

# BALMY BEACH, ONT. Sarnia Battery Defeated, 12-0

TORONTO TEAM TAKES SENIOR O.R.F.U. TITLE  
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TEN YEARS; AIR  
ATTACK BOOMERANGS ON LOSERS

By Doug Vaughan

SARNIA, Nov. 25.—For the first time in a decade the old gold and blue of Balmy Beach today flutters proudly at the Senior Ontario Football Union mast-head.

This reward for long, lean years of persistent effort was harvested by an alert Toronto team Saturday when it turned back the 2-26 Battery team of Sarnia, 12-0 on the cleat-torn turf of Athletic Park. Since the Beachers had also won the first of the two-game title series in Toronto a week ago by a similar score, their margin on the round was just an even two dozen points.

## Has Been Long Wait

It was away back in 1930 that Balmy Beach colors last were draped above the Senior O.R.F.U. throne seat. On that occasion the Beachers went on to beat Hamilton Tigers in the Eastern Canada final and Regina Roughriders for the Dominion title.

Will history repeat for the stalwart Balmy brigade? That is a question which will remain unanswered until the Canadian Rugby Union sees fit to announce whether or not a Canadian championship game will be played this fall. At any rate the Toronto warriors will have an opportunity to prove their fitness to wear an Eastern Canada crown. That chance will come next Saturday when they will be called upon to engage Ottawa Rough Riders, newly crowned champions of the Interprovincial Union, in the first of a home and home, total point series.

The crowning of a new Senior O.R.F.U. champion of necessity meant the dethroning of an old and so it was that for the first time in nine years the football-loving fans of Sarnia Saturday evening found themselves without a ruler to boast of. The Old Town dynasty really began to totter late in the summer when it was announced that the famous Imperials would not operate this season. But Sarnia without a senior football team would be unthinkable and so it was that the 2-26 Battery team was hastily formed in an effort to carry on where the Imperials left off.

## Too Many Handicaps

To the credit of the soldiers it must be said that carry on they did to the very best of their ability. Many of the stars of former years were missing. There were occasions when it was impossible to get more than a handful of players out for practice. But in the face of all these handicaps the Battery brigade kept fighting on—they were still striving valiantly when the final whistle sounded Saturday.

Twelve points down before they ever stepped on the field Saturday, the Sarnia standard-bearers knew that their only hope of overcoming the well-balanced Beach team was to gamble—play reckless, wide-open football in the hopes that Dame Fortune would favor them with a few smiles. And that was just what they did. The fit in the content was that they didn't get any of those smiles they needed from Dame Fortune.

There was no secret to the Sarnia plan of battle. Coach Mike Fringhen said as early as last Thursday: "We'll fill the air with paces."

The soldiers filled the air with paces, all right but the trouble was that an ever alert Balmy Beach secondary was on the receiving end of too many of them. In all, Sarnia sharpshooters fired 34 aerial bombs. Of that total only five found the mark for which they were meant, six dropped harmlessly to the ground and the other ten were hauled down by the enemy.

Therein lies the story of the crowning of a new champion. Two of these interceptions set the stage for the only touchdowns of the game and one of the two field goals.

## Fumbled Punt Costly

The Beachers started their victory march late in the first quarter when Joe Woodcock fumbled a punt from the toe of Porter and Johnny Manson recovered the bounding plunk to give the Toronto team possession on the Sarnia 25. Two line plays failed to gain any appreciable yardage and so

on the third down Don Crowe dropped back and kicked a field goal.

All the rest of the scoring, a field goal by Hugh Tunnicliffe and a touchdown by Jack Morris, was done in the last quarter.

Morris's touchdown was undoubtedly the highlight of the entire show. The stage for the major score was set when Tunnicliffe intercepted a Sarnia forward to give the Beachers possession on the Battery's 25.

On the very first play Art Walker faked back and heaved a long forward which Morris leaped high in the air to spear and then fell over the goal line. Tunnicliffe converted.

The second Beach field goal came just a few minutes before the touchdown and the ball-hawking Manson was the person responsible for this one. Grabbing a Sarnia pass on the 35 he ploughed his way to the 30 before being brought down and slugged by Dennis. The 15-yard penalty to Sarnia that followed this slugging put the ball on the Battery's 15 from where Tunnicliffe who had missed a placement before made no mistake this time.

## Paithouki Scintillates

Outstanding on a Sarnia team that gave its best only to find that its best wasn't good enough against a team that was poison to an air attack, was Nick Paithouki, slicker centre who recently was chosen as the most valuable player in the O.R.F.U.

Paithouki was the spark-plug of a Battery line that was strong from end to end. Dick Norris and Butler were others who toiled valiantly for a losing cause.

As for the Beachers there wasn't a weak link in the unit although the club undoubtedly missed the services of Syd Reynolds, hard-lacking veteran who underwent an emergency appendectomy on Friday.

TORONTO BEACH — Flying-wing: Drinkwater; halves, Seymour, Crowe; Manon; quarter, Porter; snap, Turner; mids, Reid, Barnes; mids, Shields, Downard; ends, Deady, Butler; alternates, Tunnicliffe, Alexander, Fringhen, Shuba, Walker, Giles, Froderingham, Goodwin, Turnbull, Morris, Marchant.

SARNIA 2-26 BATTERY—Flying-wing, Perry; halves, Galloway, Woodcock; Dava; quarter, Gray; snap, Paithouki; mids, Schultz, P. Butler; mids, R. Norris, Dennis; ends, Withers, J. Butler; alternates, Gunn, Thomson, Parsons, Thurlow, Beiland, Chapman, I. Norris, Coolidge, Cote, Andrews, Whiting, Trepanier.

Referee, Patrice Girard (Windsor); umpire, Son Kries (Toronto); head-linesman, Gordon Price (Hamilton).

## 163 Racing Dates

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—Chicago's 1941 horse racing season will run 163 days, featured by long meetings at Washington Park, Arlington Park and Hawthorne, and will open April 26 at Sportsman's Park.

## Al Delaney Be

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Al Delaney, heavyweight boxer, outpointed Clifford Ridgewood Grove in Brooklyn Saturday. Delaney weighed 182 pounds; Lee