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Indians Set Back Trojans 19-1 Bill Stukus Shines With Passes

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Oakwood Indians, with a starry playing cast that featured the brilliant Stukus brother passing act and fleet ball carriers like Ross McKelvey and Doug Fyser, hung a 19-1 defeat on Ottawa Trojans in Saturday's O.F.F.U. curtain raiser at Lansdowne Park. A crowd of 6,000 watched the Indians run up a 13-0 first-quarter lead with the aid of a strong wind sweeping in from the West and Bill Stukus' spectacular forward passes.

Bill Starts Early.

Trojans, deprived of the services of Frank Garvey and Joey Richman by a pre-game Air Force ruling, fought an uphill battle from the opening three minutes when a fumble put the visitors in position for their first touchdown pass. Bill Stukus fired a forward to brother Frank for the first touch, and repeated later in the same quarter to McKelvey for another major. A convert and two singles brought the score to 13-0 before they changed ends.

Although Trojans, fought gamely throughout the second and third quarters, and their line conceded little if anything to the visitors most of the way, they failed to uncover a scoring punch at opportune moments. Their most promising opportunity was missed at the outset of the fourth quarter when a short pro pass was grounded on third down with only seven yards to go for a try.

Having passed up that chance and deprived of a single point later when a spectator interfered with a catch by Bill Stukus behind the goal line, Trojans fell victim in the late stages to the most spectacular gridiron march of the day. With Bill Stukus doing the pegging, Indians marched from their own 10 yard line to a touchdown in nine plays.

63 Yards on Three Plays.

The closing scoring effort by Indians crushed whatever chances Trojans had of cutting the Toronto margin. It opened after a scrimmage on the 10 yard line when officials had ruled out the Trojan single for interference. With Bill Stukus on the firing end the aerial offensive sent Trojans reeling back to their own end. Bill opened it up with a 20-yard-forward to Demarco, and then pegged another to Humphries before Fyser nailed a third successive heave for a total gain of 63 yards. But Bill wasn't through yet.

After Fyser had skirted the end to the Ottawa 25 Bill shot another forward to McKelvey for six, and then sent another across the goal line to Fyser which missed. He completed one more to brother Annis, and then the latter raced down to pick off another from Bill just a yard from the goal line. Bill promptly plunged across for the third Toronto touch and Annis converted from placement.

Against this combination of passing brilliance and speedy ball carriers, Trojans drilled away for the most part with line plays. But while they cracked for some good gains and silenced for the Toronto scoring guns for two quarters, they couldn't make headway around the ends nor match the passing record of 12 successful attempts in 14 tries compiled by the Indians.

Fumbles on Kick Formation.

Fumbles didn't help the Ottawa cause any either, and it was a ball dropped by Jim Cummings in the opening minutes that paved the way for the first Toronto touch. Cummings failed to hold the pilskin on third down kick formation on his own 22 and the Indians recovered. Kijek promptly teamed up with McKelvey on an end run for seven yards and the former picked up seven more on a plunge. McKelvey was stopped for two and then Bill Stukus faded

back and to the right as brother Frank raced over the goal line. The latter speared Bill's forward over the goal line and McKelvey converted from placement.

A kick by McWatters to his own 40 against the heavy wind, and an accompanying no yards penalty on the catch, put Trojans in trouble again in the same quarter. From the Ottawa 35 Bill Stukus passed laterally to the right to Fyser and the latter wound up on the Trojans' 10. The Ottawa line stiffened for two line plays, but on third down Bill Stukus flipped a forward over the right end and McKelvey turned after crossing the goal line and made a diving catch of it for a try.

Before the first quarter ended an attempted placement from 33 yards out by Annis Stukus went to the deadline for a point, and the Indians added another when Cummings was rouged on Annis Stukus' punt.

Trojans' first scoring threat faded in the second quarter when Edwards' placement try from the Toronto 20 was 10 yards short of the goal line. After that scoreless session Trojans picked up their only point in the third after Edwards, Brennan and McWatters had sparked a drive into Toronto territory. But the Toronto line held on its own 20, and after two plunges failed to net more than five yards Cummings kicked to the deadline.

Fine Effort By Cummings.

Near the end of the third quarter Ottawa moved into scoring position again after recovering a fumble by McKelvey on the Toronto 45-yard stripe. Cummings came through with a sparkling effort from kick formation when he suddenly raced through four Indian players and went for 15 yards. A roughing penalty against Indians on the tackle set Toronto back to their own 12, and McWatters and Edwards gained five more between them. But on third down McWatters' short pass over the centre failed to find a receiver on the first play of the fourth quarter.

The spectacular drive upfield by the Indians featured the final period, and Trojans couldn't make a stand as Bill Stukus thwarted their defensive efforts with a succession of forwards before driving through the line himself for a touch from a yard out.

The lineups:

Toronto Indians—Flying wing, Frank Stukus; quarter, Bill Stukus; halves, McKelvey, Kijek and Fyser; centre, George; insides, Miller and Burns; middle, Durno and Sunshine; outside, Demarco and Humphries; subs, Annis Stukus, Clott, Booker, Dulger, Woodyat, Gaudaur, Jacobs, Young, Armstrong, M. Thompson, Farmer and W. Thompson.

Ottawa Trojans—Flying wing, Brennan; quarter, McWatters; halves, Cummings, Mallette and Edwards; centre, Hutt; insides, Lefebvre and Gray; middles, Sprague and Haywood; outside, Brown and Kunitz; subs, Acton, Stanver, Daley, O'Connell, Karson, Ferrier, Labrousse, R. Sharpe, Munroe, B. Sharpe and Mollinski. Officials—W. Harvey, Toronto, referee; Harry Bowden, Ottawa, umpire, and Joe Tubman, head linesman.