

U.C.C. VS. TRINITY.

The first game of the season was played on October 4th. Trinity College, which had not yet opened, was represented by a weak team. The fact that they had not played together at all was amply evidenced by a lack of team play and condition. On the wing line the work was even, but when Stinson secured the ball from Morrison, he invariably made ground around the ends. Runs of sixty yards or more were frequent, the three halves—Morrison, Foster, and Stinson—working with perfect precision. Southam, who was tried at quarter, proved reliable and trustworthy in emergencies. The final score was 49—0.

U.C.C. VS. MCMASTER UNIVERSITY.

On Saturday, October 11th, the Rugby players of McMaster came up to have a practice game. It was a sultry afternoon, and neither team showed off to good advantage. Our players were penalized unmercifully, and it seemed to take the heart out of them. In the first half no points were scored. Our halves played too near the line, and could not run around the ends. McMaster were generally on the defensive, and put up a strong game. In the second half the visitors put three extra men on the wing line, "just to try them," the captain said. Davidson made no objection to this uneven warfare—it was only for practice anyway. The College team won in spite of odds, but the score was the smallest of the year—2—0.

U.C.C. 40, BISHOP RIDLEY COLLEGE O.

The games with Trinity and McMaster Universities were merely practices. Our team was in the experimental stage. Men were being tried in different positions; weak places were strengthened, and even strong places improved. The first real match of the year was against Bishop Ridley College. The result was to us entirely satisfactory. Every one of our players stood the test. No change was made in the team during the remainder of the season.

Ridley was really disappointing; we had expected a closer game. Even Kennedy, of whom we had heard so much, could do nothing against our fast wings. He seldom attempted to run, and when he kicked, the ball was returned over his head. Our halves played a very fine game. Morrison's punting and Stinson's running were excellent. Foster's work was not so brilliant, but it was effective. Smith was on trial at quarter, and passed through the ordeal with great credit. He was quick to get the ball from the scrum, and knew immediately what to do. Our wings played a very aggressive game, and were penalized thirteen times. And here there is a conundrum for those who believe in unlucky numbers "and such odd branches of learning." Ridley's thirteen free kicks availed them nothing; but Davidson's signal "thirteen" never failed to gain ground.

Ridley kicked off for a gain of 10 yards. From the scrumage Smith passed the ball out to Stinson, who made a good run. When he was tackled, Morrison took the ball and carried it up near the Ridley line. Ridley was awarded two free kicks in quick succession, but their line was still in danger. There was another scrumage and Smith broke through for a try. Score 5—0.

Kennedy kicked off to Rosehill, but Boyd tackled him before he could run. The ball again began to travel towards Ridley goal. Stinson made another long run: the College wings pressed forward, and Smith got over for a second try, which was converted by Morrison. Score, 11—0.

During the next few minutes the ball was twice in touch near the centre. Ridley had two more free kicks in succession, and the play was transferred to the College 25-yard line. But Morrison got the ball and punted away behind all the Ridley players over the line, and Kennedy was forced to rouge. Score. 12—0.