

# THEY HOLD THE CUP.

## THE CITY FOOTBALLERS DEFEAT N. W. T. REPRESENTATIVES.

A Close Contest at Moosomin—Football Matches in Eastern Canada and the States—Old Country Football—Brandon and Regina Stake Races.

The local footballers who journeyed westward to Moosomin to uphold the honor of the province against the Territories at the Rugby game returned Sunday triumphant. The match was played on Saturday afternoon, and excited a great deal of interest in the neighborhood. It was stoutly contested throughout, and the Manitoba team eventually won by two tries to one, four points to two, according to the English scoring, which was adopted. The Winnipeg team gained the victory chiefly through the superiority of their outsidemen, as their forwards, though fighting every inch, were not sufficiently heavy to withstand the rushes of the Moosomin men. The game was played in the most sportsmanlike spirit by both sides, and it may be hoped that the lesson given to the Winnipeg representatives by the intensity of the Moosomin on the ball, the whole ball and nothing but the ball, will be instilled by them into those who remained behind, and that the game to come here will be marked by a still greater decrease in the amount of talking done on the field.

The game was called for 3 o'clock and commenced shortly afterward. At first the Winnipeg forwards fairly held their own and thus enabled their backs to get in some useful work and finally just before half time, McMurray ended a fine run by placing the ball between the posts; the place kick by Young, though easy was a failure.

Shortly after the interval came the best bit of combined and individual play shown during the match. The Winnipeg halves got the ball away from a scrum near the centre of the field and gave McMurray a good opening, of which he was not slow to avail himself; running till almost on the full back he kicked the ball safely over the latter's head and following it up gained the second try; the kick, again an easy one, was missed by Taylor. The latter portion of the game was almost an uninterrupted series of tight scrimmages on the Winnipeg line and their forwards weakened by the loss of P. Tulloch, who was forced to retire at half time by an injury to his knee, could not hold back the Moosomin men; eventually Osborne forced his way over the line closed to touch-in-goal, but the kick at goal, a hard one, was unsuccessful. In spite of the most determined efforts of the Moosomin team, time was called with the score still in favor of the visitors.

For the Moosomin team Hill, Osborne (Billy) and Price played a hard game at three quarters, while McLong and Christie shone most in the scrum. For the Winnipeg all the backs played well, especially Armytage who seems to have found his right place in the football field at back. Ketchum's passes were particularly effective. Of the forwards Young and Drury were best, but all played a plucky game against far stronger and heavier opponents.

Messrs. Tenny and Currie refereed the game in a thoroughly satisfactory manner and if anything seemed to favor their guests by their decisions.

In the evening the Winnipeggers were entertained at dinner by their opponents and a thoroughly enjoyable evening broke up in the small hours of the morning. It may be expected that the Moosomin team on their next visit will be treated in a way that their open hospitality merits.

The Winnipeg team was as follows: (Back) H. Taylor, Winnipeg; (3 backs) D. McMurray, E. W. Mermagen, St. Johns; and J. C. Armytage, (Osborne); (3 backs) C. A. Ketchum, St. Johns; and J. Hickman, Osborne; (forwards), J. Young, H. S. Stead, Wheatland; Trenayne, St. Johns; P. Tulloch, E. R. Whitehead, E. Robinson, H. A. K. Drury, Winnipeg; and A. Macfarlane, St. Johns.