

NEWS of SPORT

Halifax Wanderers Win First of Maritime Series

University of N. B. Did Well to Hold Them to 8 to 0 at Halifax—Huge Crowd Out for the Game—Hard Game—Ritchie McCoy Out for Time With Injury—Second Half Passed Scoreless.

The general opinion of followers of rugby football and supporters of the University of New Brunswick team is that the college team by holding Wanderers A. A. C. to a score of 8 to 0 on the Wanderers' grounds at Halifax on Thanksgiving Day did all that could be expected of it. Two tries by a team claiming to be the best in Eastern Canada on home grounds, against a team which has lost two valuable backfield players put out of the game by injury—Babbitt and McNally—is not a very heavy score. U. N. B. will be out to better it here on Saturday next.

The second period was for U. N. B. as far as territory is concerned according to the reports received Monday afternoon. The U. N. B. forwards, the better part of the team through the season, stood up to task well. The remade back-division was up against better players.

"It Might Have Been"

"Of all the words of tongue or pen the saddest are it might have been," and the score yesterday almost would indicate that the 1925 U. N. B. team would have come through with a victory over the Wanderers. Unfortunately the teams did not meet. Wanderers could not find it convenient to play college team in Halifax after game against Acadia at Wolfville, and after coming back from Montreal U. N. B. was compelled to end its season. There is no doubt that the 1925 team was superior to the team as it has shown so far this season.

Interscholastic Series.

The struggle in the Intercollegiate Series appears to lie between U. N. B. and Nova Scotia Technical College. The latter qualified in the Eastern Section last year and lost to University of N. B. 13 to 3 at Sackville. This year they beat King's 30 to 0 at Halifax and St. Francis Xavier 6 to 0 at Antigonish. St. F. X. was classed as a strong team. The Tech team evidently is better than it was last year.

The intercollegiate playoff cannot come until after the Wanderers play here on Saturday next and after Mc-

Gill English play here for the Mac-Tier Cup on the following Monday. The rules set the week of the 14th for the playoff. That will mean a long and late season for U. N. B.

Comparative Scores.

Although it is particularly useless to compare the scores in rugby matches and attempt to deduce something from them, is hard to keep from doing so. The 8 to 0 defeat given U. N. B. at Halifax Monday may be placed beside the 14 to 6 defeat given Dalhousie by the Wanderers in the second game between the two and the 8 to 3 defeat given Dal the first time the teams met. New Brunswick rugby evidently compares well with the Halifax City League variety and possibly Halifax press writers now will admit it.

Two years ago U. N. B. also had to put a battered and re-arranged team on the field against Wanderers at Halifax and lost 18 to 13 in an open and interesting game.

Wanderers to avoid any chance of having men disabled for the holiday game had the City League game against United Services cancelled Saturday.

Big Money for Wanderers.

With Wanderers taking the entire gate-money and some five thousand people out for that match it means something for the club treasury. It looks as if it would have been much wiser for the college team to have specified a percentage or a fixed amount. Next Saturday's gate will be entirely for the U. N. B. but it cannot approach the Halifax gate.

WANDERERS HAD MARGIN.

Ritchie McCoy Out For Most of Game—Referee Whistled Often.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 8—Wanderers defeated University of New Brunswick, 8 to 0, when the leading rugby teams of the Maritimes met here this afternoon for the first of a home and home series for the championship of Eastern Canada. Played under perfect but

weather conditions and before a record crowd, the game was marred only by the almost continuous sound of the referee's whistle and an injury to Ritchie McCoy that kept the Wanderer's star out of the game from the middle of the first half to near the end of the last.

Many Free Kicks.

Numerous free kicks were accorded both sides by Referee J. F. McCarthy who was kept busy watching off side plays, interferences, too hasty throwing in of the ball from the side lines and kicking out in the scrum.

The Fredericton Collegians had very little opportunity to show their ability to handle the ball, but on the rare occasions when opportunity offered they gave a good exhibition of passing, running and kicking.

Scoring Begins Early.

The Wanderers had it all over the U. N. B. players at all stages of the game, even when weakened by the loss of Ritchie McCoy, probably the best player in the East, they held their own. McCoy's return to the game, after he had been carried from the field on a stretcher in the first half, with what was thought to be a dislocated shoulder, was the signal for a tremendous demonstration from the stands and renewed strength in his team-mates but it was late in the second half and although the U. N. B. goal was threatened several times before the whistle, there was no score. Wanderers' scored their first try early in the first half when Ritchie McCoy carried the ball over the line on a pass from Hunter who had made a splendid run down the field. "Tiny" Herman, giant kicker for Wanderers, converted.

McCoy Faints on Field.

A few minutes later Wanderers got their second try on a beautiful passing combination from the centre of the field. Ritchie McCoy was injured in this play and after treatment from several doctors tried to get back into the game, but fainted and was carried off the field. Herman failed to convert. There was no further scoring but in the second half, one of the numerous tries for a goal kicked from the field awarded the Wanderers, failed only after the ball, kicked by Herman from a difficult corner, landed on the cross-bar and bouncing high in the air fell just within the pole.

U. N. B. Faces Sun.

U. N. B. kicked off facing the sun Eastern Canada. Played under perfect but had it on their backs for the

MOUNT A. SHUT OUT TROJANS BY SCORE OF 19 TO 0

Saint John, Nov. 8—Mount Allison University pigskin chasers walloped the Trojans on Saturday at the Allison Grounds, 19-0. The score is no indication as the Trojans had the better of the play for the first twenty minutes of the game and had Mount A. on their own 10 yard line.

Trojans were Trojans when they allowed the referee to continue the first half for 50 minutes after his watch had stopped. Play had become so interesting that time was forgotten. The game had started at 2.55 and it was 3.15 before any one thought to look at a time piece. The referee, Carl Fraser, glanced at his watch several times during the half and it always looked the same. It was discovered that the half instead of being 35 minutes had in reality lasted 50 minutes. Trojans scrim worked nicely but the passing was poor in spots. Bayly made some nice punts which saved his team from being scored upon still further. The game was played on a muddy field.

R. B. Starr of Saint John is at the Queen.

P. F. Blanchard of Saint John is a guest at the Queen.

second half. Hickson was playing a fine game for U. N. B. from the start. When play resumed following the time taken out for McCoy's injury, the Collegians went into the fray with renewed vigor, having had very little of the ball up to that stage with play mostly in their territory. The ball went into touch on the 50-yard line and went into U. N. B. territory, but a brilliant rush by the backfield carried it down to Wanderer's 25-yard line where the visitors were allowed a free kick. Chestnut tried for a field goal, but failed just as the whistle blew for half time with the score 8 to 0.

Wanderers was late coming out for the second half and the referee ordered them to hurry.

Play Zig-Zags.

The ball went into play on the Wanderers' 25-yard line, but Wanderers' three-quarters carried it back to centre. U. N. B. back line, playing fine rugby from the start, took the ball into touch on Wanderers' 10-yard line but the Wanderers, awarded a free kick on the throw-in, carried play back to centre field. Play zig-zagged up and down the field for several minutes when Ritchie McCoy limped back on the field and the stands rocked with cheers. McCoy carried his right arm close to his body and for the remainder of the play did all his tackling with his left hand.

Wanderers, awarded a free kick from centre field and Herman dropped the ball square on the cross bar, but it bounced back into the field. Herman had three more free kicks in a row, all from the too hasty throwing in by U. N. B. players, but they were from a difficult angle and there was no scoring.

The play hovered over the visitors' goal line but was constantly stopped by the referee's whistle and there were frequent minor altercations among the players and the game ended in front of U. N. B.'s goal posts.

McCurdy Unable to Play.

Pearson McCurdy, Wanderers' star fullback, was unable to play, owing to leg injury received last week. Bobby McCoy who played a star game today, went back to full and Bevil Piers, star of the intermediate team and who has played in several senior games this season, worked on the three-quarter line.

U. N. B. suffered a loss when McCaffrey was found unable to play owing to a lame shoulder which developed since his last game. He was replaced by Doddridge.

The teams were:—

Wanderers—fullback, B. McCoy; three-quarters, Hunter, Shaw, McInnes, B. Piers; halves, Thompson, Young (capt.), R. McCoy; forwards, Anderson, Cameron, Schwartz, Herman, Logan, Colwell, Armitage.

University of N. B.—fullback, Holmes; three-quarters, Goodspeed, Steen, Chestnut, Doddridge; halves, Hickson, Currie, Donohoe (capt.); forwards, Fowler, Petrie, McMurray, Dalzell, Macaulay, McLenahan, Woods. Referee, J. F. McCarthy, Sackville.

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