

Curtains for Cubs as Winless Wonders Bow in Sad Big Four Role, 18-3, to Rough Riders

Small Audience Sees Powerful Ottawa Team Steal Spotlight in Final Act of Season—Noseworthy Stars

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Final act curtains were silently and inauspiciously lowered on the Montreal end of the Big Four stage this afternoon at Molson Stadium. Before a highly appreciative, but still cold audience of friends and relatives numbering less than seven hundred Montreal's winless wonders, the Cubs, bowed out.

As expected, it was curtains for Cubs in more than one way. Ottawa's Rough Riders rode roughshod but not as rampantly as anticipated to take the victory, 18-3, but the conquest did not do their lofty Big Four position the justice it deserved. With Cubs, the game served as a conclusion to a grid season that was as monotonously dull as it was disastrous.

On the whole there was little to arouse enthusiasm in the breasts of the few who witnessed the encounter. But there were times during the game when proceedings took on a semblance of real, close football. The first major count of the game was a fine piece of work by romping Andy Tommy, who shot around the end for a 25 yard gain and a big count.

And then in the second quarter Ottawa again showed some spark without giving way to sloppy plays and avoidable miscues when Tom Daley snared a Noseworthy flip at centre field and galloped 50 yards for the second touch. Ottawa's third score was engineered by Bunny Wadsworth later in the game. Ottawa's hefty inside wing, "Tiny" Herman, kicked from placement for the converts.

Young Gordie Noseworthy did well with his boot this afternoon. On some efforts he was lengthening his thrusts out to the 65 yard mark but usually when Cubs made gains in this wise, they were shortly lost when O'Neil, Rocano or Griffin ran the leather back 15 and 20 yards on occasions. Noseworthy kicked all three Cubs' tallies.

Statistics of the game show that while Cubs were shooting out punts for a total of 1356 yards against Ottawa's 840, Riders ran back kicks 169 yards against 63 by Cubs. The effectiveness of Ottawa's powerhouse plungers is shown in the number of yards gained from scrimmage — 435 for Ottawa, against 80 for Cubs.

While the performance of Wadsworth, Herman, Rocano, O'Neil and Griffin spelt vast difference between the two squads, Cubs had stalwart pluggers in Mathieu, Dikofsky, Harfield, Searight and Noseworthy.

TAKE A GOOD LOOK—ARGOS



GORDIE NOSEWORTHY, husky kicking star of Bill Hughes local football squad, who will be seen in action this afternoon as the Mounties take on Toronto Argonauts in the opening game of the Big Four season.