rancor and bitterness, something is wrong, either with them or with it. It is good to see that neutral observers of the quarrel, as at Yale, think that the situation is ridiculous, and should be ended as soon as possible by mediation or by a quiet and conciliatory meeting of the parties directly interested. If the apologies already made are not ample, though they seem to be, more will doubtless be forthcoming. Certainly a wearied public will follow any undue prolongation of the wretched controversy with impatience, and wish that somebody would stamp or spank the sense of proportion and of humor into our young barbarians at play.

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