

## HAMILTON ALERTS O.R.F.U. CHAMPIONS

Torontos Were Defeated in Well-  
Played Game by a Score of 24  
to 10—Juniors Also Won.

HAMILTON, Nov. 28. — Members of the Toronto Rugby Club donned their blue and white yesterday and trotted out on to the Cricket grounds at Hamilton and played a fast, clean consistent game in a field of mud with their rivals for the Senior O.R.F.U. championship, then as darkness closed in, left the field and packed away their uniforms until next year. The Alerts had won; 24 to 10 was the final score and members of the Torontos who left here yesterday morning, hoping to cover themselves with glory returned last night covered with mud. With the loss of yesterday's game vanished all visions of a Canadian championship for "Dode" Burkart's 14 and instead of playing the Argos for the Dominion finals, the Blue and White players will hang up their mud-stained uniforms and sit in the stands this Saturday while the victors of yesterday's game give the Oarsmen battle.

The Torontos lost fairly, the Alerts won fairly. True, some will blame Everett Smith for part of the defeat, but accidents will happen and had not a sudden gust of wind caught the ball and carried it against the goal-post, Reg DeGrouchy, to whom the ball was passed, would have been able to secure it and make a getaway instead of Flannery falling on it for the first try of the game. Smith showed discretion, but the chances were good and he took them. With this one exception Torontos played heady rugby and the fact that they scored three points in their last quarter, showed that till the final whistle blew they were an aggregation to be reckoned with.

Those who thought to see a "rough house" game were disappointed. There were some three or four penalties handed out, but it was not the big mill that some would-be prophets predicted would take place. In fact, the game was clean, very little or no ill-feeling prevailed and the conduct of practically every one of the 28 players evidenced a true sportsman-like spirit. Among the 2000 spectators at the Cricket Grounds were, of course, some who came to see a fight but these went away with their big "thirst for gore" unappeased.