

# MANY PLAYERS ARE AFFECTED

## Spanish Influenza Claims Victims Among the City League Seniors

### EXCELSIORS WIN EASILY

### Batstone and Murphy Feature Listless Game With Individual Prowess

#### RESULTS.

##### Senior.

Excelsiors.....34 St. Vincents .. ..0  
 Y. M. C. A.....29 Queen's Unique ..0

##### 125 Pounds.

Arlingtons.....8 H. L. and A. C....1  
 Beaches.....6 Capitals .. ..1

Spanish Influenza and injuries played a rather prominent part in the City League senior results on Saturday afternoon. Excelsiors defeated the St. Vincent team by 34 to 0 and Y. M. C. A. beat Queen's Unique 29 to 0.

The losing teams were minus many regular players, while the winners were more fortunate and were able to present almost intact line-ups. However, it is doubtful whether the results would have been changed, even if the regular players of the defeated teams had been able to participate. The scores would probably have been closer, but it is conceded that the Excelsiors and Y. M. C. A. fourteen would have emerged victorious in any case.

It now seems almost a certainty that Goulding's outfit and the Excelsiors will fight it out for the title. Both are well fortified in splendid material, but last year's champions have the edge in experience.

### Batstone and Britton Star in Excelsior Win

Excelsiors easily defeated St. Vincents at Trinity College campus by the score of 34 to 0. The champions had the game well in hand at all stages and won away off.

Batstone and Britton played their usual strong games, the former outkicking the opposing halves with ridiculous ease. Britton tore holes in the St. Vincent line and his plunging featured a rather listless game. All of the Excelsior players performed creditably, and they should repeat last year's success without much trouble, providing, of course, that they are enabled to keep their present line-up intact.

St. Vincents disappointed many of their supporters, but these found solace in the fact that the Irish team as constituted Saturday was by long odds not the best that they can produce. Spanish influenza claimed many victims among their ranks, and other players were unable to participate owing to injuries.

One hour before the game was scheduled to commence it seemed probable that St. Vincents would be forced to default. However, Manager O'Neill got busy and rounded out a fourteen, which under the conditions and despite the score, won the admiration of their opponents by their plucky fight against hopeless odds.

#### Many Players Unable to Take Part.

Rodden, Egan, Blake, O'Connor, Code and Flynn were unable to take their regular places, and the players who substituted, although they tried to do heroic things, were unfamiliar with the signals and were not able to do either themselves or the team justice. It is doubtful whether the regular players could have turned the tide, but they would undoubtedly have kept the score down to reasonable proportions.

It is only fair to remark that the following players: Walsh, Richardson, Wiley, Hingan, McAllister, Callaton, Halliday and Leonard, had never played football previous to Saturday afternoon, and under the circumstances each of the players performed in creditable style. However, their inexperience told, and by violating the offside rule they on numerous occasions surrendered the ball to their opponents within easy scoring distance of the St. Vincent line.

Richardson, Shaw, Madden and Murphy were always in the limelight. Murphy made his initial appearance of the season and played a sensational game. It is safe to say that, as middle wing, the De la Salle boy and Frankie Britton are the class of the league. The line-up:

Excelsiors—Halves, Grass, Bysse, Benson and Batstone; quarter, H. Batstone; scrimmage, Geman, Partch and Toms; inside wings, Ross and Woods; middle wings, Britton and Leonard; outside wings, Smith and Thomas; flying wing, Ryder.

St. Vincents—Halves, Lee, Barnes and Wildstein; flying wing, Walsh and Madden; quarter, Kidd and Shaw; scrimmage, Wiley, O'Connor, Halliday and Leonard; inside wings, McAllister and Bunker; middle wings, Murphy and Hingan; outside wings, Callaton and Richardson.

Officials—"Len" Smith, referee; "Gene" Dopp, umpire.

### Goulding's Fourteen Will Bear Watching

Queen's Unique were badly defeated by the fast Central Y. M. C. A. team, the final score being 29 to 0. The losers were handicapped by the loss of several players, who were suffering from injuries or were victims of the influenza epidemic.

George Goulding trotted out a strong fourteen and one which should take some beating for the title. The team is well fortified in all departments, and in Sullivan, Burch and Schatz they possess three of the finest players in the league. Burch was particularly prominent on Saturday. He dodged his way through broken fields and proved very elusive. Applegath was effective at inside wing, and when he got properly under way was hard to stop.

Gardner of W. T. S. fame replaced Skitch at half-time, and he played heady football. By his brilliant individual efforts he soon got his teammates going, and from then until the finish it was a nip and tuck battle. The line-up:

Central Y. M. C. A.—Halves, Burch, Sullivan and Wilson; flying wing, Schatz; quarter, Heyland; scrimmage, Uren, Britnell and Burt; inside wings, Applegath and Burt; middle wings, Canniff and Yates; outside wings, Lorry and Conacher.

Queen's Unique — Halves, Skitch; Thelming, Gardner and Barchard; flying wing, Menzies; scrimmage, Garrett, Morrison and Wilson; quarter, Benson; inside wings, Turrell and J. Skitch; middle wings, Horn and Hill; outside wings, Frayling and W. Skitch.

Officials—Sloan and Armstrong.

#### FREE KICKS.

"Jimmy" Murphy of De la Salle made his initial appearance of the season when he lined up with St. Vincents on Saturday. Despite the fact that he was unfamiliar with the signals, he played a sensational game.

St. Vincents will hereafter hold three practices a week. These will be held at 8 o'clock at Trinity College campus on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The team made a disastrous showing on Saturday, and the management feels that it is up to the players to retrieve themselves. To do this they will have to attend these practices regularly. A special turnout is called for this afternoon at 8 o'clock.