

Tigers Rally To Score Try In 4th

Tipoff Overhauls 3-0 Windsor Edge In Muddy Clash Before 2,300

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The door to the senior O.R.F.U. playoff arena virtually swung shut on Windsor Rockets Saturday at Jackson Park when they blew a 3-0 lead in the final quarter and lost their seventh straight engagement over two seasons to Hamilton Tigers, this time by a 5-3 margin.

FROM 11 YARDS OUT

Halfback Boris Tipoff broke up the muddy, fumble-frequent struggle before a crowd of 2,300 when he galloped wide around his right end from the Windsor 11 to score an unconverted touchdown.

The triumph was the seventh in nine starts for the defending champions and all but assured them of repeating their top slot finish of 1948. Tigers' remaining games are two against the out-classed Toronto Beaches and one against Windsor at Hamilton next Saturday.

Rockets' chances of jostling Sarnia Imperials out of the second playoff berth are so remote as to leave an opening only for the mathematicians.

AT SARNIA WEDNESDAY

Imperials, who Saturday lam-basted Beaches, 34-5, can send Rockets to the sidelines for a 100 percent failure since the latter's entrance to the league in 1945 by winning Wednesday.

Should Rockets surprise with a victory in Sarnia, they are still faced with pulling the upset of the season over Tigers Saturday and then defeating Imperials the following week here. And even then, the net result would only be a tie with Sarnia because Imps have another soft touch in hand when they meet Beaches in Toronto.

Rockets rested today in third place, four points behind Sarnia and six off Hamilton's pace.

BENGALS CRIPPLED

Saturday, they had a splendid opportunity of staying in the thick of the race because despite an extensive injury list, Tigers, if anything, were crippled more. The Bengals did not dress Playing Coach Merle Hapes or their finest running half, Jim Craine, and on the first play of the game, lost Quarterback Tommy Waldon.

Rockets' chief absentees were Halfbacks Jack Murphy, Buck Rogers and Stan Garbula. But, at that, they appeared to be rolling to victory behind Jack Brown's fine punting, the ground-gaining attacks of Hank Chaplinski, Mike Hedgewick's excellence in the punt-runback department and Ed Krane's passing.

BROWN KICKS TWO

Brown accounted for two of Windsor's points. He kicked a single from the Hamilton 40 in the first heat and hoisted another in the third from the 30 when Outside Harry Kaloogian rouged Tipoff.

Outside Skeets Harrison collected the other point in the second quarter when his attempted field goal from the Tiger 11 went wide of the uprights and Stan Wolkowski was rouged.

Tigers' retaliation was as swift as it was unexpected. They were mired in their own territory with the fourth quarter more than half shot. Then, Outside Wolkowski, who had taken over quarterback duties when Waldon was hurt, emerged a hero by pitching two passing strikes in succession.

INTO DOUBLE LATERAL

The first hit Tipoff at the Windsor 43 and the second went to Dan DiFrancesco who caught the ball while he was uncovered and stationary. DiFrancesco turned around, ran, shifted the play into a double lateral and after an amazing defensive collapse by Rockets, Eddie Crooker pounded down the sidelines to the Windsor 11.

Tipoff breezed to paydirt on the next play and that was the ball game.

In the realm of statistics, Rockets and Tigers each made seven first downs, the former posting two by passing, the latter four



Cihocki on Gallop
—Hegler heading in

through the air. Windsor attempted five passes, completed two and had one intercepted. Hamilton tried 10, completed four and suffered one interception.

IN TROUBLE

Each club saw two kicks blocked and lost fumbles left Tigers in several uncomfortable positions.

Windsor had the toughest misfortune by far in penalties with 60 yards measured against them compared to Tigers' five.

Rockets missed two golden openings for touchdowns in the second quarter. Bob Simpson dropped a deadly-timed 45-yard pass from Krause when only 10 yards from the Hamilton goal line and nobody to stop him.

Later, Tipoff, who was consistently caught out of position on Brown's long, low kicks, fumbled one on his five and the ball bounced crazily past the eager arms of several Rockets before Little Boris finally recovered it himself.

Brown, Hedgewick, Chaplinski, Kaloogian, Jack Morneau and Buck Reaume were the pick of the Rockets. Wolkowski and Smith stood out for Hamilton.

First Quarter

1—Windsor, single (Brown kicked to deadline)

Second Quarter

2—Windsor, single (Wolkowski rouged on Harrison's kick)

Third Quarter

3—Windsor, single (Tipoff rouged on Brown's kick)

Fourth Quarter

4—Hamilton, touchdown (Tipoff)

Ezinicki Weds Winnipeg Girl

TORONTO, CP—Bill Ezinicki, Toronto Maple Leafs' right-winger, has married a Winnipeg girl.

Ezinicki told sports writers after Saturday night's hockey game that his bride is 22-year-old Jamie McPherson, whom he had known since both were toddlers. The bride, a hospital laboratory technician, came to Toronto recently. The couple was wed last Sunday in a quiet ceremony at nearby Port Credit, by a retired United Church of Canada minister, 80-year-old Rev. J. D. Richardson, at the minister's home.

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