

Beaches Nose

Annis Stukus Snaps Deadlock With Point In Final Quarter

TORONTO, Oct. 31.—(C.P.)—The strain of playing four games in 11 days almost proved fatal to Balmy Beach Saturday, but the Toronto club had just enough left to overcome stiff resistance by Ottawa Combines for a 4-3 verdict which further complicated the three-team duel for Ontario Rugby Football Union play-off positions.

A fourth-quarter placement attempt by Annis Stukus spelled the difference between the teams, the ball rolling to the deadline to break a 3-3 deadlock. The victory, coupled with a 12-8 triumph for Toronto R.C.A.F. Hurricanes over Hamilton Flying Wildcats in the second half of a Varsity Stadium double bill, left Beaches one point behind Hurricanes and Wildcats.

McWatters Kicks Well.

Beaches entered the fray strong favorites to defeat Combines, who have won only one game, but the Ottawa wingline quickly demonstrated its strength and the tired Beaches were forced into a dogged ground duel punctuated by kicking exchanges between Ottawa's Arnie McWatters and Jack Pumble, and Sammy Sward of Beaches. Thain Simon crashed the Beach line for lengthy gains in the second half while Stu Scott was Toronto's principal offensive weapon.

Two players monopolized the scoring, Annis Stukus connecting for a placement and deadline single while three singles rolled off the boot of McWatters. The first Ottawa point came shortly after the opening whistle, Bob Fulton moving Combines into position by recovering a bounding ball near midfield after a Toronto kick was blocked.

Beaches showed their only real burst of power just before the end of the first quarter, Chad Bark flipping two successive crossfield passes to Sward and McKelvey. Annis Stukus kicked his field goal from the Ottawa 22 to make it 3-1.

Costly Fumble.

After a scoreless second quarter, two third-quarter singles by McWatters made it 3-3 as the teams changed ends for the final 15 minutes. Then the break came, McWatters fumbling on a kick to give Beaches possession at the Ottawa 32 and set up the final point by Stukus.

The teams:

Beaches—Sward, flying wing; McKelvey, Bark and Scott, halves; Porter, quarter; Turner, snap; Widman and Staughton, insides; Bonshine and Zock, middles; Deadey and Demarco, outsides; Titanic, Stevenson, Campbell, Burdick, Awrey, Robinson, Mur-

Combines' Wingline "Best in League"

Annis Stukus, quarterback and field general of the Balmy Beach team, led his club to a 4-3 decision over Ottawa Combines in an O.R.F.U. game at Toronto on Saturday, and then paid the following tribute to the Combines:

"We (Beaches) can't figure out why Ottawa has only won one game. They've got the best wingline in the league. They really punished us out there Saturday."

dock, A. Stukus, Kagan, Miller, alternates.

Ottawa—B. Fulton, flying wing; Chipper, Seymour and Powell, halves; McWatters, quarter; S. Fulton, snap; Fraser and Le-febvre, insides; Pumble and Mortimer, middles; Mowatt and Norris, outsides; Leach, Hubbard, Lumsden, Pope, Littlefield, Hayward, Flammer, Williams, Simon, Graziano, alternates.

Referee, Walter Adams; umpire, Bob Armstrong; head linesman, Jack Dyce.

Summary:

First Quarter.

Ottawa, single (McKelvey rouged on McWatters' kick); Beaches, placement (A. Stukus).

Second Quarter.

No score.

Third Quarter.

Ottawa, single (McKelvey rouged on McWatters' kick); Ottawa, single (McKelvey rouged on McWatters' kick).

Fourth Quarter.

Beaches, single (A. Stukus kicked to deadline).