

OTTAWA DEFEATED HAMILTON TIGERS

Scored Victory in Opening of Rugby Season by Two Point Margin

NOT BRILLIANT RUGBY

Spectators Disappointed at Showing Made by Clubs in Their Initial Appearance of Season

Ottawa, October 3.—In the opening match of the Interprovincial Rugby Union schedule, played at the Lansdowne Park field Saturday afternoon in the presence of about 5,000 spectators, the Ottawa Football Club defeated the Hamilton Tigers by a score of 4 to 2, and thus tied with Argonauts, who won over Montreal

A stubbornly contested battle between the bitterest rivals on the rugby map—Tigers and Ottawas—was in doubt until the last minute. Indeed, it was not until the last quarter that the Ottawas kicked over the points that carried with them the victory. Tigers, true to past history, put up a much harder game than the majority of fans expected.

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It was not brilliant football and if many respects the match was really a featureless contest between two teams which were evenly well matched. Many of the highlights pointed with the showing of both the Ottawa and the Tiger teams and predictions were made that neither could figure in the Dominion's early football finals. There was little to commend either in the way of plays, neither team varied its tactics to any noticeable extent, and for the most part the offence of both the Ottawa and the Tigers strongly resembled straight football. The shorn of the trick plays, of which both had had a few, the Ottawa punting duels between Leadley and McKelvey, of the Tigers, and Tubman and Connel, of the Ottawa, were the only highlights of the game. Spectacular football was seldom produced, and, except for a few snappy runs, there was little to rouse the

enrichment of the spectators. The past few days Lansdowne Park was in tattered shape. There were many patches of mud and clay between the bleachers. The ground was so muddy it had filled some of the crevices up with sawdust, the footing was anywhere from good to atrocious. The view from the closedness of the stands either quarter back to take chances on fancy trick plays, long punts or a punt return was terrible. Indeed, it was in really heavy weather on the opening of McCann and Fickley, the players were forced to take notice of themselves or otherwise get lost. As it was, the Ottawa club was lucky that the afternoon turned out to be a good one. The game was over within an hour after the teams had left the field heavy showers again.

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It was one of the lowest scoring games that has ever been played in

the Interprovincial Union. Neither line was crossed and all the points were secured singly. Tigers had the wind in the first quarter and resorted to a kicking game, but Ottawa's defence was grand. Play had been in progress for a few minutes when Joe Smith was injured and assisted off. Gordon Willis being substituted. The first quarter ended without a score, though Tigers had one good chance to go over.

The second quarter was contested with equal fierceness. Tigers then changed their tactics and held the ball as often as possible as a good breeze was still blowing. McKelvey, Leadley and Crocker ran it out of tight corners and Dewhurst continued to enthuse the crowd by his terrific line plunging, before which the Tigers melted quickly. Ottawa made little headway against the Tiger line when within the danger zone and were twice penalized for offside work. —

OTTAWA'S BEST PERIOD

Two minutes after the resumption of play Bill Baker made a beautiful end run, bowling over the Tigers' tacklers like tenpins. Connell did his share by carrying the ball through a broken field for 35 yards and McCann also squeaked in a pretty run. Ottawa worked the ball up field rapidly and Tubman kicked over to McKelvey, who had to rouge. Ottawa, 2; Hamilton, 2. Henderson twisted his right ankle in a tackle and had to retire, Burton being substituted. The third quarter ended with the teams on even terms.

Play started for the fourth quarter with Tigers in possession on the thirty-five yard line. Tigers carried it up the field, but Tubman booted it down and after McKelvey's fumble, Andy Davies fell on the loose ball, giving Ottawa possession a short distance out. Tubman kicked on the next downs and the ball bounded among the automobiles at the dead-line. Ottawa, 3; Hamilton, 2.

Line. Ottawa, 3; Hamilton, 2.

Leadley ran a ball out in sensational style after Tubman had booted over, and McKell was injured in a tackle. He resumed play and Billy Baker drew a two-minute penalty for scrapping. Bud Thomas gave way to his brother, Ellis, and the latter had only been on the field a minute or two when he slipped through the Tiger line and intercepted a pass, giving Ottawa possession a few yards out. Tubman again kicked to the deadline for the last point of the

Ottawa—Emmerson, flying wing; Smith, E. Tubman and Connell backs; McCann, quarter; McKelligott, Kirby and Davies, scrimmages; Dewhurst and Baker, inside wings; Gill and Humphries, middle wings; McKell and Bud Thomas, outside wings; Ellis Thomas, Roger Smith, Chadwick, Wetmore, Willis, McCaffrey and Houghton, substitutes.

Hamilton—Gatenby, flying wing; Crocker, Leadley, and McKelvey, halves; Fickley, quarter; Myles, McLean and Bolt, scrimmage; Brown and Vansickle, inside wings; Tuck and Reid, middle wings; Henderson and Moore, outside wings; Burton, McFarland, Galbraith, Finlayson, Smith and Jeffries, substitutes.

Referee—Dr. Shirrie Lawson, Toronto; Judge of play, Tommie Riddell.

SOUTH SHIELDS BEATEN

Suffered First Defeat in Eng.

English Association

London, October 3.—(By Canadian Associated Press).—Many of the previous week's verdicts in English League Association football matches were reversed yesterday, the home sides mostly getting compensation for defeats away. The most striking instance was the beating given South Shields by Rotherham of five to four. Shields were up to Saturday the only unbeaten club in the whole league.

Yesterday's play leaves one club in each division which has not yet won any match, viz., Derby, Barnsley and Norwich.

Everton just beat Aston for the lead of the First Division by a shade better goal average. Liverpool, who

are going strong, are third. Shields still have a two point lead over Clapton in the Second Division. Southampton and Crystal Palace are joint leaders in the Third Division, with precisely the same record of matches won and lost and drawn. This curiosity is repeated in the Second Division in the cases of Notts County and Hull.

FIRST DIVISION.
Bradford City, 2; Bradford, 1.
Chelsea, 1; Burnley, 1.
