

HAMILTON R.C. GAVE ARGOS CLOSE CALL IN SEMIFINAL AT TORONTO YESTERDAY BIG FOUR WINNERS PULLED IT OUT 16-14

TORONTO, Dec. 2.—The Argonauts today eliminated the Hamilton Rowing Club from the Canadian championship but only by a narrow margin. When the game ended the Argos were leading by 16 to 14, but were acting on the defensive, and the invaders were coming strong. Had they started their rush a little earlier there would have probably been a different tale to tell.

The Argonauts were off color, while the visitors played their best game of the season, and the mistakes of the locals gave them many excellent chances. Time and again the ball was lost for off-side and interference and as the officials were strict, the double blue were penalized more often than their opponents. The good showing of the Hamilton Rowing Club was largely due to the work of Ralph Ripley during the past two weeks.

Argos' giant line had nothing on the Hamilton huskies, in fact the latter had somewhat the best of the argument. Ross Craig played one of the finest games of his career. He tore big holes in the Argo line, and was the best ground gainer for his team. McKelvey, McNeilly and Stowe composed the Hamilton half division, but McKelvey and Stowe played back when Argos had the ball. Their all-round work surprised the spectators. Argos were off color in their tackling but still had something on the Hamilton men. Simpson on the Argo wing showed good headwork. Runs by Everett Smith were again the feature of the game. Captain Murphy and Smith provided the thrillers and the longest run seen on a local field this season.

Hamilton scored the first point of the game. Foster caught the kick-off on Argos 35-yard line, but lost the ball on the first buck for off-side and McNeilly punted to the dead line. For ten minutes the play hovered from one end of the field to the other, each team being unable to count. Argos finally secured the ball 25 yards out from the Hamilton goal and on O'Connor's kick Stowe was forced to rouge. First quarter—Argos, 1; Hamilton, 1.

The Rowing Club took the lead after about five minutes' play in the second period, when Stowe punted from the Argo 35-yard line and Murphy was forced into touch-in-goal. An exchange of punts near the end of the quarter resulted in O'Connor being forced to rouge and the first half ended. Hamilton, 3; Argos, 1.

With the opening of the third period Argos forced the play. They stopped two bucks and got the ball at center. Smith ran through the Hamilton center to their 35-yard line and O'Connor on the next down dropped a beautiful goal from the

field. In an exchange of punts Hamilton secured the ball on Argos' 25-yard line, when Duke fumbled. Then came the most spectacular play of the season. McKelvey kicked to Smith, who caught the ball near the dead line. He ran it out through the whole broken field of Hamilton players to center and just as he was tackled he passed the ball to Murphy, who straight-armed two tacklers and romped over the visitors' line for a try. It was converted. Three minutes later McKelvey was forced to rouge. Argos outpunted Hamilton and several minutes later O'Connor kicked to the dead line. An exchange of punts gave Argos the ball on Hamilton's 25-yard line and O'Connor again dropped one over for the double blue's final count. Third quarter—Argos, 16; Hamilton, 3.

Loose playing on the part of Argos was responsible for Hamilton's two tries that nearly won them the game. The first came after five minutes of play. Murphy, when tackled ten yards out, attempted to pass the ball but fumbled and Clements picked it up and went over. The touch was not converted. With six minutes to play Murphy was forced to rouge. With four minutes to play Genter attempted to return a kick, but it was blocked, and secured by Hamilton five yards out from the Argo line. On the third down Ross Craig went round the end and over the line. Hamilton again failed to convert and Argos tightened up the whistle-blowing with the ball at center. Final score—Argos, 16; Hamilton, 14.

Line-up:

ARGOS.		HAMILTON R.C.	
	Flying wing.		
Murphy		Fickley	
	Half-back.		
O'Connor		McKelvey	
	Half-back.		
Bickle		McNeilly	
	Half-back.		
Smith		Smith	
	Quarter-back.		
Mills		Harper	
	Scrimmage.		
Simpson		McCarthy	
	Scrimmage.		
Davidson		O'Heir	
	Scrimmage.		
Patterson		Gerard	
	Inside wing.		
Foster		Craig	
	Inside wing.		
McFarlane		Caffery	
	Middle wing.		
Burkart		Heyes	
	Middle wing.		
Allen		Wren	
	Outside wing.		
Murray		Gatenby	
	Outside wing.		
Knight		Fisher	
	Umpire, Frank Park, Toronto;		
	referee, Sinc McEvenue, Montreal.		