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"THE SUCCESSES OF THE VARSITY II. HOCKEY TEAM."

The most notable development so far in the University hockey season of 1897-98 has been the similarity of the hard luck which pursued the first hockey team to the misfortunes of Varsity I. Rugby fifteen. Both teams fell down unexpectedly in the first game played, but in the return match showed a startling reversal of form. This statement is doubly true of the hockey seven, and the way in which the cup of success was dashed to the ground in the last few minutes of play in the match with Osgoode (!) was enough to make the angels weep.

The Intermediate hockey team, to keep up the parallel run of events and follow in the footsteps of the Intermediate Rugby champions, has been meeting with remarkable successes. It comes out of the first round of the O. H. A. series with flying colors. The record of 26 goals scored to their opponents' 3, is one to look upon with pride. The first match played by Varsity II. was with the T. A. C. II., who had on two senior men, one of them Dulmage, the crack goal-keeper imported from Rat Portage. The game was a cinch for the University seven, and they were the aggressors from the blow of the whistle. The result was 9 to 2 in their favor, and but for the marvellous goal-keeping of Dulmage the score would have been trebled. The Garrison hockey team, a husky aggregation, were the next victims. They courted death on Wednesday last, and were carried off the ice with the score at 17 to 1. The University players had a hard time keeping warm, and the soldiers scored their only goal while some of the Varsity forward line were skating around the rink to keep their feet from freezing. The success of the team has been due in a great measure to its energetic manager B. M. Armstrong. By hard work 'Birdie' has gathered together this team, and kept it in constant practice. In the remaining games of the season, hockey lovers may expect to see some swift playing by Varsity II. The team is composed of the following men:

A. E. Fischer, goal-keeper is a Victoria man and has considerable experience in the game, the fact that only three shots have eluded his eagle eye in two games shows that he knows his business.
McMillan, point, the husky man from Lindsay, the home of "Biddy" Barr, is a cool, heady player, and some there are who

think there was a place for him in Varsity I. Mac is a Denial student.

"Bob" Parry, cover point and captain, of last year's Varsity I., is too well known to require criticism. Suffice it to say that he is playing as well as ever we did. Lifting is Bob's strong point.

"Artie" Winters, right forward, has improved wonderfully on last year's form. Centre is "Artie's" old position, but he is playing a sterling game on the boards this season. Like Fischer he is a Victoria man.

"Reg" McArthur, centre forward, of football and sprinting fame, is a man speedy enough for senior company. "Reg" has played on the Varsity Intermediate Rugby champions, and declares that he is going to do the same in hockey this season.

O. K. Gibson, centre, an Ottawa man, who played half-back on the Junior football champions is a fast and shifty player, who knows the game down to the ground. He and McArthur turn out a fine line of combination.

"Jack" Parry, left forward, like his brother "Bob," was on last year's first hockey team. He is a well-known athlete and probably the best shot on the team besides being a hard man to run against in a body check.

The next game Varsity II. has to play is with the winner of group VIII. At present, Barrie, Orillia and Collingwood are tied having won two games each. The match is scheduled to be played on or before February 12th, at the Caledonian Rink. To win this match means standing a good show for the championship. The exact date for the game will be announced later.

They say history repeats itself; so far this has been the case. Let us hope that it will continue to be so, and that the Varsity II. hockey team like its prototype in the football arena, will land the intermediate championship. All loyal Varsity men and lovers of hockey should support their only remaining team in the O. H. A., by turning out en masse to cheer it on to victory.

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