

Imperials In 8-0 Victory

Blank Balmy Beach In
First Senior O.R.F.U.
Playoff Game

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SARNIA, Ont., Nov. 18.—Although they held the upper hand most of the afternoon, Sarnia Imperials had to extend themselves to fashion an 8-0 victory over Balmy Beach in the first game of the senior O.R.F.U. championship series here Saturday. Close to 2,000 fans saw the Imperials profit by two single points and a touchdown in the first half to gain the decision. The game was played on a soggy field and under miserable weather conditions. The teams will clash again this Saturday at Toronto. Total points will decide the series.

SCORE ON BLOCKED KICK

A hard-charging Sarnia line paved the way for the first point credited to Imperials in Saturday's hard-tackling gridiron scuffle. A Balmy Beach punt was blocked on its five-yard line. The ball bounded far back of the goal-line and Lipsett, Beach's halfback, booted it to the deadline. The scoring was done late in the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter Stirling drove a punt deep into Balmy Beach territory. Porter recovered on the Beach's 15-yard line. On the second down, Porter, a southerly hooper, got away a short kick into the wind. Paraska took the punt on the dead-run and lugged the ball 14 yards to the Beach's 26. McWatters, Paraska and Stirling made a first down on an extended end run. Beach tore through Beach's right middle to place the ball on the four-yard line. Stirling made three yards on the first play and on the second dived over for a touchdown. He converted from placement and Imperials were leading 7-0.

Alex Hayes, crippled Sarnia quarterback, got into the game for the first time in the fourth quarter. He was called on to try a field goal from the Beach's 15-yard line. The kick was wide of its mark but Murchie was roused by Stevenson for the eighth Sarnia point of the game. A spot pass, Paraska to Manore put the Imperials in scoring distance. Manore took the pass on Beach's 25 and ran 10 more to the 15.

GET 13 FIRST DOWNS

Imperials moved the yardsticks seven times in the first half and six more times in the second. Balmy Beach hung up nine first downs but were seldom inside Sarnia's 25-yard line. The Beaches made their greatest scoring bid in the third quarter. They recovered the ball on Sarnia's 23 when Paraska fumbled after being hit hard by two Beaches tacklers. A Powers to Hennessey pass was knocked down and Beaches lost momentum for failing to complete the aerial thrust inside the 25-yard zone.

Ormond Beach was the power-house of the Imperials, defensively and offensively. He slashed through the Beaches forward wall like a battering ram and it usually took three or four men to drag him down. On the defense he ranged through the Sarnia secondary like a bloodhound to break up threats from Toronto ball carriers. Arne McWatters handled the Imperials well.

Sarnia's pass attack was kept under cover most of the afternoon, although in the fourth quarter Imperials opted up with four of them. Only the first was completed.

Hayes, only slowly recovering from an injured ankle, was hurt during the fourth quarter when tackled as he ran one of Porter's punts out of bounds. He had to be helped from the field.

Balmy Beach
Karas
Flying Wing
Burgoyne
Left Half Paraska
Centre Half Lipsett
Right Half Munroe
Quarterback Powers
McWatters
Snapback
Taylor Burr
Inside Wing
Irwin Butler
Reid Wickware
Middle Wing
Rimpy Clawson
Parsons
Outside Wing
Hennessey Vanhorne
Reynolds Reeve
Substitutes
McNulty Paye
Seymour Gray
Murchie McLean
Porter Moore
L. Paterson
Bull Ewen
Wainwright Stevenson
Wallace Baker
McNichol Spears
Schmidt G. Patterson
Kerfe Harris
Ottawa Hal Degruyck
Frank
Cowan and Lyle Smith.