

N.K. Lions Win Third Football Title

The Clifton Community Club football field was a scene of joyous bedlam late Saturday afternoon as the North Kildonan Lions Bantam football team outfought a gallant Clifton Cougars squad to win their third successive championship by a 20-8 score.

The Lions are the first Bantam team to win the title three years running.

The 12-point margin provided the edge for the winners in the two-game total points series. The first game ended in a 31-31 tie.

Playing conditions were again far from ideal with below freezing temperatures and winds gusting in the high twenties. The Cougars were much hotter than the weather and moved the ball in a series of line plays which culminated with a touchdown in the first quarter. The convert was missed.

Soon after, the Clifton team increased their lead to 8-0 when Larry Hatch, of the Lions, had difficulty in fielding a punt deep in his own end and the ball rolled out of touch behind the goal line for a safety touch.

The Lions roared back in the second quarter, and with the wind in their favour, moved the ball along the ground to pile up some hard earned yardage, which finally resulted in Helmut Kroeker smashing over for a major score. George Hopkinson's convert attempt was wide. Score: Clifton 8, Lions 6, at half time.

Coaches Bob Toth and Gord Carey made some adjustments at the half time intermission and the North Kildonan team, taking advantage of a short kick-off, immediately served notice that they were to be reckoned with.

With Ed. Smith, George Hopkinson, Nick Leitch and Jeff Domansky taking turns carrying the ball, they moved deep into Clifton territory. A touchdown pass from quarterback Domansky to Larry Hatch put the Lions in the lead for the first time in the game.

Again the same two players combined on a pass play for the convert to make the score

read N.K. Lions 13, Clifton 8.

When the teams changed ends to commence the fourth quarter, with Clifton now having the edge with the strong wind in their favour, the Lions defensive unit knew that their work would be cut out for them.

Clifton's outstanding quarterback, Jim Johnston, unable to move his team along the ground, filled the air with passes, but the pass defence also held.

The outstanding defensive play came at this stage when Nick Leitch robbed Clifton of a sure touchdown by making a tremendous move to knock the ball from the Clifton receiver.

~~So tough was the defensive~~ team that the Cougars did not get outside of their own end until the last minute of play.

Three different attempts to kick by the Clifton squad resulted in them losing the ball due to bad snaps or the Lions charge.

Lions took advantage of these breaks and finally moved in for the final major score of the game with fullback Ed Smith scoring. The convert was missed.

The final point came when

Jeff Domansky punted into the end zone and Robert Gutwein tackled the Clifton player for the single. North Kildonan Lions 20, Clifton Cougars 8. **Hail the champions!**

The team roster included: Neil Buller, Roland Buller, Dennis Chemirika, Randy Dann, Jeff Domansky, Ray Doucette, Greg Fougere, Griff Gill, Robert Gutwein, Larry Hatch, Ken Hiebert, George Hopkinson, Brian Kirton, Mike Korpesho, Doug Kozusko, Helmut Kroeker, Gord Laschuk, Nick Leitch, Gary Lywak, George Mann, Frank Nowicki, Mike Peterson, Greg Potter, Gord Pottinger, George Schelthelm, John Senyk, Ed Smith, Pete Sulkers, Jim Swiss, Bill Vivian, Wayne Wagner, Richard Wereschuk, Jim Wall and Brian Watson.

Coaches — Bob Toth and Gordon Carey.

Managers — Doug Lunney, Fraser Mackenzie and "Uncle Joe" Peters.

Chairman Bantam Football Program — Alex Grieve.

Publicity — Fred Van Alstyne.

Trainers — Garry Hornby and Scott Vincent.

Mascots — Ricky Hopkinson and Darryl Mackenzie.

They Piped To Victory

Upwards of 1,000 astonished Texans watched 20 teenage pipers from Winnipeg march away with every prize offered Sunday in the Southwest United States Piping championships, sponsored by the Scots of Austin Pipe Band.

Three of the boys are residents of East Kildonan. They are: Bruce Taylor, 328 Kimberly avenue; Gerry Berezuk, 163 Linden avenue, and Tim Flook, 658 Henderson Hwy.

The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada cadet corps band, its members aged 13 to 17, took first place in the all-adult contest, and three of its young pipers were the winners and runners up in the individual piping competition.

The full band scored 88 marks out of 100.

The first individual prize went to Cpl. Randy McNicol, of 872 Centennial street, with S. Sgt. Bruce Taylor and Sgt. Steve Kane, 187 Roseberry st., in second and third place.

The kilted lads from Winnipeg swung on parade behind Lt. Donald Morrison and caused heads to turn wherever they appeared.

They were flown from Winnipeg to Minneapolis by RCAF transport and taken from there to Austin by Braniff International Airlines at a reduced rate.

The idea of their visit to Austin was hatched in 1962 when a member of the Scots of Austin took part here in a piping competition during the July 1st Scottish Sports Day at Assiniboia Downs.