

FOURTH ORFU TITLE IN ROW FOR DUTCHIES

Sweep in Title Series Achieved in 17-16 Comeback Win

LONDON, Ont. (CP) — Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen have their fourth straight Senior Ontario Rugby Football Union championship tucked away with nothing to show for it except bumps and bruises and a few dollars in the kitty. Their football is over for the year.

The Dutchmen wrapped up the title Saturday night with a tight 17-16 verdict over London Lords, their second straight triumph in the best-of-three final series. They took the opener 14-8 at Kitchener a week ago.

There was some hope earlier this year that the ORFU title-holders would meet a Big Four club in a post-league game to prove a point they made in a committee room: That the ORFU belongs in the Grey Cup picture.

This post-season game appeared to be all set when the matter was brought up last March. But the Big Four gave a final "no" to the deal a few weeks ago and the ORFU champions now have nowhere to go.

This is the third year the ORFU has been left out of competition leading to a possible spot in the Cup final although three of its four teams brought in the import limit of 12 Americans.

The year's windup game provided plenty of thrills for a crowd of 6,500 as the Lords, playing hard to extend the series to the limit, turned two fourth-quarter Kitchener fumbles by Steve Fochuk into touchdowns and a 16-11 lead with less than four minutes to play.

There were less than five minutes remaining and the crowd was figuring on a sudden-death third game but they didn't count on Mike Norgia. He climaxed a 69-yard Kitchener march with his second touchdown and 16th point of the night.

Earlier, in the third quarter, he scored his first touchdown, added the convert and booted a nine-yard field goal. Quarter Bob Celeri scored Kitchener's first point on a second-quarter single.

The Lords led 3-1 at the half on a first-quarter field goal by Don Wright but lagged 11-3 going into the final 15 minutes. Then Fochuk spouted goat's horns.

He fumbled a punt at the Kitchener nine and guard Bill Needham pounced on the loose ball. Ron King went over from there but the convert was no good. Three minutes later Fochuk hobbled another punt and this time tackle Max Kitzelman scooped up the ball at the Kitchener 11-yard line and ambled over for the touchdown, converted by Wright.

The Dutchmen started the game-winning march from their own 41 and Norgia polished it off with his touchdown.

The champions showed a big margin in the statistics. They rolled up 19 first downs against eight for London. They gained 104 yards in the air on nine completions in 22 pass attempts against 33 yards on six completions in 22 tries for London.

On the ground the Dutchmen picked up 199 yards to 92 for London.