

Kicking Wins For Imperials

Only Three Points Scored
In Tight Game Played
On Wet Field

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SARNIA, Nov. 12.—For the second time in as many seasons, Balmy Beach, the Toronto team that romped through to four successive O.R.F.U. senior championships, was forced to accept a thanksgiving day shut out and see a new team enthroned and hold the banner of what seemed to be the exclusive property of the old gold and blue team.

BETTER TEAM

Sarnia Imperials shattered Balmy Beach's championship hopes here yesterday afternoon and won the O. R. F. U. championship by a 3 to 0 score. The new champions deserved the honor. They outplayed the Toronto team on the back field and superior booting accounted for the three points.

The largest crowd that ever witnessed a football game in these parts crowded the limited accommodation at the local athletic park. It was estimated that close to four thousand fans were present, many of them from out of town points. The Toronto delegation was about 200 strong and it made itself heard at times. The Hamilton Tigers were here keenly observing the play of the two teams. Also a large number of London fans motored down.

The game was a grueling one, played on a slippery field under dull skies which threatened rain. Sawdust was used plentifully to cover the muddy spots, but the players found it hard going and spectacular runs were rare. It was a booting game largely with hard smashing line plays freely interspersed. On the wing line, Balmy Beach looked to have a slight edge in all but the final quarter. For three quarters of the game, Sarnia held a one point advantage and Toronto fans had visions of a repetition of that memorable Thanksgiving day last year when Balmy Beach bowed to the "Orfuns" by a one to nothing score.

KICKING DECIDES

In the final quarter, however, Balmy Beach with the wind in their favor, was forced back into its own end of the field and the Imperials made their strongest stand of the game, kicking the two points that made their lead safe and clearly branded them the better team. The desperate attacks that the Toronto east enders put up in the third quarter in an effort to score the equalizing point left them little with which to withstand that strong rally that Imperials mustered in the final period. It was a contest between two strong, rugged teams and it called for brawn and more brawn in the playing. Speed under the conditions was not much of

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an asset. Balmy Beach battered its way to within kicking distance of two Sarnia goal lines on several occasions but usually the kicks fell a little short and Norman Perry, Hugh Stirling or Scrap Perry, nephew of Norman, ran the ball back out of the danger zone. When Hughes or Delahey did get distance to their kicks the Balmy Beach wings could not get down under them soon enough to prevent Sarnia running them back for ten or fifteen yards. Only wonderful tackling kept the Sarnia halves from getting away for substantial gains.

The Beach outside wings played magnificently and were the strongest factor in keeping the score as low as it was. The Balmy Beach elected to kick against the wind in the opening quarter. In the first few minutes of the game, Sarnia could do little against a strong Beach line and first Red Wilson and then Cutie McPhedran limped off the field with injuries sustained while trying to stop the smashing Beach attacks. Wilson did not return to the game again but McPhedran came back in the second half and it was his powerful toe that kicked the two points for Sarnia in the final period.

The first point of the game came in the opening period when Hughes was rouged after catching one of Stirling's punts behind the Balmy Beach goal line. Strangely enough it was the only point of the game that was scored while the wind favored the kicking. Stirling was replaced by McPhedran later in the game, McPhedran being the better kicker of the two with a heavy ball.

LINE-UP:

SARNIA—Flying wing, McPhedran; halves, M. Perry, D. Perry, Stirling; quarter, Manore; snap, Ewener; insides, Wilson, Blainkie; middles, Baker, Smith; outsides, Vanhorne, Clark; subs, Clark, Stirrett, Hanna, Dale, Welch, Sisson, Warren, Bevan.

BALMY BEACH—Flying wing, Smith; halves, Hughes, Chantler, Foster; quarter, Pointon; snap, Cummins; insides, Delahey, McNichol; middles, Clohurst, Reeves; outsides, Snyder, Keith; subs, Kirkpatrick, Harris, Reid, Oden, Feldstein, Tom Smith, Vall, A. Snyder.

Referee—H. Degruchy, Toronto; umpire, Ross Craig, Dundas.