

Beaches Edge Indians 2-1 In First Playoff

Bruising, Rugged Football Features Opening Tilt For O.R.F.U. Championship

TORONTO—In a rugged and bruising battle, Toronto Balmy Beach wrested a 2-1 victory last night from Toronto Indians in the first game of a total-points series for the Ontario Rugby Football Union title.

Two singles by lanky Sammy Sward, one in the first quarter and one in the third, gave Beaches a one point lead for the second match of the two-game series at Varsity Stadium Saturday.

The six thousand fans watching the floodlight battle at Maple Leaf Stadium saw Indians throw the throttle

wide open at the start. The co-op club opened the scoring early in the first quarter when Tommy Ford was rouged on a bounding kick by Fred Kijek. But Sward offset that point minutes later with one of his booming spirals to leave the teams tied 1-1 at the end of the first quarter.

With most of their regulars on the limp, Indians called on speedy young Ross McKelvey and Don Crowe of Peterborough, to carry most of the plunging burden. McKelvey was good but Crowe was irresistible, smashing the centre of Beach line for gains ranging from five to 20 yards every time he took the ball.

Through the scoreless second quarter and part of the third Indians had an edge along the ground and through the air, but brilliantly judged place kicking by Sward, carefully rehearsed at Beach practices, kept Indians from paydirt. Sward, veteran of more than a decade with the Beaches, repeatedly lashed long spirals that rolled into touch and prevented the speedy Indians halves from getting under way for runbacks.

The break finally came in the third quarter when Beaches made one of their dozen interceptions of enemy passes, Sward kicked behind the Indian line and McKelvey, surrounded by a mass of tacklers, yielded what proved to be the winning point in this opening game of a series that will qualify the Ontario Union's opponent against Toronto Argonauts of the Big Four in the Eastern Canada finals November 24.

Beaches were in position for additional points three times in the game but fumbled the opportunities. Once big Johnny Lake lifted a placement deep behind the Indian line which would have yielded a single but the officials ruled no yards on the tackle.

All the way it was a tensely-fought struggle between two teams who split 58 points in their two meetings during the eight-week schedule which ended last Saturday when Indians edged Beaches 14-13 in a playoff preview. Beaches won the first game between the clubs 16-15.

Beaches—F wing, Sward, halves, Porter, Lake, Ford, quarter, Becker, snap, Cosgrove, insides, Staughton, Turner, middles, Meen, Shield; outsides, Hard, Sluman. Alternates, Cudde, Treleven, Powers, Larue, Edminston, Walden, Downard, Widman, Turnbull, Gibb, Moorehouse, Ferria.

Indians—F wing, Kijek, halves, Fryer, McKelvey, Crowe, quarter, A. Stukas, snap, Gaudaur, insides, Reynolds, Jacobs, middles, Durno, Burns, outsides, Harrison, DeMarco. Alternates, Clotti, Boker, Bulger, Titanic, Humphreys, George, Thompson, Miller, Sonshine, B. Stukas.

Officials—Bob Leith, Hamilton, referee; Walter Harvey, Toronto, umpire; Bob Armstrong, Toronto, head linesman.

First Quarter

1—Indians, single (Ford rouged on Kijek's kick).

2—Beaches, single (Sward).

Second Quarter

Scoring—None.

Third Quarter

3—Beaches, single (McKelvey rouged on Sward's kick).

Fourth Quarter

Scoring—None.

BEARS BLANK FLYERS, 1-0

Mario Gets Winning Goal In Rough Contest

HERSHEY, Pa.—A goal by Frank Mario gave Hershey Bears their fourth straight American Hockey League victory last night, a 1 to 0 decision over St. Louis in a game marked by two fist fights.

BULLER, McCAIG FIGHT
The first of the two fights occurred as the second period started, with Hymie Buller and Doug McCaig the participants.

Mario scored his goal midway in the last period after Bill Gooden rushed the length of the ice, around the net and then passed to Mario. With two minutes remaining Mario and George Blake got into a fight and Red Dorna, who joined in, was fined \$25 for interference.

Hershey—Goal, Damore, defence, Drummond, F. Robertson, centre, Rozini, wings, Cooper, Gaudreault, alternates, Shewchuk, Cupolo, Mario, S. Robertson, Jennings, Buller, Smith, O'Neil, Gooden.

St. Louis—Goal, Highton; defence, Bowman, McCaig; centre, Hergert; wings, Kendall, Pozzo, alternates, Dornan, Aubuchon, Brown, Kowcinak, Rimstad, Blake, McCravy, Dyle, Purpur.

Officials—Parsons and Lemaitre.

First Period

Scoring—None.

Penalties—McCaig, Bowman, S. Robertson.

Second Period

Scoring—None.

Penalties—McCaig (major), Bowman, Buller (major), Shewchuk, Drummond.

Third Period

1—Hershey, Mario (Gooden) 11:42.

Penalties—Mario (major), Blake (major).

Soccer Notes

The Kozak-Bedell soccer team held a workout at Wigle Park yesterday afternoon, a good turnout of veteran players reporting. Bill Kozak has rounded up a team of proven ability in preparation for Sunday's challenge match against the Local 200 club, which should result in one of the best games to be played locally in some time. The place—Wigle Park, the time—3 p.m.

All Kozak players are asked to report at Wigle Park on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. for a final workout before Sunday's game.