

Athletics.

QUEEN'S WEATHER AND VARSITY VICTORIES.

Varsity Athletic Field,
Nov. 2nd, 1901.

IN the morning the following teams met in the final game for the intermediate championship :

Varsity II.—Back, Laing ; half backs, Gibson, Stratton, Reynolds ; quarter, Ballard (captain) ; scrim., Empey, Robertson, Burwash ; wings, Snively, Bryce, Bonnell, McKinnon, Madden, Martin, Wallace.

Queen's II.—Back, Simpson ; half backs, Tett (captain), Strachan, Ferguson ; quarter, Mills ; scrim., Platt, Donovan, Malloch ; wings, Foley, Grant, Mahood, Murphy, Bailey, Malone, Gleeson.

"Queen's II do not know how to kick, when to kick, or where to kick," said an old Queen's player in Toronto. In this statement he was not far wrong, for the Varsity team excelled Queen's in but one department of the game, yet in this their advantage was so complete that Captain Ballard very wisely chose it as the basis of both his offensive and defensive tactics. The victory hinged upon the fact that Varsity had a better kick formation, could kick farther, more quickly and more opportunely than Queen's. The teams were so evenly matched that end plays proved dismal failures, and very little gain could be made by close work. Either team could have the other within ten yards of the coveted goal line, and the rooters would remain without the "knee tremolo" that generally attends such close proximity. When Queen's failed they tried again. When Varsity failed they tried kicking. If attacked Varsity kicked and relief was more speed-

ily effected ; if attacking, kicks gained ninety per cent. of the ground, and on two occasions brought the ball to positions from which Ballard and Stratton scored tries. Time and again high whirling punts descended to cuddle for a moment in Bennie Simpson's arms, only to be fiercely kicked a moment afterwards, always safely into touch, always for substantial, sometimes for wonderful gains. Simpson's brilliant work saved many a score, and, on the other hand, had "kicks" been substituted for "bucks," Queen's score would not be represented by the cheerless cipher. This seems to be the story of particular kicks and a general kick, but a repeater may often bring down the game where a single shot would fail.

Queen's were dangerously close to scoring at times, but the Indians are tender-hearted. They love the yellow oval. They would clasp the pigskin closely and peacefully lie down under a trip-hammer, but to rudely kick the treasure that seems as if it were made to nestle under a strong, sinewy arm—ah no ! no ! far be it from so ! So the opportunities were lost while every man fought every minute bravely and gallantly until the whistle blew and the championship had passed to Varsity. Snively, McKinnon, Gibson and Robertson did splendid work for Varsity. Ballard's playing and generalship was of a high order, and Stratton, besides punting magnificently all through the game, made a phenomenal dodging 25 yards run for a touch-down.

For Queen's Mills, Donovan, Mahood and Bailey played exceptionally well, but Simpson and Murphy were the stars, and should be found on the team that faces McGill.