

SARNIA FALLS TO WILDCATS IN HAMILTON

Tabbies Crush Winless Imperials, 24-7, To Stay Unbeaten

HAMILTON—Led by Tony Labarbera, an import from the United States, Hamilton Wildcats crushed the winless Sarnia Imperials 24-7 Saturday and stretched their unbeaten string in Ontario Rugby Football Union play this season to eight games.

LABARBERA SHINES

Labarbera, a Buffalo district boy who joined Coach Frank Gnuip's squad of mechanical men this season, converted three touchdowns with his precision placement kicking and capped that by snatching a Sarnia forward pass almost from the hands of the receiver and dashing 50 yards for a touchdown.

Often slow starters, the Wildcats rolled to an early lead on the strength of their tremendous ground offensive and the magic passing skill of Quarterback Mel Lawson.

Halfback Gordon Miller ripped for a first quarter touchdown and Gordon Lawson, Mel's brother, followed up with another on which Labarbera got his first convert. Miller's convert climaxed an 80-yard downfield drive along the ground. Lawson's came as the final act in a spectacular passing advance with his brother doing the pitching.

Miller added a single in the second quarter before Sarnia collected its first point on Hamm's quick kick to the deadline. Then Labarbera, just before half time, came up with his dazzling touchdown dash and his second convert.

KNOWLES GOES OVER

Sarnia, fighting back stubbornly, collected a converted touchdown in the third quarter after blocking a Hamilton kick 20 yards out. Don Knowles, coming young backfielder, smashed for the major and Gus Meikle got the convert. The Imperials threatened again in the same quarter, and twice the Wildcats intercepted passes at their own line to squelch the scoring threats.

Mel Lawson's passing set up the Wildcats' final touchdown, late in the game. Brother Gordon figured in the downfield march along with Benny Dyack and Rud Rudinski took the payoff toss, leaping high into the air to snatch the ball behind the Sarnia line and Labarbera converted.

The winners ran the gamut of all their fancy offensive plays during the game. Their solid team work was too much for the Imperials, who had great kicking from Meikle.

First Quarter

- 1—Wildcats, Touchdown (Miller)
- 2—Wildcats, Touchdown (G. Lawson)
- 3—Wildcats, Convert (Labarbera)

Second Quarter

- 4—Wildcats, Single (Meikle rouged on Miller's kick)
- 5—Sarnia, Single (Hamm)
- 6—Wildcats, Touchdown (Labarbera)
- 7—Wildcats, Convert (Labarbera)

Third Quarter

- 8—Sarnia, Touchdown (D. Knowles)
- 9—Sarnia, Convert (Meikle)

Fourth Quarter

- 10—Wildcats, Touchdown (Rudinski)
- 11—Wildcats, Convert (Labarbera)