

THE FOOTBALL CONTEST.

FIRST WIN IN THE FINALS.

The match with the Berlin Rangers, which during the past week has been the all-absorbing theme of discussion among football enthusiasts, is now an event of the past, and the most sanguine expectations of our well-wishers have been happily realized. On Saturday the Varsity team won from the Champions of the Western Association by a score of 3 to 2. This lead they will strive to hold and, if possible, increase in the return match, which will in all probability be played on the lawn November 8.

The team, accompanied by a small, but select, body of followers, travelled to Berlin by the G. T. R., occupying a car which, though not in reality a special, was monopolized as such by our unassuming representatives. To say that the boys made their presence known, even to the sleepest occupant of the car, was to speak mildly. The college glees were sung with a gusto calculated to soothe the savage breast of the most stony-hearted conductor, and that they were not on this occasion duly appreciated by that functionary is a source of great surprise to the members of the club. Surely it was such a man as this whom Shakespeare had in mind when he penned the lines, "The man that hath no music in his soul, nor is not moved by concord of sweet sounds," etc., etc.

As the train neared Berlin the high spirits of the boys were dampened by the sight of snow, which continued to fall for the remainder of the day. Arriving at their destination, the team repaired to the American Hotel and proceeded to investigate its facilities for affording an afternoon's amusement. A piano was found and the college songs were once again executed. After an enjoyable afternoon, the eleven dressed and made their way to the Athletic Grounds, accompanied by the Galt contingent of the Rangers.

At 3:45 the teams lined up, while the shivering spectators disposed of themselves on the deserted-looking grand stand. Seeing the ground covered by two inches of snow, all prophesied a loose game, but in this they were agreeably disappointed.

Eshelman kicked off for Berlin, making use of the right wing, which from the start performed its duty efficiently. For some time the ball was carried quickly from one end to another. The Berlin forwards were playing a combined game, while the Varsity made frequent rushes. Fifteen minutes after starting McLay scored the first goal for Varsity by a long high shot. The Berlin forwards now played up, but although they often got near goal, the Varsity defence were doing their duty. The Varsity forwards lost several chances to score. Forty minutes had elapsed when Varsity secured her second goal, Thompson giving the parting kick. About half-time Buckingham and Duncan made a run, the latter centring to McLay. "Doc" being checked, passed to Casey Wood, who seizing the opportunity put the ball through for the third time. The teams changed over, the score standing 3 to 0 in favor of Varsity.

From the kick off Berlin played with the determination of evening the score, and in this they were well-nigh successful. The left wing combined in splendid form, while the right proved equally effective. Shortly after half-time Young and Boehmer securing the ball carried it down to the Varsity goal, where the former sent in a shot which proved too much for Sœnkler. Elated by their success, the Berlin forwards worked hard for another goal and this they got thirteen minutes later, Eshelman doing the needful. No more goals were taken, and time was called at 5:15. About five minutes after time had been called, the referee, informed by an outsider that he had blown the whistle ten minutes too soon, ordered the teams on the field again. Varsity, after some hesitation prepared for play, but it was found that two of their men had already left the field. Under the circumstances the referee decided that nothing could be done, and the teams left the field.

RUGBY CHAMPIONS.

What is doubtfully called the final tie in the junior series of the Ontario Union, was played off and won by our second fifteen on the Toronto Cricket Ground on Saturday. The Ontarios, of Hamilton, were the opposing force, and were easily defeated by a score of 16 to 8. The team lined up as follows:—Back, Crane; Halves, Gilmour, Bain, Parker; Quarter, Smith; Wings, Moss, Cross, Laidlaw, Claves, McCrae, Boyd; Forwards, Cronyn, McCrae, W. Vickers, Lash, N.; Field Captain, D. Armour; Referee, Bryce McMurrich, of U.C.C.

Varsity won the toss, and took advantage of the wind. After a short interval devoted to scrimmaging, Varsity forced the ball over the line and scored a rouge. A muff by Varsity and dribble by Ontario followed the kick out; Crane fumbled and a try was scored against us, which was not converted. A rouge by Varsity and then Claves succeeded in making a touch-down which Cronyn could not kick. Time was called, with the score 6 to 4 in our favor.

After the usual interval play was resumed, and Varsity had the best of it henceforth. Ryckman succeeded in scoring a try for Ontario, making the score 8 to 6 against us. But this order of things was soon reversed. Vickers made a brilliant charge over the line and scored a try, which Cronyn kicked. Soon afterwards, enveloped in the dim, dull twilight, Vickers and Claves dashed over the line and secured another try, making the score 16 to 8, and so it remained till time was called.

The forwards throughout played a strong, fast game, and were chiefly instrumental in winning the match, most conspicuous among them being Vickers, Claves, Laidlaw, and the two McCraes. Gilmour made the run of the day, and Smith at quarter did his work admirably. Captain Armour handled the team in a masterful manner, and his efforts have contributed in no small degree to the success which has crowned their efforts during the season. There is a chance of the team having to play against the Guelph Agricultural College here next Saturday, although that team was not apparently entered in the series, when it should have been.

OTHER MATCHES.

Our invincible second fifteen played a return match with the Canadians on Monday, defeating them by a score of 9 to nil. A touch in goal and a try without the privilege of a kick gave Varsity 5 points in the first half. Near the close of the second half Claves scored a try for Varsity which was not converted. The defence of both fifteens played well, the exchange of points being at times brilliant. Varsity was represented as follows:—Back, Crane; Halves, McLaren, Bain, Boyd; Quarter, Smith; Wings, Moss, Cross, Laidlaw, Roseborough; Forwards, Lash, Cronyn, Vickers, Claves, McCrae, Kingston; Field Captain, Don Armour.

Another victory was added to the second fifteen's record on Wednesday, when Upper Canada was vanquished in a muddy game on the lawn by a score of 14 to 7. Play was very even in the first half, the only point scored being a safety touch against the College. Varsity, however, braced up after half-time and scored three tries and a rouge, while U.C.C. got one minor. Varsity lined up as follows:—Back, Word; Halves, Boyd, Bain, Gilmour; Quarter, Smith; Wings, Laidlaw, Vickers, Barker, Moss; Forwards, Cross, Claves, Boulton, Cronyn, Jones, Lash; Field Captain, D. J. Armour; Referee, H. Pope.

K COMPANY.—The University Company paraded with the Battalion for the first time since last fall on Wednesday, October 22nd. The Company turned out very strong and, despite the fact that there had only been one Company drill, made an extremely good showing, being specially complimented by Lieut.-Col. Hamilton when dismissing the parade. It has been decided to hold the Annual Rifle Match next Saturday morning at 9.30. If the day is fine it is expected that there will be a large turnout and some large scores.