

SPORTS

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SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

THAT old enemy of college football, "parental objections," has again loomed up to crush Varsity's championship aspirations, and there is a consequent feeling of depression among the wearers of the blue and white. Percy Biggs, who is to-day the king of Canadian quarter-backs, and the best that ever donned a Varsity uniform, is out of the game for that reason; Harold Beatty, the crack half-back of the Inter-college Union, has on the same account been forced to retire, though it is to be hoped only temporarily; and Jack McLaren, Varsity's one first-rate scrimmager, has yielded to his parents' wishes, and left a vacancy that cannot be satisfactorily filled.

With these three men out of the game, the most enthusiastic Varsity man did not expect a victory over McGill Saturday, but it was hardly thought that the easterners would have so easy a time of it. For, besides being Varsity's first defeat on her own grounds since the inauguration of the C. I. R. F. U., it was also one of the worst and most decisive in her history.

Next Saturday Varsity plays Queen's in Kingston, and unless we can win we are altogether out of the running for the championship. But we must remember what happened in Kingston last year, and hope for a repetition of it. A faithful week's practice should work wonders with Varsity's light and inexperienced team. Besides, it is expected that Harold Beatty will be out this week again, in which case Ernie Paterson could be moved up to the wing line, where he is sadly needed, though he has proven to be as good as the best on the half-back line. In fact, we advise everybody to "cheer up!"

In considering the game which the Seconds won from McMaster we find more encouragement, but still some features which could be remedied. The back division fumbled badly, and their passing could also be improved upon. The scrimmage is fairly good, and gets the ball out cleanly, while the wings are fast and strong. Reynolds, however, is the only good tackle among them. The Intermediate, then, with a little attention to catching, passing and tackling, may be expected to give a good account of themselves in Kingston next Saturday.

C. I. R. F. U. STANDING.

	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.
McGill	1	1	1	3
Varsity	1	1	0	2
Queen's	0	0	1	1

MCGILL, 16—VARSITY, 0.

A large crowd gathered at the Athletic Field Saturday afternoon to witness Varsity's first home game in the Inter-college series, with McGill, and, as the vast majority of the crowd wore blue and white, it was not a riotously joyful assembly. The score of 16 to 0 just about indicates the nature of the play, for, hard as it is to admit it, Varsity was simply outclassed, and, outside of one or two brilliant dashes, never had a look in.

McGill's victory is not due to any great individual playing, and it would be difficult to pick out the stars. But their team work was superb, and their scrimmage and wing line far superior to their opponents. McGill's short passes were a great factor in the result, and, though many of them were undoubtedly forward, still the officials did not detect them, and they were just as effective as if they had been legal. The easterners also showed an abnormal capacity for stealing the ball, and an ability to play off-side interference with impunity. Kenny was hurt early in the contest, and had to retire in favor of Meindl.

For Varsity the back division played practically the whole game, though Earle Gibson was away off-color. Ernie Paterson was both reliable and brilliant, and didn't make a single skip. On several occasions he punted for large gains, with several McGill men clinging to him. George Biggs worked hard, and got in some beautiful runs, while Pete Laing came to the fore in the second half with the prettiest tackle of the day, when he brought down Richards after the latter's 55-yard run. On the wing line Young was easily the star, and Hoyles took pretty good care of Waterous, who outweighed him by many pounds.

A story of the game would be as dull to read as the match to watch. Scrimmage followed scrimmage, with McGill gaining every time. Sometimes Varsity would secure the pigskin, and McGill would promptly steal it, but it was never passed out cleanly from Varsity's scrimmage. Ballard, at quarter, had no chance at all behind a scrimmage which was being pushed all over the field, and wings that let the McGill men through on all occasions. He played with great pluck, however, and, if the scrimmage is strengthened, should make good.

The following was the line-up:

Varsity (o) — Back, P. Laing; halves, Paterson, George Biggs (captain), Gibson; quarter, Ballard; scrimmage, Burwell, Cochrane, Snively; wings, Fyle, Pearson, Gilbert, Maden, Hoyles, Young, Jermy.

McGill (16) — Back, Patch; halves, Hamilton, Richard, Bert Molson; quarters, Kenny, Meindl; wings, R. W. Molson, Wright, Nagle, Graham, Waterous, Shillington, Martin; scrimmage, O'Brien, McPhee, Benedict.

Referee—"Bunty" Dalton, Queen's. Umpire—A. H. Britton, Kingston.

VARSITY II, 15—M'MASTER, 1.

Varsity II. played a sudden-death game with McMaster on the Athletic Field Saturday morning, and it was the team of many colors that died. The result should be extremely satisfactory to the Seconds, for, though this is McMaster's first season of Rugby, they have some men who know the game well, and can play it, too. The Seconds presented a somewhat patched-up team on account of the demands which had been made upon them to fill the vacancies on the first fifteen. The loss of Captain Ballard was severely felt, for, though Hore, who replaced him, played a splendid game, he lacks the experience of Ballard, and was, besides, unacquainted with the signals. The two scrimmages were very evenly matched, but the Varsity wings were faster, and surer tackles, than their opponents. On the back division McMaster has a line that will show up well after a little more experience. McArthur is a fine punt and nice runner, while Haydon also shows promise.

Varsity's back division were somewhat inclined to fumble, and this would have proven very costly against an experienced team. McKay played a steady and effective game, though he is a little slow in getting away. Rathbun's punts always gained ground, and, in this respect, he is not much inferior to Ralph Stratton. The feature of Varsity's play was the tackling of "Babe" Reynolds. He was lightning fast in following up, and always nailed his man.

On the kick-off McMaster got the ball and for a few minutes seemed to be out-playing the blue and white. When Varsity gained a little ground the umpire would promptly detect an off-side and McMaster would gain a free kick. The ball, however, was soon punted well into Baptist territory, and Robertson, following up fast, stole it neatly. Then followed a long string of massed plays, in which Hore's repeated bucks gained much ground. Finally, he was pushed over the line for a try which Laing converted. Score, Varsity II., 6; McMaster, 0.

McMaster now forced the play and the ball got dangerously close to Varsity's line. McKay relieved the pressure by a long punt, and Reynolds was on hand to tackle the full-back, when he fumbled the ball. Play then continued around McMaster's 25 until half-time, but no score was added.