

Varsity Trims Kaycees, Keeps Unbeaten Record

Varsity 26, K. of C. 6.
North Shore 3, Victoria 1.

By JIM COLEMAN.

Through the storms and turmoils of this autumn's consecutive Saturdays the Grandstand Quarterbacks and Fifty-Yard-Line Statisticians have nourished the growing suspicion that Varsity Thunderbirds are the best Canadian rugby team that has been developed here since the Meralomas of sacred memory. But not even the most ardent admirer of Maury Van Vliet's undergraduates was prepared for such a horrendous beating as they inflicted on the Knights of Columbus this week-end.

The ease and despatch with which the Thunderbirds disposed of the boisterous Caseys was so awe-inspiring that it impels one to suggest that the Big Four officials should jettison their elaborate play-off system and invite the prairie senior winners to this city for a western championship series. Our local heroes might not win but they have such power and poise that they would give a distinct shock to the prairies' U. S. college graduates.

GOOFY PLAYOFF.

As it stands now, the Thunderbirds, unbeaten and untied in eight games this year, meet North Shore Lions in a play-off next Saturday. And the Victoria Revellers, winless in six appearances this year, meet Caseys on the same day. The winners of these two series will play November 25 for the British Columbia championship.

A flattering crowd of 1500 which braved the most unpleasant weather conditions was stunned in the opening quarter as Varsity rocketed into a 17-6 lead, pulverizing their opponents who had been expected to give them a close battle. Incidentally, it was a game marked by considerable bitterness; there was some brandishing of fists and some tackling that jarred even the inoffensive customers in the grandstand.

Lionel Fournier started the rout when he pulled off a scintillating run that carried the ball to the Casey four-yard line. Ernie Teagle cut through for the touchdown and converted with a dropkick.

Hankus - Pankus Stradiotti blocked Jack Labelle's kick and recovered on the K. of C. 25 to

set up the next score. Graham Finlay shot a 16-yard pass to Jack Tucker and Jim Harmer smashed across on the next play. Teagle converted.

FOURNIER AGAIN.

A short Casey punt aided Varsity to a third touchdown when Fred Joplin carried the ball back to the Casey 12. The demoralized Irishers couldn't hold Fournier as he crashed through them and crossed the line. K. of C. managed to score a single point when Finlay was rouged just as the quarter ended.

Scotty Brown's Irish came through with the most sparkling play of the game to make their only major score in the second quarter. "Lindy" Legallais grabbed two forward passes and scampered ten yards to score after juggling the second of these tosses in a manner which would have made W. C. Fields pale with envy. Johnny Pearson's kicking gave Varsity two singles before halftime.

The rampaging 'Birds scored one more single in the third and then Freddy Wood barged through to block another of Labelle's kicks on the Casey 15. Johnny Pearson dribbled it across the goal-line, fell on it and Teagle converted.

It is impossible to single out a Varsity star for special attention. Their linemen blocked and charged with precision which must have gladdened the heart of their coach, Neil Watson. Their backs ran with verve and intelligence. Pearson again demonstrated that he is the best kicker in the west. On one occasion he took the ball, which was as wet and ungainly as a volume of Encyclopedia Britannica, and slammed it more than 80 yards. Wow!!

Bring on Calgary or Winnipeg!

California Invited To Play Rugby Here

The U. B. C. men's athletic directorate has invited the University of California to play an English rugby match with the Varsity Thunderbirds here Easter week.

The invitation will probably be accepted, as the southern university has been dickering for matches here in previous consultations with local University authorities.