



GAMES AND PASTIMES

Inter-varsity Hockey at Bromley: Oxford make a good run up the field

Last week's 'Varsity match was to a great extent a foregone conclusion, but although Cambridge won by 3 goals to 1, the game was, in reality, quite a close one. For the first time in the history of the game full Blues were given to the Cambridge eleven

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A Near Thing After All

The 'Varsity match last Wednesday was looked upon beforehand as almost a foregone conclusion for Cambridge; but, although the prophets were right as regards the actual result, that result served only to emphasise the proverbial uncertainty of 'Varsity contests. As a matter of fact it was quite a close game. Nothing was done in the first half hour, and, although Cambridge were two goals to the good at half time, Oxford made matters very warm for them in the second half, and, after reducing the lead to one goal, looked very like drawing level. Right up to the last minute they seemed just as likely to score as their adversaries, and it was only in that last minute that Goodwin put the issue beyond a doubt by hitting a third goal, after a clever run, for Cambridge. It was a game of exceptionally good, and comparatively moderate forward, play, and there were reasons for this. The Cambridge forward line was settled some time ago, but almost on the eve of the match B. M. Kitson, the inside left, was taken ill, and A. C. C. Hervey was chosen in his place. This change, naturally enough, and through no fault of Hervey's, weakened the combination of the line, and, except for a short time towards the end of the first half, they hardly ever reproduced the form which has made them so dangerous all through the season. Oxford, on the other hand, were trying different men in different

positions up to within a short while ago, the chief trouble—just as it was with the Cambridge Soccer team—being to find a centre forward. I gathered that the choice had finally rested upon E. G. Mirfield; but, even as the Cambridge Soccer captain decided at the eleventh hour to move his outside left, H. G. Yates, to the centre, so did the Oxford Hockey captain decide to entrust the centre position to S. H. Thompson, whose place all along had been at outside right. In neither case was the experiment justified by the result. There was, however, this merit about the Oxford attack last Wednesday that, finding their attempts at combined operation fruitless, they very sensibly tried the other method, individual play, or, as it is sometimes termed, "rushing tactics," and did it well enough to give their

Goodwin (C) Sutcliffe (C)
Bryan Brown (C) Ireland (C)



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Mackarness (O) Raynor (O) Goodman (C) Pound (C) Mirfield (O)
L. M. Robinson (C)

The Teams taking the field.