

ESK MACHINE SCHEDULED TO PLAY 'VARSITY

Bitter Battle is Looked for This Afternoon at the University

Faced with certain elimination from Alberta football laurels if they fail, Coach Jimmy Enright's Eskimos move onto the battle lines of gridiron turf at Varsity stadium this afternoon when they tackle University of Alberta in a scheduled Alberta Union game, starting at three o'clock sharp.

Two close defeats from the jaunty Allomahs, of Calgary, have forced the Ekes into a tough situation. If they can turn back the Green and Gold wave, they will still be rated a slight chance for football honors. If the outcome is the other way, it means the Blubber-Eaters are through for another year.

STRUGGLE IS LIKELY

Such a predicament points to one of the most bitterly-fought football clashes waged on an Edmonton field for some time.

On one side, there is Varsity, starting with a clean record of no wins and no defeats, eager, and fired with the old spirit of the college. On the other side of the picture is a desperate machine, backed to the wall and grasping for a foothold that will stave off oblivion. A setting like that brings out the best in any game.

A further trial in the Eskimo ranks is the loss of Ivan Smith, kicking and passing ace, along with Reg Moir, alternative quarterback. These two boys have enrolled at University and the Enright squad must battle without their services. However, the team will be fighting harder than ever to down the students which is no small order, judging from the line-up that will represent the knowledge factory.

HAS FINE MATERIAL

Coach Ken Thomson has a good sprinkling of tried and proven veterans back with the team, in addition to some excellent first-year material. For halves, Varsity will employ Austin and Cooper, last year members, Edwards and Jackson.

Hayes and Chown are back with the squad and will alternate at quarter. Jestley a former B.C. Varsity star takes care of flying wing spelled off by Gordon, a second year man.

Al Hall, rated one of the best defensive players in Western Canada grid circles, will do a double role, taking care of centre and also hoisting the oval when a kick is necessary.

Two speed merchants in Cook and Hutton, stars of last year's edition, will do their stuff out on the wings.

Mitchell, Parks, Maybank and Stewart are four men who are sure to start in the line. Coach Thompson has a good reserve to shoot into the fray and the Students are 'raring to go.

ESKIMO PROBABLES

Coach Enright will select his players as follows: Phil Horne, Eric Dolighan, George Mathieson, Clayton Dolighan, Bud Williamson, halves; Eric Duggan, quarter; Archie Ritchie, centre; with Bill Cotton, Benny McKeever, Charlie Drayton, Toole Ferguson, Earl Harcourt, Jim Mountfield, Bill Jewett and Benito Tonsi as linemen.

Bill Broadfoot, the burly referee, will be the official in charge.