

GRAND FOOTBALL MATCH.

QUEBEC N.C.O.'s VS. DEPOT N.C.O.'s.

This interesting match was played June 30th on the Parade Field and was the outcome of a battle of words as to who possessed the most intelligent N.C.O.'s.

Sharp on football time, half an hour late, the combatants filed out on the battlefield in real drill order, (strugglers following up at two and three minute intervals). When the rival Captains had decided where to place the most handsome looking men, the referee signalled for hostilities to commence.

The line up was as follows:—

Depot.

Sgt. Davidson

Spr. Fullerton Sgt. E. W. Johnson

Sgt. Claydon L/C Wilcox L/C Foster

Sgt. Mallison Cp. Motherwell Spr. Howe C.S.M. Watkin Sgt. Henesy

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Spr. Kelly Spr. Brown Sgt. George C.S.M. Lear Spr. Thurtle

Sgt. Sutcliffe C.S.M. York Sgt. Jesson

Sgt. Lewis C.S.M. Dailly

Sgt. Roberts

Quebec

Referee: Mr. W. G. Griffith.

With eyes ablaze and muscles twitching Sgt. George set the ball in motion. Quebec immediately pressed and bore down upon the Depot goal. But the goal-keeper who was but a boy proved equal to the occasion and made a grand save, the ball travelling to Sgt. Henesy who made a dashing run up the line, but discovered he had left the ball behind; Sgt. Jesson taking advantage of this fact nipped in and stole the ball while Jesson's back was turned. Quebec kept pressing and the spectators? (Spr. M. Ritchie) was loud in his applause at the Depot goal-keeper's prowess. It was then discovered that the Depot International goal-keeper whose identity had been kept dark was none other than our old friend Sgt. Davidson, who as a camouflage, had sacrificed his moustache.

First blood was drawn by Quebec. Sgt. Davidson was feeling his upper lip to test the effect of the razor when Sgt. George got his head to a centre and notched No. 1 for Quebec. Play waxed furious after this and the Depot right wing began teasing Sgt. Sutcliffe, but this old veteran showed his teeth and back went the ball. C.S.M. York at this time was making a name for himself, plugging in with all four feet and was the backbone of the Quebec defence. No. 2 came for Quebec, Spr. Brown deceiving Sgt. Davidson who had just saved a beauty from Kelly and while he was explaining to Sgt. Johnson how he did it, Brown kicked the ball through. Spurred by this further reverse the Depot insisted and just before half time Corp. Motherwell scored. Half time:— Quebec, 2; Depot, 1.

The second half was started at a hot pace. The Depot were determined to equalize which they did after 15 minutes play. Sgt. Jesson who thought the ball was travelling too fast caught hold of it with his front feet, but the eagle-eyed referee detected him and indirectly from this the Depot scored the equalizing goal. Sgt. M. Ritchie was highly pleased at the Depot success and many were the encouraging calls heard from his lips, hurled at his pets. C.S.M. Lear who had been playing all through the game for Quebec began to stir and tested the Depot "boy" goal-keeper, being successful after a while in giving Quebec the lead. Sgt. Roberts was discovered asleep in the Quebec goal and upon being awakened complained that he was not being worked sufficiently and it was at this time that Quebec were pressing despite Sgt. Davidson's repeated orders to move away, and Sgt. Fullerton thinking that Quebec had not had their just due, kindly put the ball through his own goal as a reward. This ended the scoring and just after this the referee blew for time as he wanted his tea. The result 4—2 for Quebec was a little flattering.

It would be unfair to individualize too much on the play of the participants. Sgt. M. Ritchie played a good game on the touch line and the Regimental Football Team should never be stuck for players, either for football or marbles. "Keep up the interest, boys!"

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