

# CANADIAN FOOTBALL

## Grid Champs Show Strength, Flatten North Shore 18-3

**Meralomas Too Powerful for New Big Four Entry—Put on Brilliant Display Before Opening Crowd of 2000—Deacon Outfit Promising.**

**M**ERALOMAS flashed a passing, running and kicking attack against North Shore in the opening game of the Big Four Canadian football season Saturday afternoon at Athletic Park that makes them favorites in the betting to repeat another championship march. They beat North Vancouver 18 to 3.

### MERALOMA PLUNGES STOPPED.

In only one department of the game did they show any weakness and that was in line-smashing. George Deacon's determined little men from the North Shore canyons stopped them in their tracks for half the game and forced the vaunted Meraloma grid machine deep in their own territory most of the time with towering punts by Bert Downey.

Meralomas tested out their kicking as compared to North Vancouver's triple threat back and found they were on the losing end. On yardage gained through punts Elmer Boyes, North Vancouver, manoeuvred the ball to the Meraloma thirty-yard line and Downey popped it between the posts for three points from placement in the first quarter.

A costly fumble in the same period by Lucking enabled Meralomas to reach midfield and from that spot George Niblo whipped a pass to Don Lowe, who galloped 25 yards to a touch. North Shore's pass defense just vanished. Niblo converted from placement.

### ROSS INTERCEPTS PASS.

Another glaring weakness in a crucial spot was failure of the North Shore ends to stop Niblo on attempted placements. Niblo ran from his own goal line thirty-five yards in the second quarter before being stopped.

Joe Ross, long-striding recruit to the Meraloma roster this season, was injected into the fray in the second quarter and he vindicated Hammy Boucher's judgment with a brilliant display of kicking and football technique. Bert Downey completed a short pass for North Shore. He attempted another over the right side of the line. Like a hawk, Ross swooped in, snatching the ball and galloped forty-five yards to a second Meraloma touch. Niblo added the extra point from placement.

### DOWNY IS INJURED.

Bert Downey, a marked man by the Meraloma defense, finally had to be benched because of injuries in the third quarter and with him the key of North Shore's offense. On the kickoff Downey gave precious territory away when his lateral on the kickoff went out of bounds and became Meralomas' ball on North Van's fifteen-yard line. Joe Ross promptly hoisted an attempted field goal to the deadline for another point.

Captain Eric Cameron of Meralomas, playing an inspired game, ran a North Shore placement out. Ross punted to midfield and Al Lowe recovered a North Shore fumble to put Deacon's mob on the defense again. A gain of twenty yards from scrimmage and Joe Ross raised the score to 16-3 with a field goal.

Niblo brought the stands up with another beautiful forty-yard run in the fourth quarter on an attempted North Shore field goal. North Shore was a badly beaten team all during the last quarter but doggedly kept up the fight. Niblo added another point with a kick to the deadline on an attempted field goal and made the final count 18-3 at mid-quarter on a deadline punt from midfield.

## The Yardstick

(Compiled exclusively for The Province by Mervyn Roberts.)  
Weather: Cloudy, mild, strong wind.  
Field conditions: First, fast.

The Play		Meralomas	N. Shore
No. scrimmage plays	81	70	
Yardage gained from scrimmage	179	89	
Yardage lost from scrimmage	62	14	
No. punts	117	66	
Average length punt	31 for 782	19 for 592	
Average length punt return	14.7	10.6	
Total yardage punt return	222	72	
Average length punt return	11.7	2.5	
No. punts blocked by	0	0	
Forward passes attempted	8	9	
Forward passes completed	3 for 59	1 for 23	
Forward passes intercepted by	4	0	
First downs from scrimmage	6	1	
First downs from forward passes	0	1	
First downs from punts	0	0	
Blocked kicks	2	2	
Number kickoffs	2	2	
Penalties			
No. yardage penalties against and yardage lost	7 for 95	4 for 55	
Time penalties against and minutes lost	0 for 0	0 for 0	
First downs from penalties	1	1	
Loss of downs on penalties	0	2	
Ball lost on downs	1	0	
Fumbles	1	2	
Ball lost on fumbles	1	2	
All punts and forward pass yardage taken from line of scrimmage			
(a) Ross, (b) Downey, (c) Forward pass, Niblo to Lowe, (d) Niblo, Deacon.			
Field goals attempted	2	4	
Field goals scored	1	1	
Touchdowns scored	1	0	
Points after touchdowns scored	3	0	
Runs	0	0	
Attempts	2	1	
Yards	14.24	0	
Kicks to deadline	0	0	
Score by quarters	6	4	2-18
Meralomas	18	3	
North Shore	3	18	

## Mainland Grass Hockey Meeting Billed Thursday

Annual meeting of the Cricketers' Grass Hockey Club will be held Monday at 8 p.m. at the Murray Hotel, 1119 Hornby street. There are a few vacancies in the forward line and any player wishing to join should get in touch with Secretary Hodson at Trinity 6544R.

Annual general meeting of the Mainland Grass Hockey League will be held in the B. C. Electric social clubroom, Carrall street station, Thursday at 8 p.m.

## Vancouver Puck Body Meets Oct. 1

Under a new label the Vancouver Amateur Ice Hockey Association will hold its annual meeting Friday night, October 1, at 8 o'clock, in the Board Room of the Stock Exchange Building. The new name of the puck loop is the Vancouver and Lower Mainland Amateur Ice Hockey Association.