

A Dramatic Final Football Match



A scene in the dramatic final between Varsity and McGill to settle the tie between the two teams for 1914. Each has previously beaten the other and both had beaten Queen's. Score: Varsity 17—McGill 14.



LAING AND PAISLEY,

McGill's two splendid half-backs. Both great punters. Laing's only two muffs resulted in two touch-downs, which was extremely unfortunate. The McGill line was as follows: Flying wing, Quilty; halves, Jeffrey, G. Laing and Paisley; quarter, Montgomery; scrimmage, Greenwood, McCall and Brown; wings, R. Laing, Demuth, Ross, Reid, Williamson and Seath. Referee, "Sinc" McEvenue, Montreal; Dr. Hendry, Toronto. In deciding where the final game was to be played, a coin was tossed. Varsity won the toss.

ON Saturday ten thousand people at Varsity Stadium were given a thrill never equalled on the stage. They saw a football match won and lost three times in five minutes. For the first three-quarters of the game the McGill team showed clearly that they were quite worthy to be collegian champions of Canada. They were outplaying Varsity in a first-class test match. The margin was small, but such as it was, it was McGill's. The Blue-and-White were nevertheless fighting hard and finally a touch-down by them made the score 7-7. McGill quickly scored two points, and it was 9-7 ten minutes before the end. Varsity bucked up, and getting into McGill territory, tried a drop kick to get the necessary two points to give them the lead. Laing, of McGill, playing a splendid game, made his only fumble of the day, a Varsity man had the luck to fall on the ball and the score was 12-9 in favour of Varsity with less than five minutes to play. McGill, in a few moments, were breaking through the Varsity line, and just as quickly secured a touch-down, making the score 12-14 in favour of McGill. There was only a minute or two left. Varsity secured the ball, Cassells went round the end and raced down the field to within five yards of McGill's goal line. One tandem trick and the ball was over. Score 17-14 in favour of Varsity, who were declared college champions. On the form displayed McGill should have won, but Varsity had the luck.

There is a question whether the kaleidoscopic changes of that last five minutes indicates that either team was up to championship form. Harry Griffith, the expert, attributed the sudden rise and fall of each team to nervousness. Each team, once it got behind, seemed to gather a fresh stock of determination. Then a rush followed and the team was ahead again. Two seasoned teams should not have allowed each other to do such "stunts." If Varsity had been as steady as it ought to have been, it should have been able to hold the score at 12 to 9. Up to that point the game was certainly of a championship nature. Then began that terrible five minutes with a touch-down for each team. McGill's final touch-down was due to a loose ball, and Varsity's to the same cause. Perhaps Griffith is right, and these two loose balls indicate nervousness in a most critical period. If so, the two teams may be credited with championship ball playing.

The game and its peculiar events will be discussed all winter and for many winters to come, like the story of a great battle.



CHARLIE GAGE,

Captain of Varsity, tall, strong, heady, dogged. Plays flying wing. Other Varsity players were: halves, Carr, Lindsay and Sheehy; quarter, Stratton; scrimmage, Horner, Gardner and O'Reilly; wings, Adelard, Hughes, McMullen, Bryans, Cassells and Sinclair.



This picture shows McGill (striped stockings) tandem bucking through Varsity line. Colours: McGill, red and yellow; Varsity, blue and white.