

crowd, the game fell to Varsity by a score of 3 goals to 1. The "Vics" have a good team and gave Varsity the hardest work they have had this season. There was a regular boom in Football on Wednesday afternoon on the lawn, where two matches were played. The first took place between a team from Weston High School and the Varsity second eleven. Some of the players on both teams did good service for their respective sides, but the game was characterized by long kicking rather than sure passing. The result was 1 to 0 in favor of Varsity. Soon after the close of this match the "Normals" and Varsity 1st eleven took their places on the field. As the Normals have a strong team and are taking a very good stand with other clubs in the City, a keen contest was expected. But, although the forwards of the latter team made several good rushes on the Varsity goal, the sphere was almost continually in dangerous proximity to their own. When time was called Varsity had succeeded in passing the ball four times beneath the tape, while their opponents had failed to score. A very exciting contest may be expected on Saturday, 6th, when Varsity meet the Victorias in their first cup-tie match. As this game will decide which team is to hold the championship of Toronto, considerable interest will no doubt be manifested. Thus far, then, the association club has scored 13 goals to 2, a very good showing indeed.

The long expected match between Ottawa College and the Varsity for the College championship of Ontario took place on Saturday. It will be remembered that last year the Varsity suffered defeat in Ottawa by 19 points to 2. But those who saw that match thought there was no such disparity in the play as the figures would seem to indicate, and our boys felt confident of making a much closer game on their own ground. Nor was their confidence unfounded, for a closer match than Saturday's was never played. In order to be in the best possible condition, the Ottawa men left home at noon on Friday, arriving here that evening, and enjoyed a good night's rest at the Rossin. On the other hand, the Varsity left nothing undone to improve their condition. Those who were present at the match with Upper Canada College shook their heads, but a week's hard training made all the difference in the world. As each day passed their chances became better. "Scout" MacLaren returned in the nick of time—Sullivan's shoulder improved continually—the new men on the team fell into their places instinctively. Saturday was as fine a day as ever favoured a football match. At the commencement of the game there was present the largest and most enthusiastic crowd of spectators ever seen on the lawn—among them a large percentage of ladies. Although the game lasted for an unprecedentedly long time, their number was apparently undiminished, while their enthusiasm seemed to have increased. The teams were composed as follows:—Ottawa College—Back, J. Murphy; half-backs, T. Murphy and Riley; quarter-backs, O'Malley (Captain) and Bannon; forwards, Hillman, Delancy, McConly, McLaughlin, Guillet, Gascon, Mahoney, McDonald, Kavanagh and Masson; umpire, Max. Hamilton (Peterboro'). Toronto University—Back, W. P. Mustard; half-backs, F. Mill and J. H. Senkler; quarter-backs, G. B. McClean and E. C. Senkler; forwards, W. B. Nesbitt, E. A. Sullivan, R. McDowall, W. Cross, J. S. MacLean (Captain), E. G. Rykert, H. MacLaren, D. Ferguson, A. G. Smith and A. H. O'Brien; umpire, E. W. H. Blake. Referee, R. Max. Dennistoun, Queen's College. The Ottawa men wore a pretty suit of garnet jerseys and stockings and gray knickerbockers, while the Varsity appeared in their well-known blue and white. Captain O'Malley won the toss and elected to defend the northern goal, and the ball was kicked off by Mustard promptly at 3 o'clock. It was returned by Murphy, the Ottawa back, and then scrimmaged. We may here remark that the game was almost a series of scrimmages from beginning to end. The ball was very seldom out of the scrimmages, and even then only for short periods. Before long it went into touch, and Mahoney had an opportunity of showing his skill at throwing out. He was the best man at it we have ever seen, always placing the ball where he wanted it. In a few minutes Mill got the ball, made a run and kicked it far down the field. Murphy returned it and scrimmaging again followed. The ball was passed to Bannon, who ran back nearly ten yards in the hope of passing Ferguson, but the latter tackled him in beautiful style. Scrimmaging followed in which Ottawa had the best of it until half-way was reached. Mustard got the ball, but, unfortunately, kicked it side-ways into touch. For a considerable time the Varsity goal was in great danger, but when time was called, the Varsity forwards had worked the ball up a few yards again. After a few minutes' intermission play was re-commenced. O'Malley, instead of giving a long kick, merely touched the ball and then picked it up. The Varsity forwards were too sharp for him and immediately tackled him, thus spoiling the little trick. Scrimmaging again followed. One of the Ottawa backs kicked the ball behind the Varsity goal, and before it could be returned rolled into touch; 1 point for Ottawa College. The ball was kicked off, and shortly after O'Malley obtained a fair catch from which a goal was nearly obtained. The Ottawa forwards charged so fast that Mustard was unable to get the ball out and had to rouge; 2 points for Ottawa College. The ball was again kicked off. Shortly afterwards the ball was passed to H. Senkler, who made the longest run of the day before being tackled. For the remainder of the three-quarters of an hour the honours were evenly divided, and when time was called the score was 2 to 0 in favour of Ottawa College. As

this constituted a draw it was decided to play half-an-hour longer, fifteen minutes each way. Mustard made a splendid kick-off and scrimmaging ensued again. Ed. Senkler obtained a fair catch from which Harry Senkler almost obtained a goal. However, Ottawa College was compelled to rouge; 1 point for the Varsity. Shortly afterwards the ball was dribbled over Ottawa goal-line. Cross made a dash and almost succeeded in obtaining a try, but the Ottawa backs ran into him with such force as to knock the ball from his hands, and Ottawa managed to rouge again; 2 points for the Varsity. During the remainder of the first fifteen minutes and the whole of the second fifteen, play was about even, and when time was again called the score was still a draw 2 points to 2. The Captains agreed to play twenty minutes longer in the hope of settling the question. It was now becoming rapidly dark and difficult to see the ball. Heavy scrimmaging was the order and both sides lay on the ball considerably. At length time was called and the match declared a draw.

The tie of last Saturday was played off on Thursday afternoon on the Rosedale grounds in the presence of a large number of spectators. The same teams as played last week faced each other at 2.30 when the ball was kicked off. Remembering the great staying powers of the Varsity team, the Ottawa College men put forth tremendous exertion, which was somewhat of a surprise as they kept the ball in the scrimmage in the last match. The result was that owing to a miss-kick by Mustard, they secured a try in the first fifteen minutes. Soon after this, Mustard was badly kicked on the shin, which spoiled his kicking for the rest of the game. Harry Senkler was also lame, and many of the onlookers were enraged to see him successfully tackled, where on ordinary occasions he would have shown a clean pair of heels. Soon after the try O'Malley was tackled in goal, which added four points to the Ottawa College score. Four rouges raised the score to twelve where it stayed. Just as our men were waking up thoroughly and were working the ball up the field, half time was called, score 12 to 0. Things now looked decidedly blue, and the hearts of Varsity supporters began to sink. But in the second half they nobly redeemed their reputation, and though they only managed to score one point, they played a brilliant game, and had decidedly the best of it, keeping the ball well up toward their opponents goal. It would be unfair to individualize. Our forwards, we may safely say, never played so well before, and will compare with any team forwards in Canada. The whole team is worthy of the college; they should receive only stronger support on account of the lost game of Thursday. Upon one thing we may congratulate ourselves; our men play a square, honest game; they never take unfair advantage. This can hardly be said of the Ottawa College team. Their forwards played off-side whenever there was an opportunity of eluding the vigilance of the referee. The ball too was not unfrequently picked out of the scrimmage and passed back to be punted. The referee deserves a vote of thanks for his strict fairness in ruling. He took the greatest pains to make an impartial ruling in every case of dispute. Thus is the championship once more lost to us; we can only hope, and back our team to our utmost next year.

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