

is, I think, the spirit in which we all should take our defeat. Varsity played on Saturday the strongest game of the season. They quite surpassed Ottawa in speed and "snap," and throughout played hard, but clean football. The tackling of the Varsity team was a revelation to all who had not closely watched their play throughout the season. This did more to break up the splendid running game that Ottawa employs than anything else. Ottawa had developed the running to a pitch never reached before, except by the Osgoode team of '92. Their passing and running with the ball was magnificent. After all, it was the superior weight of Ottawa that won them the game; to their quarter, Kenny, the ball came out clean and sharply, and as he was, as a rule, splendidly protected, his work approached the perfect. Biggs, on the other hand, was continually caught by the Ottawa scrimmage, and had but little opportunity to exhibit his ability. His bucking was extremely effective at times, and he fed the halves, when possible, in good style. Candid critics were ready to allow that our trio of half-backs were superior to their opponents in catching and kicking. They had only about two errors each, which, considering the fact that they were playing facing the sun, is extremely creditable. As for tackling, they were easily superior to Ottawa, but were not nearly so proficient in passing and running. Alec. Mackenzie had as usual the lion's share of the work, and although he was, perhaps, not so brilliant as usual, his work was such as to prophecy a splendid future. Walter Boyd showed that he was still the most steady of the three. He excels the others in capturing the ball on throws from the touch-line and in line bucking. Hills is, perhaps, the strongest runner of the three; his dash out from the line through several wings, with the following kick to touch, was extremely pretty, and reminds one of the remarkable work of the same kind done by Counsell, two years ago. Little Norman Beal had but little to do, but that little he did well. Twice he relieved with pretty runs and saved a rouge; but perhaps his best pieces of work were the way in which he rushed Walters into touch in goal, and the way in which he saved by securing the ball from Boyd's blocked-kick. The scrimmage was, as the wiseacres had told us, our weak point. Sanderson was too light to get the ball out when matched against such a veteran as Kennedy, and was watched too closely to use any trickery. When Armour replaced him in the second half, Varsity was more successful. Hall and Gibson both did their work well, but were not strong enough for their heavy opponents. Blackwood did decidedly the best work on the wing line; he was almost, without exception, the first wing down on the ball, and his tackling was superb. In my opinion he is the finest outside wing Varsity ever had. Burnside himself played a strong game, and handled the team in a splendid fashion. No praise can be too high for the work he has done this year. At times he may have made mistakes in tactics, as his critics urge, but they have been entirely minor mistakes, and one must realize that he has made the team, taught most of them to tackle, and trained all of them to play, has worked out his own signals and tactics, and at one and the same time has held his own opponent and captained the team. A. J. Mackenzie has improved this season, in that his tackling has wonderfully changed for the better. He is by far the best inside at Varsity, and on Saturday's showing, one of the best of the wings.

Armour played the strongest game that he has ever done. His following up is phenomenal for so heavy a man, and his scrimmage work was exceedingly good. Meredith is still a Junior, but he worked hard, and to a large extent, successfully. Darling is another Junior, and he, too, had hard work with his big opponent, but he did some splendid work in stopping the Ottawa runs around the end. Perhaps Caldwell should not be left to the last, for he held Rayside in good style, and followed up very fast. The Ottawa wing line was much heavier than our own, not nearly so fast, but of greater experience, and they used many tricks with which our men were not acquainted; not underhand or mean tricks, I mean, for they were on their good behavior, and played a clean game, but such as were fair and honorable.

Blackwood brought us our first score, a rouge, by capturing Wilson behind the line. Our other two points were secured by a goal kicked from a penalty by Hills. This was the only scoring done by Varsity during the game, and the only scoring during the first half. Only once during the first half, during which we had the wind (the sun was behind a cloud), was the play in the Varsity quarter. If the scrimmage had been more successful in getting out the ball, we would, beyond a doubt, have scored more, for we often forced the play to the Ottawa quarter. Their heavy trio, however, hurled our own scrimmage back on the quarter continually.

The second half had hardly begun when Southam punted to the Varsity line, and as the ball hit the goal post, Boyd had no chance to kick, and was captured 10 yards out. Ottawa got the ball and McGee ran round the end for a try, 4-3. Again Varsity's citadel was threatened, but the greatest surprise of the day was in store for Ottawa. Varsity, by a series of mass plays, on Burnside's signals, forced the ball back over the quarter line to half way. It was soon after this that Beal saved about 10 yards out, after Boyd's kick was blocked, and subsequent scrimmaging led to Ottawa being given a free kick, which Hills secured and rouged, 5-3. Twice before Ottawa got the next point, Varsity invaded the Ottawa quarter and once got over for a try, but were called back. Walters, in this case, ran over the line for a try, but Beal tackled him, and aided by Darling, shoved him into touch in goal, saving three points thereby. Varsity again worked the ball back, but were quite unable to score, and after a time Beal was forced to rouge, 7-3. This was the final score. Varsity finished in much better condition than Ottawa; rarely, indeed, has Varsity been represented by so well trained a team.

It is expected that by the end of the week the Association Schedule will be finished, and I hope next week to be able to congratulate the Association upon the close of a most successful season, and University College upon having won the championship. During the week, the Association selected the team which was to represent it in the Saturday game against the team from the City League. The following was the team chosen: Goal, Armstrong; Backs, Reid and Rudell; Halves, Dixon, Blanchard, Turnbull; Forwards, Zavitz, Whitley, Halliday, Wrenn, Hooper. The game was played and resulted in a tie, neither team being able to score. The Association team probably developed the best forward combination. This team will probably represent the Association for the Caledonia Cup on Thanksgiving Day.