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BLUE AND WHITE WINS!

"Biddy" Barr, Varsity's Ex-Captain, tells how old McGill was Downed Saturday Afternoon

COMMENTS ON THE GAME

Considers the Team the best Varsity has ever had. Praises Burnside's Work

To one who has not seen the Colleges play Rugby for a couple of seasons there is nothing more striking than the remarkable advancement in team work displayed in the present Intercollegiate series. The Varsity teams of two or three years ago played what was then considered good football, but their play would to-day be far behind the times. The development is, no doubt, a result of the influence of American play, for the Varsity-McGill game looked, at times, very much similar to a match between American colleges. The close work, the tandem plays and the general tactics were all similar to the American game, and the only striking difference was the addition of a trifle more open work and kicking than is seen in the States. Some people may consider that the close play is being overdone, but it is rather a natural development leading from a close study of the game, and the necessity of advancing the ball through heavy wing lines. Of course playing to signals means hard and serious work in practice, and if a team is willing and can do it, by all means let us have the play.

McGill won the toss and elected to play north, taking the advantage of the wind. Varsity rush from the kick off, and the ball is forced into touch. Hills and McKenzie go combine and take the ball by a splendid run and a dribble to within ten feet of the McGill goal. Varsity are too anxious, and the wings play off-side with the usual result. The free kick gives McGill an opportunity to work in a long punt, which McKenzie marks and gets in a high punt, and the wings stop the return. Varsity are still too eager, and an off-side gives McGill a punt into touch, 20 yards out. The signal fails to work on the throw in, and a scrimmage results, from which Biggs is sent through for 10 yards, but again McGill gets a free kick and relieve the pressure on their goal. Hills receives the kick and passes to Boyd, who kicks as he is tackled. A poor return is made, and Varsity have the ball. McKenzie tries the end, but does not get through the line. Another scrimmage and McKenzie kicks down to touch, 20 yards out. McGill get a scrimmage from the throw-in, and an off-side gives them a free kick, which Hills returns with touch at half way. McGill works their mass play for a gain, and the ball is kicked to Boyd and is returned again to Hills, who runs into touch about quarter way.

McGill get the ball from the throw-in and from the scrimmage, the centre half kicks to the dead ball line.

McGILL 1—VARSITY 0.

McKenzie takes the kick out but is not very successful and McGill rush the ball back ten yards. McGill are pushing the boys hard, but McKenzie relieves by diving through the line and gaining the ball ten yards from the line. The scrimmage are too eager and hand the ball out. This gives a free kick to McGill and the ball is sent over the line to Beal who rouses.

McGILL 2—VARSITY 0.

From the throw-in Darling gets the ball and kicks and the wings following fast prevent the return. A scrimmage follows and once more Varsity are off-side. Hills returned the kick along the line and McGill work their mass play for short gains and finally the halves send the ball to Boyd, who returns and it is again returned to Varsity territory where Hills goes into touch twenty yards out. Fast play by McGill gain them the ball and it is soon kicked over the dead ball line.

McGILL 3—VARSITY 0.

A succession of kicks followed the kick out and the ball was finally carried into touch. Varsity were forced back and when the ball is ten yards out McGill get another penalty kick, but the kick is miserably taken and the ball goes into touch for a gain of five yards. Varsity begin to make up a little and gain on the throw-in, Darling getting the ball, but McGill get the ball in the scrimmage. The quarter makes a bad pass over the head of the centre half, and the scrimmage results from which McLea kicks well into Varsity territory, and the wings following hard force McKenzie into touch 15 yards out. From the throw out, Hills gets the ball and kicks for a short gain, and the McGill players dribble through the Varsity line almost to the goal line, where Hills stops the ball. Varsity played illegally in the scrimmage, and McGill again are awarded a kick.

From the kick off Varsity begin to rush matters and work the ball well up the field and into touch. Blackwood is sent through for ten yards, then a kick follows which Sutherland returned in touch about half way. Blackwood gets the ball and Boyd kicks splendidly. The McGill backs fumble and the ball goes into touch in their quarter.

Burnside gives Darling a chance on the throw-in and by a splendid rush a try is scored which is not converted.

VARSITY 4—MCGILL 3.

McGill kick off and work the ball down the field just as half-time is called.

2ND HALF.

McGill kicked off and made a short gain in centre field, but Varsity get a free kick and McKenzie sends the ball well down the field to Molson who returns to Hills and the big half is forced into touch. McGill get the ball on the throw-in and from the scrimmage McLea punts to Boyd who dodged several wings and then kicks into touch. Varsity work the touch-line plays and get a scrimmage. McKenzie is given an opportunity and by a long drive scores a touch in goal.

Hills returns the kick out for a short gain, and McGill are not quick enough to take advantage, and lose the ball on the quarter line. Biggs and Hills are sent through for short gains, and take the ball to within five yards of McGill goal. From the scrimmage Burnside, Boyd and Hills swash through on the left, and Burnside is shoved over the line between the posts. Hills converts an easy goal.

VARSITY 11—MCGILL 3.

With the game well in hand Varsity do not take any chances, but play steadily. McLea kicks off, and the ball is quickly returned to him. Harris misses his tackle and the ball is sent into touch. Varsity try to play through, but are stopped, and from the scrimmage Armour gets through for a short gain. McGill gain the ball in scrimmage, and McLea kicks into touch. The throw-in is called back, and McGill work a quick play, and the left half kicks to Boyd, who sends the ball over the line. Grace brings the ball out, but is quickly tackled. Varsity is off-side, and McGill get a kick five yards from their line. The ball is sent into touch on the quarter line, and from the throw in Boyd passes to Hills, who kicks to the dead ball line.

VARSITY 12—MCGILL 3.

A short kick out gave the ball to Varsity, 35 yards out. McGill are off-side, and McKenzie kicks over the line. McLea catches, and running out, kicks into touch, 20 yards out. McGill get the ball on the throw-in, but cannot do anything with it, for the Varsity boys are playing too quickly for their mass formations. Varsity get the ball at last, and McKenzie punts to the line and Grace returns into touch. Boyd makes a short gain, and from the scrimmage, 35 yards out, McKenzie kicks high over the line, Grace fumbles and is checked by Harris, while Armour and Burnside slide over the line with the ball. Hills again successfully converts the try.

VARSITY 18—MCGILL 3.

But a few minutes remain for play and the ball is gradually worked within 10 yards of McGill goal, when time is called.

A. F. Barr

NOTES.

The Varsity wing line looked lighter than their opponents, but their quickness in getting into play more than made up for the extra advantage the McGill team had in weight.

Biggs played a splendid game at quarter. His passing was excellent and he was very quick playing to the signals.

The tackling of the Varsity wings was grand. Time and again the McGill backs were stopped by hard dive tackles. One of the best tests of a team's training is the ability of the men to tackle well, and Capt. Burnside is to be congratulated at the high degree of excellence to which he has brought his men.

VARSITY RUGBY DANCE

Date of this Function has been Changed from the 22nd to the 29th Inst.

The date of the Varsity Rugby dance has been changed from the 22nd to the 29th. This change has been made in deference to the Osgoode dance and debate, which has been fixed for the former night. The "gym" will be *en fete*, and the hospitality of the Athletic Association will be extended especially to the different teams.

Coke, the fashionable west end barber, is still at the old stand, 464 Spadina Avenue.

CLASSICS AND MODERNS DEBATE

Representatives from the Two Departments Meet on the Platform—Classics Successful.

GOOD MUSICAL PROGRAM

Representatives Nominated and Elected for the Public Debate and Osgoode Dance.

Last Friday's session of the Lit was but another confirmation of the fact that the University College Literary and Scientific Society has this year taken on a new lease of life. Both the attendance and the programme gave evidence of marked progress. In view of the many counter-attractions, including in this category Friday bargains, which at this early stage of the academic year conspire to draw the attention of the student elsewhere, it must be very gratifying to the committee to note the marked success which is attending its efforts to furnish a programme which is at once appetizing, instructive, and calculated to promote social good fellowship. The college man is as keen as the next man in his appreciation of a good thing, and the manifest interest taken this year in this most important function of University life is a certificate to the ability and enterprise of the present executive. The meeting was called to order at 8.30 by the president, Dr. Wickett. The routine of business, which comprised the following items, first demanded the attention of the house:

Mr. Armour's motion, of which he gave notice at the last meeting, found a second in Mr. Allen, and was unanimously carried.

Mr. Hamilton, one of the nominees for the first year to the executive board, withdrew from the contest, Messrs. Patterson and MacIntosh being thus elected by acclamation.

Mr. F. E. Brown then reported that in pursuance of a motion at last meeting, the executive had seen fit to appoint Messrs. Armour, Sadler, Monds, Dickson, Telford and Yeates to organize a chorus. Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Groves, that these appointments be approved. Carried.

John McKay, the vice-president, was supported by His Sereneness Count Armour in a successful request that the society would approve of the action of the executive in appointing the dinner committee, mention of which is made in another column.

Nominations for the public debate were next in order, and resulted as follows: Debaters: from fourth year, Messrs. W. F. MacKay, W. A. Sadler, T. A. Russell and W. H. McNairn; debaters from third year, Messrs. A. N. Mitchell and G. F. Kay; essayist, Messrs. A. H. R. Fairchild and W. C. Good; readers, Messrs. E. Howe and A. L. Burch. The ballot resulted as follows: Debaters, Messrs. MacKay, Russell, Kay and Mitchell; essayist, Mr. Fairchild; reader, Mr. Burch. Messrs. D. A. Ross and Murray Cohen were elected by acclamation as representatives at the Osgoode debate.

The literary and musical programme betokened a very enviable order of talent, and the proceedings must ever lack dullness so long as such resources are available. Mr. Beardmore, of the School of Science, gave a violin solo, the rendering of which was perfect. Those present must have realized that it is only "now and then" that they can hope to be favored with such a treat. In response to a very urgent call for an encore, Mr. Beardmore gave the "Intermezzo" from the "Cavaliere Rusticana," in quite as felicitous a manner. Mr. J. Gibson, of Wycliffe, appealed to the cachinnatory tendencies of the audience by a comical recitation of a "snoring wonder."

If Mr. Gibson is as successful in his hours of slumber as he was in his impersonation, we rather suspect he would hardly be the right party to invite to camp.

Mr. E. G. Robb then favored the house with a love ditty which found a warm response in the hearts of all. By way of encore, he sang the old favorite, "The Banks of the Wabash" and was enthusiastically supported in the chorus by the musical contingent. Meanwhile the orators, smelling the battle from afar, had been waxing fiercer and fiercer, so that they could hardly be restrained from making a stampee *en masse* to the rostrum. On the one hand were Messrs. Rea and R. M. Millman of the department of Moderns, who sacrificing insular prejudice to forensic zeal undertook to prove that recent developments have proved the superiority of Russian over British diplomacy. Arrayed against these budding Ciceros were Messrs. R. G. Hunter and C. V. Dymont, disciples of the humanities. Mr. Rea opened the argument for the affirmative by showing how Russian interests had prevailed over British in China. He alluded to the railway built by them in China, which had deprived British merchants of fabulous sums of money. Referring to a

large map he showed how they had outwitted British diplomacy in the possession of Port Arthur.

Mr. Hunter, the leader of the negative, professed his intention of defending the British and classical side of the question. He divided his argument into several segments, in which he dealt with the question from the general standpoint of British diplomacy, as displayed in Persia, India and elsewhere. He maintained, in opposition to Mr. Rae, that railway interests were inconclusive proofs of the success or failure of a nation's diplomacy.

Mr. Millman followed with a very spirited speech, in which he demonstrated that British diplomacy had been unsuccessful in almost all its manifestations; whereas the Russians have both laid their plans and carried them into execution. He challenged the assembly to say who would ultimately take the cake, meaning China, the British lion or the Russian bear.

Upon the retirement of the last speaker, the classic Dymont made his way to the platform in a very cool and deliberate manner. Mr. Dymont had previously taken the auspices, and the onens being favorable, had bedecked himself with a garland of victory—a blushing rose and a miniature fernery. He proceeded in a cold-blooded manner to knock the legs from under his opponents. His sarcasm was as biting as the east wind, and pierced the joints of the enemy's armour. Mr. Dymont devoted the greater part of his attention to the refutation of the fallacies of the affirmative, besides contributing some very cogent arguments in support of his own side.

The debate at an end, Dr. Wickett, after pointing out the merits and defects of the various arguments, gave his verdict in favor of the negative.

Among the celebrities on the platform was a bevy of '98 men—Messrs. W. M. Martin, G. L. Wagar and T. A. Colclough.

CLASS '01 RECEPTION

Will be Held Friday Afternoon, the 18th Inst.—Publication of a Year Book Discussed.

The president, E. J. Kylie, presided at the meeting of the executive of class '01 on Friday last. In spite of the example of the class of '99, no mention was made of abandoning the old custom of holding the annual class reception. The committee was unanimous in a decision to hold an "At Home" on the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 18th. Sub-committees were struck to deal with finance, refreshments, music and programmes. These will report to the executive at a meeting to be held on Friday, at four o'clock in Room 2. The president suggested that the photograph of the executive should be taken at an early date. The picture will be taken on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 19th. The president and secretary were appointed a committee to make the best possible financial arrangements and notify the members of the executive of the *place de combat*. The question of the Year Book, and the appointment of a committee for this purpose was brought up, action, however, was deferred until the next meeting; in the meantime the executive will find out the feeling of the class, and then whatever arrangements are deemed expedient will be made.

MEMORIAL TO ALMA MATER

Proposed Plan of Class '99 of Varsity—Will have No Reception this Year.

The executive of the class of '99 met on Tuesday last, Alex. McDougal, the new president, in the chair. After some preliminary business the attention of the committee was devoted to the discussion of a project, the execution of which will place the name of this class upon the university's scroll of fame. As a result of this discussion it was decided to discontinue the custom of holding a class reception, and instead to present to their Alma Mater some memorial of their attendance at the university. The exact form which this manifestation of their loyalty to old Varsity will take, is as yet uncertain, but it will, in all probability, consist of the presentation of a bust, a painting, or something of that nature. This is an innovation for which '99 is not only deserving of the highest praise and worthy of the most zealous emulation by succeeding years, but a noble example for the guidance and stimulus of the innumerable alumni who might learn the lesson '99 is giving, and give tangible evidence of their zeal and love of Alma Mater, by contributing to the adornment of her buildings and the replenishing of her library. The sacrifice of the class reception to this laudable purpose, will be undoubtedly one that will be keenly felt by those who have enjoyed the annual "At Home" which has always been one of the most successful as well as the most pleasant functions of '99. The unanimity which rendered this idea a possible one, and which prompted those who place such store on the social event of their year, to sacrifice their inclination to it, serves but to reinforce the singular reputation for *esprit de corps* which has characterized this year throughout its undergraduate career.

In regard to the publication of a year book, it was considered inadvisable for the year to embark upon such an undertaking.

DEBATING UNION IS NOW FORMED

Executive Met Saturday Morning and Arranged Program for the First Term

SIX COLLEGES ARE IN IT

First Debate between Varsity and Trinity at Trinity—McMaster and Osgoode next Meet.

The formation this year of an Inter-College Debating Union, undoubtedly stamps the movement as a renaissance of the art of debating. The representatives appointed by the various colleges of the city met last Saturday morning for the purpose of organization. It was decided to call the association the "Inter-College Debating Union of Toronto," the officers of which are: Honorary Vice-President, Hon. G. W. Ross; Honorary President, Dr. G. R. Parkin; President, Dr. Wickett of Varsity; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. S. Muckleston of Trinity. Among the colleges which have entered the Union are: University College, Trinity, Osgoode Hall, Knox, Victoria and McMaster. Provision has been made for the entrance of other colleges upon application to the Executive of the Union. The Executive is composed of the following representatives: Dr. Wickett, from Varsity, Mr. H. S. Muckleston, from Trinity, Mr. J. G. Stuart Stanbury, B.A., from Osgoode, Mr. T. Eakin, M.A., from Knox, Mr. J. Osterhaut, from Victoria and Mr. R. McDonald from McMaster. This Executive will hold another meeting next Wednesday evening when the constitution which Messrs. Stanbury and Muckleston have in hand will be passed upon. The schedule of the first round of debates has been arranged for the following dates: Varsity vs. Trinity, at Trinity, December 2nd; McMaster vs. Osgoode, at Osgoode, December 3rd; Knox vs. Victoria, at Victoria, December 9th. The subjects of the above debates will be chosen by the Executive and announced later. The Committee hopes to secure as judges some of the most representative men of the City. Among those who will be asked to act in this capacity are: Hon. G. W. Ross, Dr. G. R. Parkin, Provost Welch, Prof. McKay of McMaster, Prof. Badgley of Victoria, Professor McFadyen of Knox, Prof. Baker of Varsity, Principal Hoyles of Osgoode; Messrs. D. R. Wilkie, Byron E. Walker, W. R. Riddell, and J. E. Willison, of the *Globe*. At every debate three of these gentlemen will be present to decide the award of victory. The final debate will be held in a public hall, under the auspices of the Union, at which meeting the executive hopes to arrange for the presentation of a trophy to the successful society.

The energy which has characterized the work of the executive in these its preliminary arrangements foreshadows a most successful and vigorous life to the Inter-College Debating Union. The advantages which will accrue from this organization must be patent to everyone. Its effect as a stimulus to debate will be far-reaching. Toronto as the educational centre of this Province extends its influence to all the institutions of learning throughout its area. Debating, which seems of late to have exhibited marked tendencies towards becoming a lost art, will receive the share of attention which its importance as an instrument of thought demands. The High School student will be stimulated to prepare himself for entrance into the lists at College, and the result will be that throughout the whole Province there will be an infinitely larger proportion of men who can express themselves clearly and intelligibly upon subjects of thought and national interest—qualifications which it is the duty of every citizen to endeavor to acquire.

Moreover, the interchange of courtesies between the different colleges is bound to operate in favor of a closer bond of friendship and sympathy between them. Dr. Wickett has received a letter from the Hon. G. W. Ross, in which the Minister of Education signifies his acceptance of the office of Honorary President of the Inter-collegiate Union, and his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him by the Toronto student body through its executive. Dr. Ross thinks that the Union has a great future before it in furnishing a field for the exercise of public speaking, and giving to the country a higher order of debaters.

The Knox College "At Home" this year will be held on the 16th of December. A mass-meeting of the students was held last week and the date decided upon. The committee will soon begin work and there is no doubt that old Knox will retain its old-time fame for hospitality this year.

Last Friday evening Prof. McFadyen right royally entertained several of the Theologs. They say he's a jolly good fellow.