



HOCKEY.

WELLINGTONS 11—VARSITY 3.

The Varsity hockey team opened their season rather inauspiciously on Saturday evening by losing their first match in the O. H. A. series to the Wellingtons by the score of eleven goals to three. Varsity was very unfortunate in meeting the champions of Ontario so early in the season, when they were hardly in a position to do themselves justice. If they had had the benefit of a couple of practice games the score would have doubtless not been so uneven. As it was, most of the men did not return from their holidays till the beginning of the week and the unfavorable weather that followed upset all calculations. None of the players were in shape, and they had no practice as a team. In fact a couple of the men had not been on the ice this winter before Saturday's match. Moreover, the team sustained a very severe loss in the case of Evans who was injured on Friday and was unable to play; he was keenly missed at point. Great credit, however, is due to McLaren who filled the position remarkably well, considering that he had absolutely no practice. It was hardly expected that the students would win, but it is a matter of congratulation that every man played as hard as he knew how, and played cleanly. Prospects are not at all gloomy. There is lots of good material, and with systematic practices and the support of the students the team is sure to be much stronger as the season advances, and the knowing ones still expect Varsity to regain her laurels.

There was a good-sized crowd at the Mutual Street Rink to witness the match, but not much enthusiasm of the audible kind. The students turned out well, but they were scattered, and the yelling and the rooting was not what it might have been. Owing to the thaw the ice was rather soft and uneven, but despite this the game was a fast one and a good exhibition of hockey. At about 8.30 the two rival teams appeared and lined up as follows:

Wellingtons—Goal, Bilton; point, Smart; cover-point, Ardagh; forwards, Hill, Mackay, Chadwick, Morden.

Varsity—Goal, Pardoe; point, McLaren; cover-point, Wright; forwards, Gilbert, Gibson, Broder, Wood.

Referee—Dr. King.

Individually the Wellingtons scintillated and sparkled as twinkle the stars of evening. Chadwick and Mackay were especially brilliant, and made some magnificent plays. They were responsible for a good proportion of the goals, and Pardoe was kept busy. All the forwards were remarkably sure and fast in shooting. As a team, however, the Dukes showed hardly a trace of combination play; their forwards hardly did any after passing, that is the best feature of the game. On the contrary the Varsity forwards were not individually so brilliant, but, despite their lack of practice, played well together, and did some very pretty combination work. Time and time again they brought the puck right to their opponents' goal, but here they generally stopped. While Bilton undoubtedly stopped a great many hot shots that would have passed a goal-keeper of ordinary calibre, it must be said that the shooting of the students was not at all up to

the mark. Nor did they equal their opponents in their work at the boards. Both faults should be remedied by hard practice.

Varsity started off with a rush and right from the face off the forwards carried the puck to the posts. After less than two minutes play Gibson scored the first goal. The Wellingtons saw they had to work to win. Both goal keepers were kept busy. Bilton stopped one shot with his nose, while the only way McLaren could check one of Chadwick's rushes was to fall on him. Finally after about ten minutes fast play Ardagh tied the score by a clean shot between the posts. Things were pretty even at this stage of the game and the defences of both sevens were kept on the lookout. After about five minutes Chadwick worked in a splendid dodging rush from half-way to the nets. Two minutes later McKay scored on a pass from Smart and tallied another goal in no time. Score 4—1. Varsity seemed to wake up at this point and had the best of the game for a few minutes. After one of the prettiest combination plays of the match Gibson landed the puck in the net. A minute later Chadwick again got going and by a splendid rush made the score 5—2. There were a couple of delays here. Warden was hurt and an electric light globe was broken. Just before half time was called, the Wellingtons shot another goal and made the score 6—2.

The first goal in the second half was scored by Gibson of Varsity after a fine combination. But this was their last goal and though they worked their hardest, they were out-played at every point by the Wellingtons. McKay and Chadwick played magnificently and were responsible for the remaining five goals. Ardagh was laid out for a few minutes near the beginning of the half, but was able to continue playing. Three Wellingtons and one Varsity man were ruled off during the game for short periods for slashing.

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The following schedules will show all the games which the three Varsity teams will play:

SENIOR

January 4—St. George's at Wellingtons.
January 11—Wellingtons at Varsity.
January 18—St. George's at Varsity.
January 25—Varsity at St. George's.
February 1—Wellingtons at St. George's.
February 8—Varsity at Wellingtons.

INTERMEDIATE

January 9th—Brampton at Newmarket.
January 10th—Varsity at Parkdale.
January 13th—Newmarket at Brampton.
January 14th—Parkdale at Varsity.
January 16th—Parkdale at Newmarket.
January 17th—Varsity at Brampton.
January 20th—Newmarket at Parkdale.
January 23rd—Varsity at Newmarket.
January 24th—Brampton at Parkdale.
January 27th—Newmarket at Varsity; Parkdale at Brampton.
January 29th—Brampton at Varsity.

JUNIOR

January 9th—Parkdale at Hamilton.
January 18th—Hamilton at Varsity.
January 21st—Varsity at Parkdale.
January 23rd—Hamilton at Parkdale.
January 28th—Parkdale at Varsity.
January 31st—Varsity at Hamilton.