

THE SPORTING PAGE

TIGERS TRIMMED ARGOS IN LAST GAME OF SEASON.

Defeated Their Old Friends By 15 to 7 on Saturday.

The New Arrangement of the Team Worked Well—Ottawa College Wins the Intercollegiate Senior Championship—Games in the Other Unions—Big Games in the United States.

Table showing game statistics for Hamilton vs Argonauts, including scores by quarter and final standing.

Hamilton Tigers wound up the 1907 Rugby championship season on Saturday by defeating the Argonauts at Toronto on Varsity oval, the football home of the Oarsmen, before a crowd of about 3,000 people, of whom about 300 were the yellow chrysanthemum and ribbons.

line was strong and the Argos were kept in their places until the kick, run or combination could be brought into play. Marriot was in better form than in any previous game this year. His man was at his mercy, and he was always on the ball. So was Lyon. Charlie Martin was on the team again and worked well. Wigle was in evidence all through the game. He has been improving steadily, and will be a most valuable wing man by next year. No more could be expected of inside wing men than Barron and Grey did. The latter was particularly aggressive, and his great strength was used to good advantage.

The scrummage had a hard task, for the footing was very bad, and their opponents were strong. In the heavy and slippery going both sides lost the ball occasionally in the scrum, but the Tiger trio held its own all the time. As usual, Ballard showed rare judgment in placing and working his men, and played a magnificent game himself, as well.

As well as the Argos, one hardly he said that Kent filled Flett's place to the full limit. He played a good game generally, punting, running and tackling well, but the high kicks were his bet noir. As long as the ball went to him on a slope he was a sure catch, but when it fell straight, or almost perpendicular, his hands were a sore, and to that the Tiger team do. In former years Hamilton was the offender in this respect, but this year the Toronto club has been behind hand. On Saturday the referee had to stop the game to put the crowd back from the touch-line, and then, strange to say, he had the boys run out, nor could the best football be expected when the star center halfbacks of the two teams were out, yet 300 or more supporters of the Tigers made the journey to Toronto and whooped it up for the boys during the progress of what proved to be an interesting game. The 300, in fact, made themselves seen and heard in the crowd that outnumbered them ten to one.

"We'll beat you five or ten points," was what the Argonaut players confidently told the Tigers before the game. They meant it, too. Their supporters were not so confident. They expected to see the blue victorious, but were not willing to risk much on the chances. There was some betting, but the Hamilton people had to give odds in every case, sometimes two to one, and sometimes only 8 to 5 or 6 to 5. At the last mentioned odds several fairly large bets were made by the dead game sports. Outside of these the betting was light. There was very little, indeed, at the grounds.

Followers of the Tigers were interested in how the rearrangement of the back division was going to work out. They had an eye to the future. With Simpson permanently out of the game and the air full of talk about the probability of others past years' back division men not being seen on the field again, they wanted particularly to see how Isbister was going to make out at centre half. They were not disappointed. Izzy's slow punt has been his one drawback, and it was noticeable in Saturday's game, but that can be overcome. If he knows that he is to play that position permanently, or any position on the back division, he will surely get the speed with practice. But Izzy showed the boys on Saturday that he did not have only his long punt to depend upon. He showed a sure pair of hands, a cool head and an aptitude for sizing up the situation quickly and making the best use of his opportunities. He bucked the line effectively and ran well, besides punting almost faultlessly.

Moore, too, showed great form. His running was of the sensational order that made the Tigers famous in the snap-back days. Time and again he gained a full quarter, a third and once or twice half the field by his zigzag runs. Burton, on left half, played a steady game. Once or twice he missed the catch, but always managed to recover, and made frequent gains by his fighting run.

Topé, especially in tight places, showed more of his old form than ever. Ere another season comes he should entirely overcome the nervousness which followed his accident of last year, and his many admirers think he will be at his very best next season.

Making allowance for what fumbling was done in short passes and criss-cross combinations, the work of the back section was good, very largely because the

the side line it looked like a goal, but only a rouse resulted. Hamilton 1, Argonauts 0. Kent made a bluff kick out and was downed. He kicked to Isbister, who was interfered with, and Hamilton got the ball at Argos' 30. Moore failed to pick up a short pass and Mara got the ball. Kent kicked to Topé who ran five yards to Argos' 40. Tigers lost possession in an offside. Tiger scrummage pushed the play ten yards in two downs. Johnston kicked into touch at mid field. Isbister punted in, Johnston making a long return and Isbister, again being interfered with in making the catch, the ball was taken to Argonauts' 20. Isbister gained five on a criss-cross and Marriot made eight more. Lyon dropped the ball and in recovering passed forward, Argos getting possession. McCarthy's offside gave them ten yards. Kent kicked to Burton who dropped, but recovered and ran five yards. A fumble gave Argos possession just as the quarter expired.

SECOND QUARTER. Russell kicked off for Argonauts and Isbister made a splendid return, but interference gave Argos possession at Hamilton's 35. Kent kicked in and the posts interfered with Topé's catch. Burton recovered and was downed for a rouse. Hamilton 1, Argonauts 1.

Then commenced five minutes of the best football the Tigers have played this year, well executed combinations gaining the yards time and again and culminating in a try. Isbister kicked out from 45 and Kent returned to Isbister, following his own kick, but charging Isbister instead of going for the ball. That gave Hamilton 10 yards. On a short pass from Hamilton to Isbister to Moore the last named made a run that set the fans yelling. It was a clear gain of 33 yards and took the play into Argos' territory. Ballard, Marriot and Topé tried another criss-cross, but Topé fumbled. He recovered and gained the yards by a plucky fight through the line.

Then he recovered the ball on a short pass and gave Moore a run more. With only one yard to make the ball, Kent failed and Argos got the ball. Kent kicked into touch at Argos' 35. From Argos' 40 Isbister made a great high kick through the hands of Marriot and Topé for a try. Isbister converted. Hamilton 7, Argonauts 1.

Russell's kick off was returned by Moore to Ross, who dropped the ball, but Kent recovered at Argos' 40. Shirriff tried a pass to Sale, but Ballard intercepted it and got through for ten yards. He lost the ball in a heavy tackle. Topé received Kent's kick and Argos' 45. From this point another series of bewildering criss cross plays again got the Tigers to the scoring line. From hand to hand the ball travelled backwards—Ballard to Marriot to Isbister to Moore, who got it at Argos' 40 and ran around the end, reaching Argos' five yards, and got off to a good start in the second down, but Moore lost the ball on a short pass, and Grant took a flying kick at it, sending it into touch.

Isbister kicked in and Kent redeemed, kicking to Ballard, who was hard pressed and passed right into the hands of Argos' 35. Kent kicked and Moore marked. He returned to Kent, who kicked, and Topé caught at Argos' 45 and ran ten. Moore made five, but fell. Isbister kicked to Ross, who was downed at 45. Kent kicked into touch at Argos' 45. Gray made a splendid dash through and gained five yards, and a moment later repeated the trick for a gain of 15. Topé and Moore combined for five more. Topé and Burton made a good running combination, and the latter ran 15, reaching Argos' 25. Isbister kicked in; Kent dropped, but recovered in time to rouse. Hamilton 8, Argonauts 1.

After the kick out Tigers became very aggressive again. The Argos center faked a kick and passed back to Kent, who made a long punt. Isbister dropped, but recovered. Moore, Topé and Burton made eight yards on a running combination, and Topé was good for the rest of the ten. He had not 40 yards, however, when he got the ball and drove through to Argos' line, close to touch line. He ran 25 yards and got over the goal before being forced into touch. The try was allowed against the vigorous protest of the Argos, who claimed that Wigle had crossed the touch line before reaching goal. The kick on goal was missed, and the try was allowed.

HAMILTON 13, ARGONAUTS 1. By a splendid return of the kick off, by Isbister, and a beautiful run of 30 yards by Moore, the Tigers had the half within scoring distance again when half time expired.

THIRD QUARTER. When second half opened Argos became quite aggressive and their supporters demonstrative in proportion. Isbister's kick was returned by Kent to Burton, who reached mid field. Isbister's punt was blocked and he went into touch at Argos' 35. Kent kicked and Moore marked at mid field. He kicked to Johnston, who returned to Burton, who seeing no opening for a run, kicked along the ground and Argos got the ball at Tigers' 45. Kent's kick was returned by Topé into touch, for a loss. Kent kicked, Moore, who made a running pass to Topé, who missed the catch, but recovered and got out five yards. Isbister's kick was returned for a rouse. Hamilton 13, Argonauts 2.

When play was resumed the Tigers showed a little disorganization and allowed their opponents a number of gains they should not have given. Isbister's kick was returned by Kent to Topé, who was downed at Hamilton's 25. Isbister went through the line for a gain of 15 yards. Argos got the ball on an offside, but lost it again on a very bad offside charge, and the ball was carried back almost to mid field. Isbister booted to Kent and Lyon, who downed him at Hamilton's 45. Kent kicked, the ball going on a bound to Moore, who kicked into touch for a loss. A Hamilton offside gave the Argos 10. Murray stole the ball in the scrummage, but Isbister missed his kick and Hewitt got the ball at Tigers' 10. Kent's kick was blocked, but he recovered and kicked in. Topé made a fighting run out, crossing the line by two yards. There the Argos stole the ball and Grant went over for a try. Hamilton 13, Argos 7.

SATURDAY'S RUGBY CARD

Table listing rugby matches between various teams like Hamilton, Argonauts, Dundas, etc., with scores.

The great cheer which greeted this performance seemed to put new life in the Tigers, and they had the better of all the rest of the game. Isbister's kick was returned by Ross to Topé, who ran to mid field. Isbister kicked to Kent, and Marriot and Lyon downed him at 35. Kent kicked to Topé, who was downed at Hamilton's 45, and lost the ball. Kent's punt went to Topé, who marked. He punted to Hewitt, who returned to Burton at Hamilton's 10. Isbister received the ball at Tigers' line and kicked into touch at mid field. In a scramble that followed Argos got the ball at Tigers' 25, but Ballard stole it. Isbister kicked and Wigle downed Kent at mid field. Kent punted; Moore missed, but recovered and made another grand run just as the quarter expired.

A good kick off by Russell was returned by Topé to Shirriff, who was downed at Hamilton's 80. Kent missed a pass and Argos lost 10, but more than made up on a long punt by Kent to Topé, who was downed at Hamilton's 40. Tigers got the advantage again on an Argo offside. Isbister kicked to Topé, who made a free kick from mid-field. Ross caught on Izzy's kick and marked. He kicked to Lyon, who marked and kicked to Ross, who fumbled, and Marriot recovered at Argos' 35. Isbister passed to Moore, who passed badly to Topé, and Crooks got the ball. Kent punted into touch at Argos' 40. Isbister's kick gave Ross a chance to fumble, and the ball went into touch. Moore went around the end and passed to Topé, who made five yards. A tremendous punt by Isbister resulted in a touch in goal. Hamilton 14, Argonauts 7.

In the kick out and return Wigle and Grey forced Ross back 15 yards over the line. It was the sort of play by which the Ottawa team made most of its points in the game at Ottawa two weeks earlier, but it did not go in Toronto, for, when the rush began, Referee Lash blew his whistle and both Wigle and Grey were ruled out for two minutes. Kent kicked to Burton, who fumbled at centre, but Moore recovered. From centre, Topé tried to outdo Isbister's great kick, and succeeded in sending the ball far in, and Wigle and Isbister, who had moved a pfor Topé's kick, forced a rouse.

HAMILTON 15, ARGONAUTS 7. On the kick out Moore missed the catch and Mara dribbled into touch at Tigers' 25. Isbister kicked and Johnston missed, but recovered at 45. Topé made a mark on Kent's kick, and kicked to Ross, who was downed at Hamilton's 45. Kent kicked to the line and Topé fell, but Moore recovered the ball on the bound, ten feet behind goal, and made a long circuit around, reaching the 25-yard line. Ballard made a dash through the line for a gain of 30 yards, fighting every

inch. Isbister kicked to Johnston, who missed at Argos' 35. Lyon took a flying kick at the ball and sent it into touch at Argos' 25. Had he picked it up he would probably have scored a try, as he had a clear field. The remaining three minutes were spent in several exchanges of punts and a good run by Topé. SIDE LINE TALK. A good finish. Lucky Montreal! Season of 1907, Au revoir. Tigers, champions of 1908, 'Rah! So the Argos had the last-laugh. Well, well.

First time in five years that the Argos beat the Tigers—nil. That team would have won at Ottawa. Saturday's game reminded one of the days of Art Moore! Art Moore! Ben Simpson, with his arm still in a sling, was on the touch line. Referee Lash allowed no end of coaching from the side-lines. In spots the game was very ragged, and at other times delightfully clean and fast. Before the game Argo supporters said their team was at last going to 'break the ice. It did—and fell in.

This business of 30 or 40 men racing up and down the touch line should be cut out. Coaching with megaphones—even improvised paper ones—from the touch line, is not just the thing. But the Argos are a good lot, and play a good, clean game. OTTAWA COLLEGE WINS. Ottawa, Nov. 18.—Ottawa College on Saturday defeated McGill 12 to 9 in 'Varsity Oval, and became champions of the Inter-Collegiate Rugby Football Union for 1907. The match wound up the local senior Rugby season, and the honors at stake brought out a crowd of fully 5,000, among whom McGill had a large following of admirers. Weather conditions were excellent, with just enough cold in the air to add zest to the play, and the spectators witnessed what was undoubtedly the most enjoyable gridiron struggle of the season. It was championship football in every meaning of the term. The teams were: McGill—Ballantyne, full; Reid, Smith, and Hastings, halves; Johnson, quarter; Bates, Stitt and Renaud, scrummage; Lea, Galbraith, Matheson, Winslow, Pare and Black, wings.

Ottawa College—Murphy, full; McDonald, Conway and Whalen, halves; Dean, quarter; Chartrand, Street and Courtis, scrummage; Harrington, Higerty, Filiatreault, Smith, Joron and Troupe, wings. Referee—Dr. A. B. Wright, Toronto. Umpire—L. McKennie, Toronto. George Lewis, an Englishman, attempted to commit suicide at Toronto by inhaling gas.

Some Snap Shots at Sport and Sportsmen

Jack Foley, trainer of the Y. M. C. A. football team, the winners of the semifinal in the Junior O. R. F. U. series, went to Brockville on Saturday to see the Parkdale-Brockville match, to get a line on the winners, who are to play the Hamilton Cubs next Saturday. He says the Parkdals worked a number of plays that were entirely new, and that the Y. M. C. A. team will have to practise hard all this week, if they can hope to win the championship. The Parkdals, he says, are heavier than the Y. M. C. A. wings.

Charlie Conkle's Unknown notified the Globe Athletic Club some time ago that he had completely recovered from the injury he sustained here while working out for his match with "Demon" Bartl. Word was sent to E. C. Finley, Bartl's manager, to fix a date for the match, but he has not paid any attention to the letter. Bartl has learned who is "Unknown" and will not meet him now, is what Harry Mays said when he was here recently.

Walter Miller, the most successful jockey in America, this year as last, received yesterday from James R. Keene a cheque on the National City Bank for \$12,090.38, this being five per cent. of the money the jockey won for Mr. Keene this year.

For the vice-chairman of the Jockey Club Miller has ridden fifty winners, of which thirty-two were of stakes, and of these eleven were won on the great colt Colin. The total money won by Miller for Mr. Keene was \$245,407.75.

Including the fees from Mr. Keene, this 19-year-old boy will have earned before January 1st next not less than \$30,000. He has ridden 852 races and won 224 since the commencement of the season; that would mean an addition of \$11,820 to his earnings. Wouldn't it be funny if the Argos

TIGER SECONDS DOWNED DUNDAS.

Valley Town Team Beaten By a Score of 22 to 3.

Baldwin Was the Star of the Home Team in Saturday's Game, the First of the Home and Home Games for the Intermediate Interprovincial Championship

First quarter: Tigers II, 5, Dundas 1. Second quarter: Tigers II, 8, Dundas 1. Third quarter: Tigers II, 16, Dundas 2. Last quarter: Tigers II, 22, Dundas 4.

The first of the home and home games between the Tiger II. and the Dundas team, who were tied for first place in the Intermediate Interprovincial Rugby Union, took place at the Cricket Grounds on Saturday afternoon before a large crowd of spectators, many of whom were from the Valley Town. The Tigers won easily, the score being 22 to 3. As the score of the round is to decide the championship, the young jungle kings almost have the honor clinched. In the return game at Dundas next Saturday, the Valley Town team has a lead of 10 points to overcome, and it is not at all probable that they can do that.

The weather conditions were very favorable for the sport and the teams worked hard all the time. The home team outplayed the visitors at every point and looked like winners from the start, although some of the Dundas' team supporters made wagers after the Tigers had scored. After the Tigers got into their stride they made a runaway race of it, and could have piled up a big score if they had been extended. Some of the Tigers were off for rough house work, but it was not serious. Jamieson, the wrestling kicker, was sent to the line twice for using his hands instead of his feet, and Townsend was also in the hands of the penalty timer. The game could not be called rough, however.

The Hamilton seconds played their best game of the season and showed an improvement in their work over the previous Saturday. They have got better in each succeeding game and those who saw them in the opening game at London would not think they were one and the same bunch. Manager Lawlor and Capt. Awrey are entitled to much credit for the way they have drilled the team into winning shape. The teams lined up as follows: Hamilton II. Dundas.

Back. Brady. Half-Backs. Nelson. Lofts. Full-backs. Binkley. Baldwin. Quarter. Gillespie. Harrison. Quarter. Cameron. Awrey. Scrummage. Laing. Pfeifer. Laing. Wings. North. Jameson. Wings. Smith. Greig. TOWNSEND. Wilson. VICKERY. Mason. GERRARD. Martin. BURKHOLDER. RYERFOT. Hall. RYERFOT.

The officials were R. Harcourt, Toronto, referee; J. McNett, Toronto, umpire; Brown and McCordell, goal judges; McDonald and Griffith, touch line judges; Dixon and Hennessy, linesmen; Stott and Cameron, timers; Raw, penalty timer. The game was played in quarters, the Tigers winning the toss and kicking with the wind. Capt. Nelson booted off for Dundas and Lofts returned to the Dundas 20 yard line. Binkley kicked across field and into touch. Baldwin at this stage got busy and punted over the line, but Brady quickly scrambled the oval out. After a series of scrummages, Baldwin again booted the ball over the line and it rolled to the dead line, making the first tally. Score—Tigers 1, Dundas 0.

Binkley made a nice run to the Tigers' quarter, but lost the ball. Soon afterwards Binkley punted over the line, but Smith promptly returned, and the return was muffed by Dundas, who followed up fast enough to keep possession. They failed in three downs and yet possession close to their line. Harrison attempted a drop, but failed, and the Tigers stole the ball back. He kicked over the line, but Brady got with it, but was forced back by a mass play for a safety. Score—Tigers 3, Dundas 0.

Immediately afterwards Brady was forced to rouse and Baldwin followed up with a kick over the line and Dundas had to rouse again. Score—Tigers 5, Dundas 0. In the second quarter the Tigers got the ball on offside play and Harrison booted across the field and Smith passed to Baldwin, who kicked it over for another rouse. Score—Tigers 6, Dundas 0. Shortly afterwards Dundas got into the game and Gillespie kicked to the dead line. Score—Tigers 6, Dundas 1. Gillespie and Harrison gave an exhibition of booting and Dundas got the ball at the finish. Another safety touch brought the Tigers' tally up to 8, and this ended the scoring for the second quarter.

At the beginning of the third quarter Baldwin kicked over the line and forced a rouse and the trick was repeated by Lofts, making the score 10 to 2. Awrey went over for the first try of the game, and Harrison converted, making the score 16 to 1. Dundas forced a rouse and made their tally 2. In the last quarter both teams scored. Dundas got two rouses, and then Big Burkholder galloped around the end, like a handcap horse, for a try. Harrison converted and made the score 22 to 4. This ended the scoring. As the players withdrew cheers were given for both teams. The Dundas boys were given a hearty send-off, having played a plucky uphill game. 'VARSITY SECONDS WON. Montreal, Nov. 17.—Varsity II. won

the intermediate championship of the Inter-Collegiate Union by defeating McGill II. on the McGill campus in the final game of the series Saturday afternoon, by a score of 13 to 7. 'Varsity had behind them an unbroken list of victories, while McGill had lost only one game, that against Toronto 'Varsity II. at Toronto, the previous Saturday, when they were beaten by the score of 21 to 10.

As the series was one of home and home games, the odds were decidedly against McGill. Both teams were in good shape, and fairly evenly matched so far as weight and size were concerned. 'Varsity line was, however, weakened by the absence of Smirle Lawson, their star centre half. Lawson's place was filled by Ryerson, who played a good game. McGill's line was slightly changed from last week, Potts taking Pratt's place at the full-back position. The addition of Donahoe to the half line to replace Reid, of the seniors, and Crutchfield to the wing line, completed the formation of the local fourteen. The teams were: 'Varsity—Evans, full-back; McArthur, right back; Ryerson, centre half; Henderson, left half; Cory (captain), quarter; Frith, Eakin, Strumber, scrummage; Kingston, Paterson, inside wings; Hunter, Sifton, middle wings; Duncanson, Doherty, outside wings. McGill—Potts, full-back; Roberts, right back; Caruthers, centre half; Donahoe, left half; Winslow (captain), quarter; Frith, Eakin, Strumber, scrummage; Crutchfield, Dunnett, inside wings; Forbes, Johnson, middle wings; Gillis, S. Forbes, outside wings. Referee, Perry Roberts; Umpire, Hammond.

QUEEN'S DEFEAT 'VARSITY. Kingston, Ont., Nov. 18.—Queen's Rugbyists won from 'Varsity on Saturday by 4 to 3. It was a lively game, with brilliant play by both teams. The wind was strong, and it helped both teams in scoring points. All the tallies occurred from kicks into touch. There were lots of running and bucking, and the back lines had the work of the season. They were kept busy relieving and sprinting. The teams could not get with any advantage kick before the wind. Queen's scored in her half with the wind, and so did 'Varsity. There was a good crowd, notwithstanding the chilliness of the day. As Queen's won the cheering was lively and continuous. Russell Britton, of Ganoanque, refereed, and George Richardson, of Queen's, umpired. The line-up: Queen's—Back, Crawford; halves, Elliott, Macdonnell, Pennock; quarter, Dobson; scrummage, Bruce, May, Barker; wings, Gallagher, Kennedy, Beggs, Buck, Cooke, Murphy. 'Varsity—Back, Newton; halves, Gall, Murray, Kennedy, Mike Kennedy; quarter, Corvill; scrummage, Neaver and Corvill; wings, Shaw, Hume, Martin, Cassels, Lee, Ramsay.

MONTREAL HAS A LEAD. Montreal, Nov. 18.—Before a small crowd Montreal beat Ottawa in the first of the home-and-home games to decide the intermediate championship of the Q. R. F. U. by 15 to 0. The field was covered with snow. In the first quarter Montreal gained four points, while Ottawa failed to score. In the second quarter Montreal added five more points to their score, the result of a touchdown by Crankshaw after a great run. The try was not converted. The score at half-time was Ottawa 0, Montreal 0. Montreal had the better of the entire second half. The teams: Montreal (15)—Toothick, Scott, Easton, Baxter, Crankshaw, Ryan, Denna, Cameron, Hurd, Wardell, Collican, Broderick, Douglas, Barnes. Ottawa (0)—Maclean, Groulx, Devets, Harris, Christie, Hobart, Kilma, Nutting, P. White, Gillie, Williamson, Gafford, Connolly, Hayward.

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