

# SPORTING.

## HOCKEY.

The McGill Club played its first match this season on Friday, the 28th of February, against a team of the Britannia Football Club. The teams were: Britannia—Morris, Kinghorn, Miller, S. Blaiklock, Cushing, Wilson, Orr, Thompson. McGill—Redpath, Campbell, Scriver, Church, Swan, Green, Howard, Ross, and Robertson.

It will be seen that the Britannias were short of a man. On noticing this, McGill at once offered to take off a man, so as to make the sides even; but the Britannias pluckily determined to play against the odds. This should be remembered, as it goes a long way to explain the result of the match.

Play started at 4.40, with Howard in goal, Scriver point, and Green and Swan half-backs for McGill; and Miller goal, Kinghorn and Wilson back for the Britannias. The ball was kept well in the Britannia half of the ice, till Ross broke his stick, and his skates being troublesome, he changed places with Scriver. While doing so, the Britannias carried the ball well up to the McGill goal, but it was soon carried down again, and Scriver getting a chance, made a good run and took the first goal for McGill, 10 minutes after the game began.

The ball was soon started again, and the play was very close, but chiefly at the Britannia end. In 13 minutes Campbell took the second goal for McGill.

On starting again, the play, which had hitherto been very close, became looser, there being more runs on both sides. After a run by Kinghorn, Redpath got the ball and made a good run, but unfortunately, owing to the speed at which he was travelling, carried the ball through with his foot, and the goal did not count—hard lines for Redpath, who had made a brilliant run. Still he could take consolation in the ruin he brought to both the goal post and goal-keeper. Play continued swaying backward and forward till "Time" was called by the umpires.

On resuming play the positions of the men were changed, Campbell taking goal, with Ross point, and Scriver and Redpath forward, on the McGill side, while for the Britannias Cushing took goal.

As before, the ball was kept pretty well in the Britannia's quarters, and in a mêlée near their goal, Howard got a shot, and took the third goal for McGill,—time 6 minutes. Howard and Campbell then changed places, and almost immediately (1½ minutes) after recommencing Church took the fourth goal for McGill.

After another 4½ minutes, during which Wilson and Kinghorn made good runs, Robertson got in front of goal, and the ball being passed to him, he sent it through, taking the fifth goal for McGill.

On recommencing, the Britannias forced the ball well up, till Campbell picked it out of the crowd, losing his elegant head-dress in so doing, made a splendid run down the ice, and plunged with a Britannia man into the snow-bank near their goal. After a few minutes more play, he again got the ball, and took it down to their goal, and pausing a moment to make sure, sent the ball through; the sixth goal for McGill, taken after 13 minutes play.

The Britannias then prepared for a last struggle, and during the succeeding 7 minutes kept the ball well to the McGill goal. A long shot was stopped by Howard, and then a determined rush was made by four or five Britannias. But Ross and Scriver foiled the attack, and Green took the ball away out of danger. Just then time was called, leaving McGill victorious by six goal to nothing.

On the part of the Britannias, Kinghorn played splendidly throughout; and Cushing kept goal very well, stopping many shots: he only needs practice to become a first-rate goal-keeper. Orr and Wilson also played well, though the latter was inclined to disregard the rules, probably through ignorance. Among the McGill men Green played splendidly throughout; but the Britannias took such an interest in him, that if he touched the ball, they immediately crowded round and upset him: so fierce were their attacks that it was considered wonderful that he lived through it. Swan also came in for a large share of their attention, which he well deserved. Among the rest it would be hard to particularize, the record of goals, especially as regards Campbell, speaks for their play. Blaiklock (who played very hard) and Ross especially distinguished themselves by their tendency to assume a recumbent position.