

RUGBY TOURNAMENT.

TWO VERY CLOSE MATCHES YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Winnipeg Beat St. John's and Osbornes beat Moosomin. — The Inter-Collegiate Schedule Arranged.—Sporting Notes.

The football tournament was started Friday in the old driving park; St. John's, Winnipeg and Osbornes being the local clubs entered, and the visitors consisting of the Moosomin team, who two years ago carried off the Hamilton cup. The weather on Friday afternoon was not inviting to the spectator, though really a typical day for the game. There was a biting wind blowing across the ground, which really did not favor either side very much. The bitterness of the atmosphere did not prevent a number of enthusiasts from attending the matches, and some few brave representatives of the fair sex also put in a welcome appearance.

The Winnipeg had to play St. John's in the first match, and it will be remembered that in their former meeting a fortnight ago, the latter team won. Both sides were well represented.

It was 2:15 p. m. when the teams lined up, St. John's having won the toss and choosing to kick off the Winnipeg taking the All Saints' church end. Girdlestone started the ball off from the full end and denultory play followed for a few minutes in the centre of the ground, when Taylor made his mark and punted into the St. John's twenty-five. The same player shortly afterwards made another judicious punt, and the play for some time remained in the Julian territory. Osbornes was now called back for a very flagrant case of offside. St. John's nearly had to touch down from a good punt from Bate, and almost immediately afterwards Osbornes redeemed his former error by kicking in for his side. The try, by no means an easy one, was well attempted by P. Tulloch.

This event put the St. John's men on their mettle, and very speedily after the kick off, McMurray ran in between the posts, gaining a try, which was converted into a goal by Walton.

Thus far the game, which had lasted twelve minutes, had been very eventful. Shortly after the ball had been restarted Walton was forced to touch down in self defence, which under the union rules no longer counts a point for the opposing side. The next event of interest was a scrimmage in dangerous proximity to the Winnipeg goal, but the risk was averted more by the watchfulness of their backs than the good play of their forwards, who were not playing well together at all. Taylor at three quarters put in a lot of good work for his side by well-aimed kicking, and Bate made several useful runs. Shortly before the referee called half time Drewry, by a second rush, gained a second try for the Winnipeg, which, however, did not prove successful, and left the score at five points (one goal) to four (two tries) in favor of the Johnians.

After the usual brief interval, which is a custom of modern development, for former generations played straight on, the game for a long time though of an interesting character did not affect the score. The St. John's men, though now having the slight advantage of the direction of the wind, were perpetually pressed by their opponents, and more than once it looked as if the Winnipeg men score. The danger from a touch in goal was cleverly averted by the watchful tactics of the St. John's backs. Such play continued with an occasional sally on the part of the Collegians until within seven minutes of time, when after a capital run on the part of M. Black, Wilson got across the boundary. The try again proved unsuccessful, but, no further point being scored, left the major point with the Winnipeg, six to five. The victory was well won, and is still more creditable to the players in that for so long they were the losing side. For the Winnipeg both quarter backs, F. Beckett and Wilson, rendered admirable service. Osbornes proved an occasional tower of strength to his side, and the play of the halves although at times faulty from fumbling was creditable. H. L. Tulloch seemed out of form.

For St. John's Walton and McMurray put up a fine game behind the scrimmage, and the forwards all worked well.

The following were the teams: —
Winnipeg: H. Adams, back; H. D. Tulloch, H. Taylor, W. G. Bate, three quarter backs; F. Beckett; O. Wilson, half back; W. Osbornes, C. K. Temple, M. Black, E. Drewry, wings; P. Tulloch, E. Robinson, E. Adams, E. W. Jarvis, H. Lorimer, forwards.

St. John's: H. Nozquay, full back; D. J. McMurray, T. Walton, E. G. Henham, O. Girdlestone, three quarter backs; E. Armstrong, J. Girdlestone, quarter backs; A. T. Cowley, J. A. Richardson, T. Nozquay (Capt.) A. McFarlane, E. Fleet, G. Catesell, G. O. D'Eau, J. B. Cain, forwards.