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Rugby Played for the Cup Between Different Years in Arts

TWO VERY LIVELY GAMES

Seniors Defeat Juniors—Freshmen Conquer Sophomores—The Winners to Play Thursday

The most serious of our Alma Mater's searchers after knowledge is always able to resurrect a bit of his boyhood's enthusiasm from the recess of his soul during the progress of the inter-year Rugby matches. It took a good deal of enthusiasm, to wade through the snow up and down the touch line on Tuesday, following the confident Sophomores and the ambitious Freshmen in their second scrap of the year. If the stalwarts of '02 were vanquished in the hustle, they made up for their defeat there in noble style when it came to Rugby. As the game progressed and the score piled up, many a grave and reverend senior recalled, with just pride, the time when '99 was the Freshman class, and when entering into their undertakings with a vim hitherto unheard of among Freshies, used to come out victors in everything. Ah, those were the good old days!

The Freshmen looked like winners with such giants as Hills and McKenzie and Biggs and Darling in their ranks. But Mr. E. P. Brown, '01, thought that it would be injurious to the esprit de corps of the University if the audacious gentlemen of the first year should be victors, and so he got together fifteen strong men, and true, to give them battle royal. It is whispered also that he spent a portion of his patrimony in trying to obtain the good-will and sympathy of the referee and other officials of the game, in his praiseworthy undertaking. But, alas, virtue never does get rewarded, and the Sophomores were beaten.

The teams lined up as follows: '02, scrimmage, Mullin, Stratton, Webster; quarter, Gillespie; wings, Patterson, Brodie, MacGregor, McDiarmid, Gray, Symington, Biggs, Darling; half-backs, McKenzie, Fudger. '01 scrimmage, Shenstone, Telford, Whelan; quarter, Robertson; wings, Ingram, Campbell, Smilie, Potvin, Gowland, McCullough, Clark; half-backs, Brown, Aylesworth, Ryan; full-back, Burton. Referee, A. J. McKenzie. Umpire, "Shiner" Ansley.

During the first half the play was almost altogether at the Sophomores' end of the campus—the scrimmage being fairly successful in getting the ball out to McKenzie, who was never in doubt what to do with it when once he got it. From a throw-in Darling got the ball and made a run over the line for a try, and the Freshmen on the touchlines went wild for joy. But sorrowful to relate, the throw had been crooked, and the try was voided. Defying this bit of bad luck '02 persisted in their endeavors to score. McKenzie punted, Fudger ran, Hills took the whole bunch in his arms and pushed them along. Several times only a brilliant run by Percy Brown, or a timely free kick saved the Sophs from a score being recorded against them. Finally, Ryan in essaying to relieve kicked into the hands of McDiarmid, who glided over for the first try, which Hills converted. '02—6; '01—0.

Shortly after the kick-off Fudger and Hills got away for a run, which was stopped, but only right at '01's goal line. The Sophomores soon got their necessary free kick, however, and the danger blew over. Then followed a succession of punts—as good punting and as clean catching as one could wish to see in a senior league match. Presently from a scrimmage Hills got the ball, and with Fudger and Darling started on what promised to be a run of the Ottawa City type. On the pass to Darling Brown got the ball, however, and by a 75 yard run scored a touch-down—the first and only blood drawn by the Sophomores. The kick on goal was blocked. Score, '02—6; '01—4.

The play for the rest of the half was spirited, characterized by good running on the part of the Freshmen, notably Biggs and Fudger, and good tackling by the Sophomores. The whistle blew with the ball near '01's goal.

In the second half the play was much more even, although the number of points scored by the Freshmen was larger. The strong point of the Sophomores' game was their ability to obtain free kicks, as before. Gradually their goal, however, became more and more in danger, and no one was surprised when Hills got the ball and ran around the scrimmage for a try, in spite of terrific tackle from Burton. "Tart" then proceeded to convert his own try. Score: '02—12, '01—4.

The ball soon found its way back to the same goal line again. Brown relieved a time or two by good strong running. From a scrimmage, Biggs, who was now playing

quarter, wriggled through the mob and scored another try. Hills did his little trick again and the score was 18 to 4.

The Sophomores now seemed to arrive at the conclusion that if they did not waken up they might get beaten, and they played with a rush on the kick-off. But with better running, better punting, better scrimmaging, the Freshmen soon put them on the defensive again. Burton relieved once with a good run and Brown made another beautiful run, kicking just as he was tackled and gaining a good 50 yards. But all in vain—the Freshmen had advanced too far in the lead and Timekeeper Meredith decided to stop the game.

'99 VERSUS '00.

A few minutes past four Wednesday afternoon the year teams of '99 and '00 lined up to do battle for the Mulock cup. The ground was covered with snow, but it was tramped down so by the Toronto Meds that it was not much of a factor.

It was conceded before the game that the teams were very evenly matched, and the play verified the supposition. The scrimmages were evenly matched. Snell, '99 and Beal, '00, did brilliant playing on the half back line. Sinclair, a brother of '99's famous Dan, showed himself a good catch and kick, and a little experience is all that is lacking.

'Ninety-nine got the kick; Waldie putting the ball well to the south into '00 ground. A free kick for '00 was well returned by Parry, but '99 failing to give the requisite five yards the ball was put in scrimmage in '99's 25 yard line.

Scrimmages lasting ten minutes with honors slightly with '00, were brought to an end by a free kick for '99 which Waldie placed badly.

'Ninety-nine now gradually worked the ball down to '00's 25 yard line and Waldie put the ball over the goal line on a free kick. Sinclair, '00, instead of dropping, attempted to kick and lost the ball. Waldie failed to convert. Score:—'99, 4—'00, 0. This ended the scoring for the first half. The ball travelled freely from one end to the other till half time was called with ball at '00's 25 yard line.

The second half was at once proceeded with. Armstrong, '99, failed to accept the ball from Century's kick-off and "Bob" Telford, who played about the hardest game on the '00 line, got within 2 or 3 yards of '99's goal line. '99 made repeated gains by mass play and finally relieved by a free kick.

The prettiest run of the day was now made by Snell. He picked up the ball from a long dribble and ran past everything from about the centre to within a few feet of '00 line. A long series of scrimmages followed, ending in a free kick for Century, which Waldie returned. The goal post was now an important factor and prevented the catch, and Beal was forced to rouge. Score:—'99, 5—'00, 0.

This ended the scoring. About the same time daylight ceased. Rushes and scrambles in the dark about the centre of the field was the order of things till time was called.

This factor of darkness in Rugby games should be avoided, and the management should see that the teams were lined up in time to finish a game in daylight.

The teams were: Victorious Seniors, '99: back, Armstrong; half-backs, Snell, Perry, Waldie; quarter, Ross; scrimmage, Douglas, Armour, Russell; wings, Hunter, Dakin, Fisher, Sinclair, Cleary, Cohen, McDougal.

Vanquished Juniors, '00: back, Sinclair; half-backs, Clair, Beal, Harcourt; quarter, Gillespie; scrimmage, Kay, Shenstone, Gibson; wings, Meredith, Donovan, Telford, Harrison, Graham, Mitchell, Armstrong.

Referee, Percy Brown; Umpire, "Pop" Anderson; Time keeper, "Billy" Alexander. The '99 team play off round 2 Thursday with the Freshmen.

LIT TAKES A REST

Thanksgiving and Trinity Debate Causes a Lull in Varsity Lit

By the time the members of the Lit resume their sessions in the Literary Hall of the Students' Union it will be high time for a house-warming. The open debate and the absence of a meeting last week, together with the adjournment of the Lit to Trinity College next Friday, will cause an interval of three weeks to intervene between the regular meetings. It was too bad that a meeting of some kind was not held last Friday. The debate could have been shelved and some kind of program provided which would have served to pass a pleasant evening. As the Intercollege Union opens its series next Friday evening by a debate between Varsity and Trinity at Trinity University, it is earnestly trusted that the men will turn out in force in support of old Varsity and her forensic champions. Reference is made in another column to the subject of the debate, and the names of the debaters are given. December 9th is the night set apart for the Mock Parliament, an occasion which it is expected will lack nothing of the sport of previous years.

CANADIANS PLAY RUGBY AT BUFFALO

Canadians Defeat the All-Americans on Thanksgiving Day

VARSITY MEN WHO PLAYED

Americans Consider the Canadian Game a Better One for the Spectators—Would Like to Play Here

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In the world of sport Canadians, when they come into competition with others, evince their pre-eminence on almost every occasion, and to the long line of International victories won by Canadian grit and muscle in rowing, sailing, lacrosse, and hockey, one more has been added in the king of sports, Rugby football, when on Thanksgiving Day the All-Canada team met and defeated the All-Colleges United States team at Buffalo.

The possibilities of a contest with the devotees of the game in the States have often been discussed, but the very great difference between the American and the Canadian manner of playing the game has always been considered an insuperable obstacle. All lovers of the game on both sides of the line will be gratified to know that such a contest has been successfully held and that the way is paved for annual International matches. To our own capable and genial manager, "Jack" Inkster, and to Stanley Brown, of the Mail and Empire, familiarly known to all sporting men at Varsity as "Yank," is due the credit of arranging the match and trip on this side and making it so enjoyable and successful, while the owner of the Buffalo Athletic field, himself an ex-Canadian, arranged matters on the American side, and at great personal expense had a strong American team brought together in Buffalo.

The all Canada team, as it was denominated, was made up of men picked from five football clubs. Hamilton sent their scrimmage: Hinch, Freeborn, and McCarthy; Queen's sent McConville, Curtis, Elliott and McDowall; Argonauts contributed Don McKenzie, Joe Wright, Gordon Crawford and Norrie King; from Osgoode were Pud Kent, Kingsmill, Syngé; Varsity's quota was A. J. Mackenzie, A. W. Mackenzie and J. Sanderson; from Bishop Ridley went A. F. Barr. The veteran Guy Curtis captained the team. The All-Colleges team was composed of noted players from different places many of whom had figured on the great Eastern University teams, and had the advantage of a week's practice.

At 5:20 p. m., Wednesday, the Toronto contingent, and the Kingston four, left by the C. P. R., accompanied by a number of enthusiastic supporters, prominent among whom were "Shenan" De Lisle, "Duke" Collins, Art Hills and Thomson of the Argonauts, who joined by the Hamilton three, passed a jovial time in their private car till the bridge was reached. Here the Customs Officer being warned that the many valises contained football uniforms, he decided that they should not be opened, and at once quitted the car. The arrival on American soil was greeted by the yell, specially manufactured for the team:—

Hurrah for the beaver,
Hurrah for the ram,
Hurrah for old Canada,
We don't give a siss, boom, bah,
siss, boom, bah! Canada, Canada,
Rah! Rah! Rah!

and the crowd all wearing Union Jacks and shouting patriotic songs proceeded to take possession of the town in general, and, in particular, an excellent dinner provided by mine host of the new Tift House, himself an erstwhile Canadian. During the time the boys were in Buffalo they gave the city, and especially the ex-Canadians, no opportunity of becoming insensible to their presence, and the echoes of "Canada," "The Maple Leaf," "The Soldiers of the Queen" and "Rule Britannia," are, I doubt not, yet reverberating in some well-known localities.

The game was called for 3 p. m., but it was 3:30 before the captain of the All-Colleges team decided that his men had the signal code by rote, and the game began. The ground was good, covered with a little snow, and the day fair and cold. The attendance was not large and many were ex-Canucks, who cheered lustily for their compatriots. The first half, 30 minutes, was played in the American style and the teams were as follows:

CANADA.	UNITED STATES.
King.....	End.....
Kent.....	Ford.....
Wright.....	Tackle.....
Hinch.....	Guard.....
Freeborn.....	Centre.....
McKenzie, A. J.....	Quarter.....
Barr.....	End.....
McConville.....	Quarter.....
Curtis.....	Right Half.....
Elliott.....	Left Half.....
Mackenzie, A. W.....	Full Back.....

In this half the Canadians scored shortly after play began, the ball being passed out to Elliott, who, when tackled, passed to Barr, the latter going over the line in a brilliant sprint. The goal was kicked, but the Yankees protested on a rule that when a man is tackled the ball is dead. They scored next, after slowly working the ball down 50 yards by plunges through the line, but failed to kick the goal. 5-0.

After the kick-off the All-Colleges secured possession and held for some time, but lost failing to make five yards in three downs. The Canadians taking possession played a hard game and went through their opponents' line or round the end at every trial. Finally through an opening between Freeborn and Mackenzie, Barr plunged over the line for a try. It was converted, making 6-5 for All-Canada; and so it remained. Though playing a game with which they were entirely unacquainted, the Canucks outplayed their opponents at every point and quickly apprehended the style of play required to defeat them, their fast play apparently bewildering the Americans. Barr at end and full-back Mackenzie were especially useful in defence plays. During the game McConville had his arm dislocated and McDowell took his place.

For the Canadian half the teams lined as follows:—Full-back, Kingsmill; halves, Elliott, Mackenzie and Barr; quarter, McDowell; scrimmage, Hinch, Freeborn and McCarthy; wings, A. J. Mackenzie, A. W. Mackenzie, Crawford, Sanderson, Kent, Wright and Curtis (King).

All-Colleges:—Back, Pearson; halves, Marion, Smith, Ford; quarter, Kerr; scrimmage, Rodet, Donohue and Sternberg; wings, Partridge, Hannover, Knight, Holmes, Krousse, Cheadyne and Cross-thwaite (captain).

In this game the Americans were bewildered, and though they played a hard defence game the Canadians easily scored a touch and two safeties against them, making the score 8-0. Here again Biddy's runs and Mackenzie's punts were the feature of the game. Their big centre man, who weighed 230 pounds, was quite at the mercy of Hinch; and, failing utterly to heel out the ball, returned to the American style of throwing it out. In this half Gordon Crawford had the misfortune to tear the ligaments of his arm and retired, King replacing him. The officials of the game were: Referee, "Thrift" Burnside; umpire, Mr. Lewis.

The points in which the American players excelled were in tackling and falling on the ball. In these they were superb. They were slower and not so strong as our men, and certainly not in condition to play our game, for they are not trained to run. With them the game is one of possession of the ball, and as long as they make five yards in three downs they consider they are doing quite fast work. Every play has its signal, and as no one can move till the ball is passed out, the game is very slow and deliberate. Every infringement of rules is penalized by a certain number of yards; the field is marked out for five yard lines; and a 15-foot fence is moved up and down the touch line to mark the distance the ball travels, while the umpire calls out, "Two downs and four yards to make," or whatever it is. The Americans admit our game to be a better one from the spectator's standpoint and one requiring greater speed and endurance, and all expressed themselves as desirous of visiting Toronto to play another match against the Canadians.

LADIES' GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

Will be Held Tuesday Evening, Dec. 13th., in Guild Hall.

The annual concert given by the Varsity Ladies' Glee Club will take place this year on the evening of Dec. 13th., in Guild Hall, on Elm street. A number of new and interesting features will be introduced this year, and it is hoped that all the students in the affiliated Colleges of the University will take advantage of the excellent program that will be offered. Among the numbers of the program will be Miss Mae Dickinson, Mr. Grenville Kleiser and Mr. George Fox. The tickets for general admission will be twenty-five cents, and fifty cents for reserved seats. The latter will be placed on sale at Goulay, Winter and Leeming's after Dec. 10.

KNOX "AT HOME"

Lively preparations are going on in connection with Knox College "At Home," which is to be held on the 16th. Energetic committees are constantly at work striving to make this year's "At Home" the very acme of success. Outside talent of the highest rank is expected and an enjoyable evening is confidently assured. To avoid the crush usual upon such occasions the Committee of Management has seen fit to place tickets in the hands of the students, who give them to their friends. This method is found more satisfactory than the old one of selling tickets. Knox, we say, irrespective of the recent comment by one of the evening papers, is on that road of progress which makes "a circle" round the city.

RUGBY DANCE A) BRILLIANT SUCCESS

Gymnasium Presents a Beautiful Scene at the Athletic Ball

THOSE WHO WERE THERE

The Largest and Most Successful Ball Ever Given by the Directorate

When one casts a retrospective eye over the past few years and considers the time when there was neither Gym nor Rugby dance, and when dancing was tabooed in our College functions in a manner which savored mightily of the most rigid asceticism, one is bound to be convinced that the undergraduate of these days was perform an out-and-out St. Anthony. To us of these latter and more enjoyable days it seems inconceivable that life could be worth living under such baneful circumstances, and we find it a trifle too much for the feats of even our imagination to contemplate a state of affairs in which the Students' Union does not figure as an all-important factor. We are indeed thrice blessed in having such an ideal home in which to entertain, a place which is full to the brim of reminders of every department of undergraduate activity in its off-hours. It was almost impossible to recognize in the fairy-land which dazzled one's eyes last Tuesday night the grim and bare interior of the gymnasium. While no one would for a moment consider the members of the committee who had charge of the arrangements of the Rugby Dance, in the light of fairies, yet we feel sure that their interest with these delightful creatures of the unseen world must have been very strong to enable them to work such wonders of enchantment. The decorations were at once indicative of our patriotism and our love for Alma Mater. Union Jacks of all sizes and colors decorated the windows and the walls. From the centre of the ceiling there was pendant a canopy of the blue and white, while the rail of the running track was also tastefully arranged with our College colors. The running track itself was liberally provided with seats for those who wished to sit out or enjoy the panorama of beautiful faces and costumes and still more beautiful girls. The office and the fencing room made cosy sitting rooms and received their due modicum of attention. In the assembly hall, the supper arrangements, which were under the direction of Albert Williams, were efficiently carried out. The table decorations in college colors were very pretty, which, together with the carte-du-souper, on which was engraved the college crest, served to still further remind one of the academic nature of the event.

Shortly after nine o'clock the strains of Glionna's orchestra announced that dancing was to commence. The floor, which left nothing to be desired in the way of perfection, was immediately covered by a throng of happy people eager for the night's pleasure. It was now, indeed, that we were constrained to don our dark-colored glasses as a protection against the dazzling splendor which met our eyes. Pretty girls were everywhere, but they were all too few, as could be seen from the not inconsiderable number of gallants who pined for partners on the outskirts of the floor. Nor was there any dearth of beautiful costumes. The affair took on a semi-military appearance from the uniforms of undergraduate officers in different regiments. Among these were Messrs. Burnside, Berry and Snell. The dance was opened by the set of honor which was composed of the following ladies and gentlemen:—Miss Mowat and Mr. Arthur Snell, Mrs. Mowat and Mr. W. E. Douglas, Mrs. Loudon and Commander Law, Mrs. Galbraith and Mr. T. A. Russell, Mrs. Cameron and Mr. Thrift Burnside, Mrs. Salter and Mr. A. McKenzie, Mrs. Wright and Mr. M. E. Cameron, Mrs. Walker and Mr. Greig. Among those present were the President and Mrs. Loudon, Prof. and Mrs. McCurdy, Mrs. G. W. Ross, Mr. B. E. Walker and Mrs. Walker, Principal Galbraith and Mrs. Galbraith. The program of dances was a long one, and the members of the orchestra were very indulgent in acceding to the repeated requests for extras. The music was excellent and the floor was well occupied during the whole of the dance, which came to an end at about 3 o'clock. That this year's Rugby dance was an unqualified success will be attested to by the universal sentiment of those who had the good fortune to be present. The Rugby men were out in full force and received their due meed of praise and admiration. There was also a goodly representation of College girls and of the undergrads who do not pose as athletic characters. The graduates also manifested their appreciation of this popular affair by being present. Among these were noticed the Misses

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