

QUEBEC RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

1899 season

Oct 2	Montreal	26	Ottawa City	14
Oct 9	Ottawa City	31	Montreal	20
	McGill U.	23	Ottawa College	8
Oct 16	Montreal	14	McGill U.	13
	Ottawa City	5	Ottawa College	4
Oct 23	Ottawa College	35	Montreal	6
	Ottawa City	20	McGill U.	19
Oct 30	Ottawa College	19	McGill U.	10
Nov 6	Montreal	11	McGill U.	8
	* Ottawa City	8	Ottawa College	8
Nov 13	McGill U vs Ottawa City cancelled Ottawa College vs Montreal cancelled			

* See QRFU Executive Meeting notes Nov 10

Playoffs

Nov 13	Ottawa College	14	Montreal	13
Nov 20	Ottawa College	11	McGill U.	0

Nov 25 Dominion Final at Montreal Ottawa College 14 Hamilton 10

FINAL STANDINGS

Teams	W	L	T	for	agt	pts
Montreal Foot-Ball Club	3	2	0	77	101	6
Ottawa City Foot-Ball Club	2	1	2	78	77	6
Ottawa College Rugby Club	2	2	1	74	51	3
McGill University Rugby Club	1	3	1	72	72	3

Playoff Standings

Ottawa College Rugby Club	2	0	0	25	13
Montreal Foot-Ball Club	0	1	0	13	14
McGill University Rugby Club	0	1	0	8	11

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ESTABLISHED
JAN 16, 1883

DATE - Saturday October 23, 1897

SEASON - 1897

TEAMS - Ottawa City Football Club vs McGill University Rugby Club

FIRST HALF

SCORING PLAY	POINTS	PLAYER SCORING	SCORING PLAY	POINTS	PLAYER SCORING
			Try	4	Duffley fumb set
Rouge	1	Davey McGee			
			Try	4	Hill run
			Goal from Try	2	K. Molson
			* Try	4	Duffley fumb set
			Try	4	Lise run
Try	4	Kenny run			
Goal from Try	2	Cameron			

SECOND HALF

SCORING PLAY	POINTS	PLAYER SCORING	SCORING PLAY	POINTS	PLAYER SCORING
Try	4	Kenny set run			
Goal from Try	2	Cameron			
* Touch in Goal	1	Powers			
			Touch in Goal	1	Hill
Try	4	Powers run			
Goal from Try	2	Cameron			
	20			19	
* after 100yd punt return					

* Goal Judge Earnest Fry said Molson's goal was good, Referee Ed. Bayly said it was not

In order to avoid a McGill protest over the goal Ottawa agreed to drop a point for a 19-19 tie Both captains agreed.

Researcher -

Ralph Sproule March 9 1986

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Referee Report

E. Herbert Brown, Esq. Hon. Secretary, Quebec Rugby Football Union

Dear Sir, Following please find my official report on the "match" between Ottawa College and Ottawa City, Saturday November 6th. Notwithstanding the fact that the captains of the respective teams received strict warning from me before commencing the match and again at half time, regarding rough and ungentlemanly play, it had no effect, as the match was the roughest possible character throughout. I am sorry to report that in accordance with clause 17 (QRFU Rules) I was compelled to rule off the following players, viz:-Ottawa City, Walters, Smellie, McCreadie and Pulford; Ottawa College, Smith, McCreadie and Sparrow and three other players whose names I did not ascertain. Walters of Ottawa City, not being satisfied with the ruling, so far forgot as to attempt to kick the writer and repeated the offence twice at the umpire, with this very serious exception, I must say that both the umpire and myself were treated with consideration by the players, but at the same time the bad blood between the two teams caused them to disregard all rules of the game with the utmost recklessness and persistency.

The game was called on account of darkness, there being six and a half minutes unexpired time, each team having secured eight points.

Yours truly,

F.A. Crathern

Quebec Rugby Football Union Executive Meeting Wednesday November 10, 1897

Ottawa City representative Mr. Ed Seybold stated that Walters had been immediately suspended from the club, and would not again play with the City team. The club apologized to the referee.

Eddie Gleeson stated that the rough work of the City team on Saturday was not done on the impulse of the moment, but was decided upon before the game commenced.

There were several comments regarding the rough work of the City team in all its game this season and the team was to win the championship at any cost.

Eddie James of Montreal FC moved that Walters be forever suspended from playing in any football contest under the rules of the Quebec Rugby Union, and that if the motion carried the secretaries of the other Canadian Unions be notified of the action. Mr. A.G.B. Claxton, second vice-president QRFU, seconded the motion. The motion was carried 7 to 2. He then moved the suspension of the Ottawa City Club, citing two games he saw that displayed exhibitions of brutality that was disgusting and he had been following the game for 28 years. The club had gone from bad to worst. Mr. Grace from McGill seconded the motion. Then, Mr. Seybold moved an amendment that the players mentioned be suspended but not the club. It was lost 7-2. "Moved, in view of rough play by members of the Ottawa Football Club during the season, that the club would be suspended for the rest of the season." It was explained to the Ottawa City delegates that only the team, not the club was suspended. Also, all games prior were declared null and void and a playoff schedule would be arranged with the other clubs.

Mr. Gleeson said that his team could hardly come to Montreal two Saturdays in succession should they win the first game. But, on his suggestion it was decided that Ottawa College would play off at Montreal Saturday Nov 13 and the winner plays McGill the following Saturday at Ottawa if the college team wins, and at the Montreal AAA grounds if Montreal wins. It was decided to have the games start at 2:30 pm to avoid any darkness issues.

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INDIVIDUAL SCORING 1897

player-team	Trys	Goals from Trys	Goals from Field	Singles	Points
Eddie Gleeson, OC		3	1, Pk	16	29
Robert Macdougll, Mont	R	4	PK	8	22
Dick Kenny, Ott	5R				20
Stuart Rayside, Ott	4R				16
Shirley Davidson, McGill	R, OPRet			7	15
Stuart Cameron, Ott	R	4	Pk	1	14
Arthur Massey, Mont	2R, FRet			1	13
Willie Murphy, Mont	3FRet				12
Hartland Macdougall, Mont	2R			3	11
Eddie Murphy, OC	R, OSk			3	11
Frank McLea, McGill			1	6	11
Alf Smith, OC	2R			1	9
Johnny Powers, Ott	2R			1	9
William "Billy" Moore, McGill	2R				8
P.F. Duffy, McGill	2FRet				8
Frank McGee, Ott	R			3	7
K. Molson, McGill		2		2	6
Harry Southam, Mont	R			2	6
Herbert Molson, Mont	FRet				4
Harry Hill, McGill	R			1	5
Dr. Austin Irving, Mont	R				4
Dr. Clifford Jack, Mont	R				4
George Kennedy, Ott	R				4
James Smellie, Ott	R				4
Copping, OC	R				4
Jack McGee, OC	FRet				4
Tom McCreadie, OC	FRet				4
Tom Boucher, OC	R				4
O'Gara, OC	R				4

TEAM SCORING

	OC	Mont	McGill	Ott
Trys	9	12	9	15
Runs From Scrimmage	6	8	6	14
Onside Kicks	1			1
Fumble Ret	2	4	2	1
Punt Ret				
Kickoff Ret			OPRet	
Goals from Trys	3	4	2	4
Goals from Field	1, Pk	Pk	1	1, Pk
Single Points	22	15	16	6
Safety Touches	2		3	

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Percy Sise, McGill	R				4
W.G. Turner, McGill	FRet				4
C.P. Howard, McGill	R				4
Real Beaulieu, McGill				1	1
D'Arcy McGee, Ott				1	1

