

# QUEENS WILL MEET STRONGEST TEAM THAT EVER CAME OUT OF THE WEST IN DOMINION FINAL TODAY, IS VIEW

REGINA CONCEDED GREAT CHANCE TO CAPTURE EARL  
GREY CUP AND TITLE OF CANADIAN GRIDIRON CHAM-  
PIONS ON SLIPPERY FIELD IN TORONTO  
THIS AFTERNOON

RAINY WEATHER WAS MADE TO ORDER FOR WESTERN  
CANADA CHAMPIONS, IS BELIEF—RED AND BLACK  
WILL NOT LACK SUPPORTERS AT VARSITY  
STADIUM

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TORONTO, Nov. 30.—Zero hour will strike tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, when Regina Rugby Club, after a season which has brought victory over Saskatoon, Edmonton and Winnipeg, stake their all in a final game for the Dominion championship against Queen's University.

Never, perhaps, in the history of Canadian rugby, have athletes faced a more critical test. Regina, since the days when rugby first made its debut in Western Canada, have carried off five Western championships, but never before have they had the opportunity of fighting out a Dominion title against the cream of the East.

Instituted in 1920

Dominion finals were instituted in 1920, and that year the Regina team swept the West. Weather conditions were leagued against them, and no Dominion final was staged that year. In 1921 and 1922, Deacon White's machine attained Western honors, and Regina, stronghold of Western rugby, was robbed of a chance to represent the West.

This year, after rebuilding their team, Regina toppled Deacon White's Eskimos, and then faced the task of conquering Winnipeg Vics, a team that was coached by "Doc" Ritter, former mentor of the Saskatchewan champions. Regina gave a great fighting display in vanquishing the Ritter machine, qualifying for the Dominion finals, and now, after a journey across half a continent, Jack Radie's machine is in Toronto, awaiting the fateful whistle which will decide the Canadian honors for the 1923 season.

Regina Has Great Chance

What chance has Regina to cop the Earl Grey cup, and the proud title of Dominion champions? Regina has the greatest chance that has been proffered since the first rugby ball was hurled upon a Western gridiron twenty years ago.

Here are reasons—First: Regina is probably the strongest team that has ever essayed the long trek from the plains beyond the Great Lakes. Their line is stronger than the strongest line which has ever represented the West. They have the greatest kicker that has ever come out of the West, and they have the morale which brings victory, a fighting determination to down the Presbyterians if that feat is in any way humanly accomplishable. In addition, Mr. Weather Man has stepped into the picture with the finest rainy weather that has ever been uncorked in Toronto.

Mud Ankle Deep

Toronto stadium is ankle deep in mud. Batstone and Leadley are notoriously not as versatile in mud as in dry going, and Regina slower in

the back-field, has been considerably strengthened thereby.

Regina will receive strong support tomorrow from the fans. Queen's University have ruthlessly trampled the best that the Ontario capital can produce in rugby way this year, and scores of fans with a sullen resentment in their heart against their lack of success, will be prepared to offer their moral support to the under dog.

Meantime make no mistake—Regina will enter the contest the under dog, as far as betting odds are concerned. But betting odds are ever a poor guide to the result as Monte Carlo proves with its million dollar palaces rising in grandeur over smiling Mediterranean seas.

Queen's Team Arrives

Queen's team arrived in Toronto tonight with their team as near full strength as petty accidents would allow. "Red" McKelvey, with a broken toe, will be in there tomorrow at middle wing, and Mr. Batstone and Mr. Leadley—the Mr.'s are token of sincere respect—will be operating in the back-field. But "Chick" Mundell is out of the game and Delehaye will be missing from the line.

Coach Billy Hughes was serenely confident tonight of the ability of the Calvinists to repeat their 1922 performance, when they humbled Deacon White's Eskimos. But Billy has never seen "Tare" Rennebohm and his braves in action, and Western rugby news fails to convey to the East the ability of Western performers. Queen's undoubtedly is one of the greatest football machines that has ever been assembled in the history of the autumn pastime, but the Regina team are no mean performers, and if they are beaten tomorrow, they certainly will not be disgraced.

Tough Conditions

Victory tomorrow will fall to the team which has the ability to out-general its opponent, under tough conditions. Johnny Evans is chosen as one of the greatest quarters of all time, but Fritz Sandstrom has proved he is the best performer west of the Great Lakes. It will be a fight of brains and brawn, with brains eventually deciding the verdict. O'Brien and Degruy will handle the game, and Regina need not fear placing their football destiny in the hands of either.

## REGINA GRID HOPES REST ON HEAVY LINE

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wasn't on the job when the team photo was taken yesterday but came out today.