

RAGGED EXHIBITION OF RUGBY WHEN CANUCKS DEFEAT TIGERS IN OPENING OF THE BIG FOUR

Offsides and Bone Head Plays Made It Rather Disappointing for Big Crowd at Thanksgiving Day Game—Score Was 11-2, But Tigers Practically Handed the Game in Last Period

CANUCKS		TIGERS	
Try.....	5	First period.....	Rouge.....
No score.....		Second period.....	No score.....
No score.....		Third period.....	Rouge.....
Try.....	5	Fourth period.....	No score.....
Convert.....	1		
	11		2

In a game chock-full of bumbles, offsides, fumbles, rough work and bone-head plays the Canucks defeated the Tigers 11-2 for the opening of the Big Four Rugby League at Hillhurst park on Thanksgiving Day. There was a crowd of 2500 people out for the game and there was a fair amount of enthusiasm worked up, but it was not a good class of rugby. The play passed from team to team so often during each period that the fans could hardly keep track of it, and in fact the back divisions were getting ballfed up at times when they trotted to the back field and it was really their down. It is true that yesterday's game was the opener of the season, and there was considerable hard feeling shown between the squads, but the rugby was not what the spectators had looked for. On several occasions the lines failed to hold and kicks were blocked. Wing men were offsides and the Canucks persisted in following out the U.S. style of interference play, which cannot be successfully intermingled with the Canadian rules, where interference is not permitted.

Good Offsides
Defence Robert Pearson handled the game admirably and Charley Pugh was a good official to act with him as referee of play. They checked the teams up (time after time) for their offsides, interference and fault of not giving a man yards on a play, but their stops were without avail, and yards were lost repeatedly.

Looking the two squads over yesterday, one can hardly see any superiority. The Tigers have the weight and several of their men are veterans of the criticism, while the Canucks are young and fast. The speed of Jack Fraser, Scotty McLaws and Leslie Miller was not put to the test yesterday, but there were so many offsides and bunched plays that it was only on an occasional catch of a Tiger punt that the socks were able to show up their speed.

It was in the last quarter that the Tigers won the game. They had the change of their life to back the Canucks over right at their own line, but somebody with tragic judgment called for a drop over goal. Ward stepped back to take the play, while the Tigers had possession within two yards of the Canucks line. The Tiger line was not holding well, the Canucks running through time after time. Ross made the pass out to Ward and the Canucks came through the line and blocking the half back's drop and Gibson grabbed the loose ball on the rebound and dashed up an open field. He passed to Fraser about half way and Jack completed the gallop to the other end of the campus and scored the Canucks' second touch, which Scotty McLaws converted.

Early Score
The Canucks got their first touch about three minutes after play was whistled out. McLaws snatched the line a couple of times with hard bucks after making a good run for the first yards and then the husky half-back went over the line, which was at a bad angle to convert. After that both teams appeared to be playing for the man and forgetting about the ball. High tackles were frequent and whenever a clean tackle would be made, five or six had no opinion on the players, and sure as guns, there would be three or four firing up to one another, trying to provide excitement, and at the same time looking for the spectators to brand them as the "bad men" of the gridiron.

It is true that several fine players appeared on the field yesterday. The teams were equally responsible for rough work and the lines played heavy rugby. There were too many bone plays to brand as a good game, but after the boys finish their touch and get down to the game in real earnest, they will no doubt understand some real high class plays which the spectators will appreciate.

Tiger Stars
Arnold Ward, Hugh Ross and Charley Pugh were up to their regular game on the Park division while Bill Ritchie was a tower of strength in the scrum. Roy Riley and McNair were always in the job, while Aaron Wolfe got mixed up in a few encounters and young McLaws handled his share. Tubbs also pinned some nifty tackles and the punners.

For the Canucks, Fraser and McLaws were the stars. The McTeer boys worked well and Jack Houty pulled a few good blades. Coach Jim Fraser permitted Bill Dalton both to start at the last minute in order to make up weight and full amount himself in fine style. Ward was born in the last session and had to be carried from the field. He was replaced by Thomas.

The kicking of the Tigers was weak in comparison with the high punts lifted up by Fraser and Gordy McTeer. Harold Riley did most of the leading for the Tigers but his drives were outdistanced by those of the Canucks. Fraser and McLaws both put away with a few good end runs. Charlie Hurd showed a wealth of grit in his playing, catching well and making good gains on the run backs. Ward caught, ran and changed in occasional style and he was easily the choice of the Tigers. He steadied the back division of the Tigers, while Ross directed the signals.

Bad Judgment
Gordy McTeer's boss in the last period almost cost the Canucks the game. Riley booted one from the 15-yard line and McTeer made the catch near the Canucks end line, instead of playing safe and letting the leather oval float on for one point, he made the return kick and the Tigers gained possession. Right inside the 10-yard line. On the first touch, they drove through almost to touch and it looked like a five-point bank for the yellow and black, but the Tigers called for a drop over goal and Ward's kick was missed up, Gibson and Fraser completing the sprint the length of the field for the Canucks' second touch.

In the last of the first quarter Riley kicked over the Canucks line and Leslie Miller was forced to range. In the third quarter Fraser was caught behind the line and forced to range. This accounted for the Tigers' only counter. Had they used their head in the last quarter and taken the chance on the back over for a touch, the decision might have been reversed for their homebush play meant the second try for the Canucks and the game was lost.

They Roughed It
The Woods, Scotty McLaws, Ross, Bob McTeer and a few others did their share of providing rough work for the day. It is contended that rugby is rough and there were plenty on the sidelines yesterday who played the game long before some of the young fellows on the field, but the deliberateness of the rough tactics was crude, and in many cases they were most unparliamentary.

Calgary had witnessed plenty of good games in the days when Edmonton, Edmonton and Calgary Tigers clashed. There was always an abundance of pure spirit and a big programme of fights, but they were hard-fought games replete with gentlemanly plays and snappy rugby. Yesterday there were many young fellows and several older ones, who might what might have proved a real good exhibition.

The Teams:
Tigers—Ward, H. Riley, C. Hurd, Wolfe and Thomas, halves; Ross, quarter; Ritchie, scrum; Woods, Stewart, McNair, outside wings; Fraser, Adamson, McLaws, inside wings.

Canucks—Fraser, McLaws, I. Miller, Gibson and Pullerton, halves; G. McTeer, quarter; Miller, scrum; Hammond, Dalton, Red McTeer, outside wings; Houty, Gordon, McTeer, middle wings; Kennedy, C. Miller, inside wings.

STARRED IN RUGBY GAME HERE MONDAY



SCOTTY MCCLAWS The husky halfback of the Calgary Canucks, who did a lion's share of the work in the opening game of the Big Four Rugby League Thanksgiving Day.

JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUBS BRUSHING UP FOR WINTER

Young Puck-Chasers Plan On a High Class League in Calgary

With the "puck" boys who are to participate in the later-city hockey series between Calgary and Edmonton, "ready to go" the Calgary Junior "A" and Junior "B" teams, organizers are also showing their zeal in anticipation of one of the best the month, successful hockey seasons they have yet had the pleasure to be in.

Some youthful managers have already signified their willingness to enter the race with a chance of two more coming. With so many teams in the running it will be necessary to divide the teams into sections with four or five teams in each division, as the same may be, with the two winning teams of each section forming a real snappy league for the city championship. Disenchantment from the fans of the city is all that the boys need to bring their league from the backwoods to the forward and with the accommodation greater this year than ever before it is in a good way. The boys' anti-climatic will be a grand.

The Riverside Juniors, playing under the name of "The City," have already organized with Hillhurst a team "strong as in former years. The Calgary players have been told that they will enter a team if not two, one in the Junior "A" and the other in intermediate. Junior is the title that the football association will give to the Junior team, while the "puck" boys are sure to be at it again. The "hoop" boys will also be in the young sports of Calgary more and more hereafter.

THREE-TEAM LEAGUE

The intermediate or Junior "A" will run a three-team league this year with Hillhurst and Calgary. The Monarchs may comprise the second team, with the city's back on the job once more.

Semi-ready Tailoring:
"Some clothes arouse antagonism—they throw off an atmosphere of unfriendliness—A loud pattern or an ill-chosen style causes criticism akin to antagonism."

"Joseph was the first man to get into trouble by wearing clothes of lurid hue; when he was rid of his coat of many colors he got up in the world."

"The only great dresser who ever got ahead was Disraeli; but 'twas when he recovered from freckle-ness."

INTERMEDIATE RUGBY GAME WON BY TIGERS

Y.M.C.A. Squad Blanked 19-0 By Yellow and Black