

MCPHILLIPP'S CUP STAYS AT GANGES FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Final Game Played at Fulford Harbor Friday on March 6 Was Witnessed by Large Crowd of Spectators—Game Closely Contested

It took three launches to carry the Sidney football team and their supporters to Fulford Harbor last Friday afternoon, the occasion being the play-off of the tie in the McPhillipp's cup competition with the Ganges Harbor team. This tie was the result of a strenuous winter's sport in football circles. Three teams were entered in the league formed last fall Sidney, Ganges Harbor and Fulford. The latter was very unfortunate and did not succeed in winning a single game in the entire series, and when Sidney defeated Ganges and Ganges retaliated by defeating the home team the next time they met, it left these two teams with three wins to their credit and one loss. Some little discussion arose over where the tie would be played off. Ganges claimed that Fulford was the proper place to play the game, on account of them having a team in the league and their ground being in the district for which the trophy was offered. The Sidney club would have preferred to play the game in Victoria, but yielded the point in favor of the Fulford Harbor grounds.

The game was called for half-past two in the afternoon, but owing to the field on which the game was to be played being situated at some distance from the wharf, it took some little time for the Sidney delegation to arrive at the scene of action. However, sharp at three o'clock Referee E. Wyllie, of the Garrison at Esquimalt, blew his whistle and the teams trotted out on the field. After warning the players that he would not stand for any of the rough stuff practised in some football matches, he gave a few other directions and placed the ball ready for the kick-off.

Both teams were in splendid shape and eager for the contest. As a result some splendid work was done both by individual players and by combination during the first fifteen minutes. Back and forth the ball went from one goal to the other, neither side having the slightest advantage and the pace was very fast. Both forward lines had several tries at the goals but failed to get past the goalkeepers. The Ganges boys now began to show that they were in better shape to stand the hard pace than their opponents and began storming the Sidney goal with a vengeance. Time and again they forced the ball down the field, but their combination rushes were invariably broken up by the strong defence of the Sidney team, and even when they did succeed in getting past the half-backs they had to reckon with Shrimpton in goal, who proved to be a veritable stone wall between the posts. Only once during the first forty-five minutes play did the Ganges boys get the ball past him for a tally, and that was purely and simply an accident. A scrimmage in front of the Sidney goal was relieved by Scarlett, who kicked the ball down centre field, where it was met by a player on the opposing side and sent flying back a good ten feet to the south of the Sidney goal post. Unfortunately for the home team it struck one of the players on the legs and rebounding rolled quietly through between the posts. Shrimpton saw all this and in an endeavor to make one of his lightning rushes from one side to the other, slipped on the muddy ground and fell flat on his face.

Shortly after this the half-time whistle blew and the boys had a few minutes rest before resuming the game. The magnificent playing of the home team was a surprise to even their most sanguine supporters and the boys were immediately surrounded and congratulated and encour-

agement extended from all sides.

Play was again resumed and the short rest seemed to have put new life into the Sidney boys as once more they began playing an aggressive game and stormed their opponents goal almost as often as they were called upon to defend their own. Morris and Scarlett were now doing some particularly clever work in breaking up the combination plays of the Ganges forward line, and it was well on in the period when another scrimmage took place in front of the Sidney goal, resulting in the ball being sent in from the side at a terrific pace by a Ganges player. It struck the goal post, glanced and striking the umpire rolled back out in front of the goal again. A number of players on both sides had not seen what had happened and went on playing, but were soon called to the centre by the referee's whistle. The score now stood 2-0 in favor of the Ganges team and only about fifteen minutes to play.

Determined to make at least one tally if not win the game, the Sidney players now let loose and began crowding their opponents goal with as much vigor as the latter had stormed theirs during the first stanza. They lacked much in combination however, and playing practically the individual game, they could not get past the strong Ganges defence for a tally, although they did succeed in having several good tries which were easily handled by the goalkeeper.

From the Ganges team it would be hard to pick a star player as they had their whole team well drilled in the combination play, and each and every player seemed to be a cog in the successful working out of that combination. There is little doubt, however, but the score in their favor would have been much larger had it not been for the magnificent work of Shrimpton in the Sidney goal, who was easily the star of the day. On the conclusion of the game he was heartily congratulated by his friends, and the members of the opposing team, although victorious, were not stinting in their praise of his brilliant work. He was ably assisted, however, by Scarlett and Morris at back, who were an exceedingly hard pair for any forward line to pierce.

Sidney were weak in their forward line and although generously assisted by the half-backs, at times they made some clever and brilliant plays, yet they were lacking in the combination shown by their opponents and as a result their efforts were fruitless.

Referee E. Wyllie was absolutely impartial in his decisions, and wonderful to relate they were not challenged even once. Neither did he put a man on the fence during the entire game, which shows very clearly that the game was free from these little incidents that often do so much to spoil the pleasure of the spectators.

Following is the way the teams lined up:

Sidney	Ganges
Shrimpton	goal
Scarlett	backs
Morris	Evans
Jennings	half-backs
Sewell	E. Springford
Robertson	Lang, Capt.
Norton	forwards
W. Lait	Cartwright
Bowcott	Stanford
Wilkinson	Robinson
Cowell	C. Springford

Referee—E. Wyllie.

GARDEN NOTES.

Send for seed catalogues. Purchase seed as soon as possible. Make a careful test of all seed to

be sown. It pays.

Early Jersey Wakefield is among the earliest cabbage.

Order vegetable and flower seeds now before the stock is exhausted.

Pansy seed may be sown now. Use a friable, light, sandy loam and cover the seed very lightly.

Early garden crops require a warm sunny location and sandy, though rich soil.

Paper pots are often handy for growing plants. They are easily made or may be purchased from dealers.

Sparks Earliana is one of the earliest tomatoes. Globe, Beauty and Stone are good later varieties.

Make provision for a good liberal flower garden. It may occupy a part of the vegetable garden and be cultivated the same as the vegetables.

When watering house plants give them a thorough soaking when they are dry and then wait until they need water again before applying it.

Apply plenty of manure to the garden. Good vegetables must be quickly grown and in order to get rapid growth, plant food must be easily available.

COAST LEAGUE BASKETBALL.

The Y. M. C. A. senior basketball team of Victoria, goes this week for its tour around neighboring towns to play off matches in the Coast League. They play the Vancouver association on Wednesday night, the Bellingham association on Thursday and the New Westminster association on Friday, returning on Saturday morning. Mr. G. G. Beall will accompany the team and it is possible that the business men of the Victoria association may respond to a challenge from the business men of New Westminster and make the journey over there to play them on Friday night.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Mr. H. G. Beall announced last week that the Victoria Y. M. C. Association has been awarded the privilege of holding the junior basketball championships of British Columbia in Victoria. These matches will be played during the Easter holidays. In these championship games the contestants will be divided into three classes: "A" maximum weight 135 pounds; "B" maximum weight 125 pounds; "C" maximum weight 110 pounds. Trophies will be given in each class. Any team in the province may enter, and entry forms will be obtainable from the physical director of the Y. M. C. A., Victoria.

RETURN FROM BEAVER LAKE.

Excellent reports of their findings at Beaver Lake were brought to Prince Albert, Sask., recently by a party consisting of Gordon A. McDonald, Ansell Pritchard, J. H. Frank, C. Gravel and Hugh Broadfoot, who spent over a month in the gold area, and staked in all fifteen claims. In fact, so optimistic were the members of the party about the conditions at Beaver Lake, that they stated that it was their intention to return there in six weeks' time. They

also strongly substantiate reports which have been so far brought to the city by prospectors, and speak very highly of the general outlook.

OPEN FOR PRE-EMPTION.

Hon. William R. Ross, Minister of Lands, has announced that many tracts of logged-off lands available for agriculture will be opened on May 1, in East Kootenay, some in the Cranbrook Land Recording Division and some in the Fernie Division. They will be opened at the offices of the Cranbrook and Fernie Government agents on May 1, at 9 a.m. The tracts are all surveyed, some being divided into forty acre lots, others into 160 acre blocks.

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