

Athletics.

Varsity vs Queen's.

IT was a joyous crowd that left the rink Friday night, after one of the closest and most exciting games in the history of hockey at Queen's. Before the game there had been a feeling of doubt. The hockey of the week before was pretty poor, and the pessimists were shaking their heads sadly over Queen's certain defeat.

Even throughout the game there was doubt. Varsity would score, and then Queen's, Varsity and then Queen's. Varsity was ahead at the end of the first half, and it was only towards the end of the game that Grieg George made the shot that tied the score.

Then came the ten minutes overtime, the most nerve-racking ten minutes in the evening. Our men seemed in better shape, and Varsity were only too willing to come down later and play a second game. However the rules demand the overtime, and in about three minutes Queen's had scored, and cheered on lustily by their supporters, held Varsity down till the final bell rang, and they were carried off the ice by their admirers.

There was some speculation about the team before the men stepped onto the ice, but when they finally skated forth, and Dobbie and Leo Trimble were seen, what a shout rent the air! Confidence began at last to trickle into some quaking hearts, and those who 'Cassandra like, prognosticating woe' had made the atmosphere heavy with their dolorous sighs began now to look more cheerful.

After the teams had sported with the puck a while, for the edification of the crowd, the whistle sounded and the game was on.

The play at first was a little ragged. The ice seemed sticky, and chipped readily, so that good stick handling became difficult, and combination almost impossible. There were many brilliant individual rushes, but as both teams had strong defences, they were rarely of effect.

Varsity scored first, and the lugubrious ones again began to groan in spirit, when Basil and Grieg George went up the ice together, and on a pass from Basil, Grieg scored. Pendemonium broke loose for a few minutes. Before the end of the half Varsity scored once more.

Although the score was two to one at the end of the period, Queen's had considerably the better of the play. No less than three times our men passed everybody but the goal tender, and then fell down or shot wide.

Once McKinnon had a shot from a few feet out, but it was intercepted. Meikle had another chance, but tripped, while Grieg George shot, and hit the bar at the top of the net. Credit of course must be given to the Varsity goal tender. He was cool as an ice berg. In fact it is stated on good authority that the ice was considerably harder near him than any other place.

In the second half Varsity scored but once, while Queen's twice found the net, Basil and then Grieg George doing the trick.