

TWO SPLENDID VICTORIES.

The Association football season opened Saturday, and victory flapped her big broad wings and settled serenely down on the Varsity footballers. Away down on Stark's athletic grounds the first team repeated the dose of last year by defeating the Champion Scots again by a score of four goals to one, while on the lawn the second had little difficulty in playing around the Scottish Strollers to the tune of six goals to one. Neither of our teams were in proper shape as they had had only three practices, but they proved equal to the occasion and won two games.

Things looked blue for Varsity at half-past three as two of the defence hadn't shown up and the Scots were dressed and on the field ready for play. At last the tardy men turned up safely, and at 3:55, Dr. McCallum lined the teams up. The Varsity contingent was small but enthusiastic, while lusty-lunged Scotsmen were numerous. Two fair Scotch lassies braved the chilly weather to witness the well-meant but unsuccessful efforts of their brave laddies. The grounds are not so bad as we had been led to believe, though they are not at all favourable to good team play. This, of course, is the Varsity's forte and they were thus at a disadvantage. The Scots were considerably heavier than the Varsity, as the light but nimble forwards found out to their sorrow, but this advantage was made up for by their superior speed. As a Scot remarked after the game, "Our men are fast but Varsity is faster." That was true. Our forwards could give the Scots' defence a start after the ball and then beat them out. This is the secret of our success. The Scots were a hundred per cent better than they were last year when Varsity defeated them, but Varsity was, correspondingly, so they defeated them by the same score this year in a half-an-hour's less time than last year.

The game was a very fast one throughout. In fact several old players averred that it was one of the fastest they had ever witnessed. During the first half Varsity scored two goals to the Scots' lonely one, Wood and Buckingham scoring. The second half yielded two more to Varsity, Doc McKay doing the scoring. He scored a fifth goal but was declared off side. Porter, in goal, played a splendid game, though he was slightly nervous. The back division's play was perfect. Eddie Gordon played away up field and was a whole defence. Mr. Wright, of the School of Science Staff, will be remembered by some old students as the big kicker for Varsity in days of yore, and he well sustained his reputation. It is to be hoped that he will be able to play out the season.

All the half-backs played nobly. Warbrick can fill Lockhart's shoes if he always plays as he did Saturday. Edgar had only touched the ball one night since last fall, but his play Saturday was as fine as we ever saw him put up. Forrester was the strong one, and he had to be, as Bowman and McWhirter were fast and played superbly together. Watty Thompson, in centre, played a sacrifice game, feeding his wings continually and giving the other men confidence by his presence. Duncan made several speedy runs on the right and Buckingham aided him well. "Buck" made the brilliant run of the day, passing four men and scoring. On the left Wood and McLay were slightly off colour during the first half, but in the second they did some good combination work. For the Scots McDonald in goal made a score of marvellously fine shots. Edmonds was the best man on defence, but Galt and Anall played a strong game. Bowman and McWhirter made a splendid wing.

VARSITY vs. SCOTTISH STROLLERS.

This match attracted a large crowd to the lawn, and was one well worth seeing. Our players were decidedly superior to their opponents and defeated them with comparative ease. Govenlock scored twice, Orton once, McCallum once, and Hammill twice. The men on the whole played an excellent game. Players:—Little, Graham, Wales, Merrill, Edwards, Peat, Orton, McCallum, Marr, Hammill and Govenlock.

RUGBY NOTES.

The second fifteen plays a tie match with the second Torontos on the 18th, and a match with Trinity College School on the 25th, both to take place on the lawn.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Association Football Club Messrs. Doherty and Porter were elected Freshmen Councillors, and Merrill, '92, Treasurer, in place of Lockhart. The new Treasurer is on the war-path for subscriptions.

There is at present a very slim chance of our being able to play the annual matches with McGill and the Royal Military College. All fixtures have to be made subservient to the tie matches; consequently, there may not be a Saturday available until the middle or end of November.

A communication has been received by the Secretary from Ottawa College, inviting the team to play a game in Ottawa on the 18th or 25th. Other fixtures prevent our accepting the invitation, which is much to be regretted, as Ottawa and Varsity have not met since the memorable tie in '87.

The first round of the Ontario ties was played on Saturday, Hamilton defeating Toronto, and Stratford defeating London. Hamilton and Stratford play at Hamilton on the 25th. Varsity on that day plays the winner of the Queen's-Ottawa match which will be played on the 18th.

At a meeting of the members of the Rugby Club, held on Tuesday last, the following additional officers were elected:—Captain, G. B. McClean, '90; Curator, W. Gilmore, '94; Committee, J. Bain, '94, G. Claves, '94. The election of George McClean to the captaincy was a unanimous acknowledgment of the services which he has rendered the Club during his undergraduate course. Under his coaching the team is already getting into good trim.

The melancholy fate of the Toronto team at Hamilton on Saturday was a somewhat unexpected result of the first round of the Ontario ties. The Torontos were unfortunate, for although they scored five times while Hamilton did so only three, the game went against them. However that is not saying much in their favour. The result is a striking example of the unfairness of the system now in vogue, but as every other scheme seems impracticable, the Torontos will have to chew the rag gracefully.

The football cranks will be well supplied with matches this week. To-morrow afternoon the Association first team play St. Michael's College on the lawn. This will doubtless be a very exciting match, as a large number of the students from St. Michael's will be over to cheer their favourites. On Saturday afternoon Varsity will put four teams in the field. The Rugby first team will play the annual match with Toronto, on the Toronto Cricket Ground. The second team tackle the second team of the Torontos in the junior ties. On the lawn the Association first and Marlboro's face each other in the League series for the championship; and the second team play the Stanley's in the Association. We hope the success of last Saturday may be repeated.

In a match on the lawn on Saturday, our second fifteen played a draw with the Canadians, the score at the conclusion of the game being four all. Considering the little practice our representatives have had, they played a fairly good game. The fact that they were forced to play a defensive game throughout the second half, while during the first they were on the aggressive, showed that they are not yet in playing trim. However the result augurs well for the future, and the strength of the team will not be shown until the 18th, against the Second Torontos. Varsity was represented as follows: Back—Jones; Halves, —Gilmore, Parker and Crane; Quarter—Bain; Wings—Laidlaw, Moss, Barker and Clarke; Forwards—Lash, Cronyn, Cross, Rose, Scott, Vickers.