

Still there was a great deal that was no luck at all. Varsity played a wonderful game, and had the ball most of the time. Their forwards and centre would travel down the floor together with hard, low passes, and if they were covered, would pass out to a defence man who shot just as well. The Toronto men were on their way home from a trip through the Eastern States. They had been gone about ten days, and as they played every night, were in the pink of condition.

The American game is very rough, and that accounts for the number of fouls they made. At different times in the course of the play they smashed our men into the walls, body checked them on the floor, and generally roughed it up.

Dixon, who covered Menzies, was a particular offender, acting more than once as if he were in a wrestling bout. The officials watched the game closely however, and Varsity was usually penalized for the rough work.

It is a little hard to account for the overwhelming nature of the score against us. On ordinary occasions our men play a much better game. They seemed to be dazed by the speed of their opponents, for even when they had the ball, their passing and combination work was away off colour.

The men worked hard, but it is difficult to pick out a man who played a star game outside of the Varsity men.

Erskine at centre held his much larger opponent Gage down very well. Gage is a difficult man to check, and the few baskets he scored were gained only by very hard work. The forwards did not have much chance to shine either. They did not have possession of the ball very often, and were closely watched when it chanced to come their way. Stearne and Van Sickle were up against two forwards of the very best calibre. Brock is considered the best forward in Toronto, while Boddy is not far behind. Under the circumstances it is not remarkable that their men scored a good many points. Van played his usual smooth game, working the ball down to his forwards in faultless style, and making shots that should have gone in. Stearne played a hard game, but as yet lacks experience.

It is perhaps not our place to make suggestions, but we are forced to the belief that McCartney at defence or forward, would have strengthened the team. He knows how to handle himself, and shoots about as well as anybody in college. Perhaps if he had been on, we should have had a little larger score.

The team was as follows:—Menzies, Wardle, Erskine, Stearne, Van Sickle.

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As a curtain raiser to the big game two teams of girls, known by the colors they wore as the whites and the reds, played a fast game. The whites had things pretty well their own way, and won by a good margin 10-4. We don't know whether any of the fraternity of speculators suffered or not. The reds were an all star aggregation, and before the game were considered sure winners. The whites, however, upset all the dope by their excellent work.