

Wesley won the toss and chose to defend the west goal, a somewhat politic move, as it put their opponents under the necessity of facing the declining sun. During the first half, the play, although confined more largely to St. John's territory, was quite even in its character. The Wesley scrim was working splendidly, consequently the opposing forwards got very little chance to heel out to their quarter. The game had not been in progress very long when Duncan applied his eye with some degree of force to a rather hard portion of the anatomy of one of the St. John's players. He was able to proceed with the game, however, and was of great service to his side. On several occasions Cory secured the ball and made a wild dash for the line, but was inevitably pulled down before a point could be scored. But at last, after a brilliant rush through the Wesley ranks, he almost reached the goal, and in the succeeding scrim St. John's forced the ball over and secured the first try of the day. This Hamber failed to convert into a goal. Score, 4—1, in favor of the wearers of the black and yellow, and thus it stood when half-time was called shortly after.

Two minutes after the start of play Wesley was forcing the game, and Charlie St. John was found pressing the slippery oval into the grass behind St. John's line. He was lifted off, and Perry made a most difficult kick, securing the only goal of the day. The last symptoms of sanity deserted the host of Wesley supporters as they filled the air with howls of delight in every key of the gamut. Wesley 7, St. John's 4. Nature was again disturbed when, shortly after, Sparling got over for four points in a touch, without the privilege of a try. The ball was not always in the St. John's territory, but excursions toward the Wesley goal did not result in anything serious. Two touches for safety shot the Wesleys score up to 15. Time would soon be up, but there was still more scoring to follow. Chambers made a pass to Code, which went high, and Doran made a magnificent run, securing a touchdown. This Perry failed to con-

vert, and the score remained 19-4 in favor of Wesley.

For St. John's, Cory was the particular star. Mermagen played a good game in the scrimmage, and Pritchard, Richardson and Morton upheld the wings. Reid's play at back was a little loose at times, owing to his lack of practice. Richardson sprained his ankle in the second half and had to lay off. Gilbert went with him. In the same half Hiron, of the Wesley scrimmage, had his nose broken, and Proctor went off to even up. Captain Sparling played a magnificent game for his team, as also did Perry, Jones and Poile. To Duncan's clever tackling Wesley owed a good many points. Wickson did yeoman service on the wing. The game was won by Wesley's quick following up on the part of the wings, and the accurate kicking of the half-backs. The dribbling by the scrimmage also seemed to be very effective.

Summary—Wesley: Rouge, Perry, 1; goal, St. John, 6; touchdown, Sparling, 4; two safety touches, 4; ; touchdown, Doran, 4; total, 19. St. John's—Touchdown, Morton, 4; total, 4.

The opening of the college year 1897-98 has been accompanied by the entry of Wesley college into a new arena of sport, viz., that of Rugby football. The wisdom of the step was questioned by some, but since our boys have gained such sweeping victories, even the most querulous have changed their note of complaint into one of jubilation. However, the objection raised may be very easily combatted. The chief one was that Rugby would diminish the chances of success in Association. Now, the Rugby series is practically completed before that of Association begins, and besides, the times of practices have been such that no man playing the former game has been deterred, on account of lack of opportunity, from playing the latter. Moreover, the men playing Rugby are getting into shape more quickly than if they did not indulge in the game, because such a thing as a lazy practice is almost impossible for any one. Again, the detractors of the