

# ATHLETICS

The outlook over the field of Athletics presented a very dismal picture at the re-opening of College this fall. So much so, indeed that interest in this worthy branch of college activity withered noticeably at the sight. But the staunch spirit of other years did not altogether forsake us and what remained of last year's athletic executive set themselves bravely to the work of re-organizing the Association.

At the meeting of the students held September 9th, the following were elected officers of St. Dunstan's A. A. 1917-18 :—

Moderator.....	Rev. J. C. McDonald, D. D.
President .....	Raymond V. McKenzie.
Vice-President. ....	John Butler.
Sec'y-Treas. ....	Justin Hughes.
Executive Committee.....	Fred'k Kelly, Thomas Hagan, Chas. P. Trainor.

On October 10th, Mr. Wm. H. McGuill was elected Sec'y-Treas. to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Justin Hughes.

The re-organization complete, the traditional transition to active participation in the fall sports was due, but the athletic spirit was dampened and there was no enthusiasm. Football, despite efforts to revive it, was neglected for weeks and thus so healthy a form of recreation as well as so fruitful a source of College spirit appeared doomed to go down—at least, for the year. The poor prospect of games with outside teams was the chief cause of this apathy.

At last some one cast off the lethargy which seemed to bind all and, taking pattern from our intermural league in hockey, suggested the like for football. The happy suggestion was immediately acted upon and

there strode forth upon the gridiron three stalwart aggregations to contend for intermural honors. Intense rivalry sprang up between the teams, though always tempered, of course, by the fraternal spirit with which all engaged in the fray. The schedule arranged by the committee called for six games. Several encounters occurred and the teams played with all the vim in their make-up for the "honor and glory" of their name and only incidentally, of course, for the "night in town" promised by the Prefect of Discipline to the winners of the league. The games were all very evenly contested and in each case, the decision scarcely swung to the winners.

The league had fairly swung into full stride when an unexpected but entirely welcome challenge was received from P. W. C. Although there had been really no team practise, the challenge was immediately accepted and a series of games arranged.

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St. Dunstan's—9.

P. W. College—0.

On November 3, the first game of the series was played in Victoria Park. The weather was admirably calculated to put the players on edge for a game of football and the field was in fairly good condition. Shortly after three o'clock, the whistle blew for play and both teams leaped into the fray with rugged determination "to do or die." P. W. C. kicked off and on the run back, S. D. U. placed the ball far within the borders of P. W. C.'s territory. After some hard scrumming and bucks by our boys, Captain Butler carried the ball over for the first try. Soon again, the Saints had penetrated the enemy's lines even to their last line of defence whence McGuill, recovering a blocked pass behind the P. W. C. scrum, went over for the second try. At this point, P. W. C. seemed to recover from the slashing onslaughts of our players and launched into a stronger play, giving our boys plenty of work to maintain the advantage. The remainder of the half witnessed no more scoring although the play was sharp and fast.

Half time rest up, each team issued forth again to do battle, the one side to increase its margin in points and the other, to haul down the colors of its opponents, if possible. Despite many serious situations in which either team found itself, no scoring was done until the latter part of the half. With time very nearly gone and both teams straining every nerve and fiber in the endeavor to outplay its adversary, the ball was carried over P. W. C's line for the third time, by Capt. Butler. This was the consummation of the nearest and most skilful play witnessed during the series. The ball passed from quarter through each half's hands, each admirably advancing it, until it was given to our captain to carry across the line amid the resounding cheers of the "fans." Hardly had the ball been put into play again when the referee's whistle blew for all time.

Following was the line-up :—

## S. D. U.

## P. W. C

## Full-back

Frank Mahoney

W. Drake

## Halves

Wm. H. McGuill

S. DesRoches

James McDonald

M. Nicholson (Capt.)

John Butler, (Capt.)

J. Lantz

Chas. P. Trainor

H. Hutcheson

## Quarters

Thos. Beagan

C. Campbell

Chas. Dougan

H. Noonan

John A. Fraser

D. Brown

## Forwards

Eugene Rooney

V. Smith

Jos. Sullivan

H. Walsh

P. B. Murphy

J. McLeod

Leo McDonald

E. Wright

Louis Callaghan

S. McLean

Merlin McCarthy

A. Boates

St. C. Smith

H. Dymont



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On November 19th, our boys again lined up against the wearers of the red and blue and again administered them a defeat. This second game of the series had been scheduled for the 10th but inclement weather compelled a series of postponements and, with the football season well advanced, it looked to the more anxious ones that the decisive game would not be staged. The 19th, itself was not altogether an ideal day for football. Leaden gray skies threatened snow and the latter part of the game was actually played in a blizzard. However, despite the raw wind and menacing skies, the game as scheduled, began soon after three o'clock. Capt. Butler won the toss and chose the kick-off which placed the ball far down the field where, owing to a fumble, it remained for the first scrum. Back and forth went the play with neither side seemingly the better, until at last, Capt. Butler, ever on the alert and ready to meet an emergency, received the ball and after clever dodging and a long run, crossed the line for our first try. The second score was quickly registered by J. E. McDonald who smashed through all opposition in his way over the goal line. The half closed without further scoring.

The second half found P. W. C's line-up changed, owing to slight accidents to two of their players. The play during the greater part of the half, was saved from being only mediocre by a dash here and there of brilliant performance by individuals. The bitter wind caused many a cold hand and pierced, it would seem, not merely to the bone but to the very spirit of the players and the play lagged behind the high standard previously attained. Added to this was the fall of snow, which, of course, was antagonistic to good football playing. Then, suddenly, when the game appeared at its lowest ebb, our scrum, fighting hard against their adversaries around their twenty-yard line, "got the ball out" and from quarter to half it passed until the final dash was made and the third score registered. This play was a close second to its exemplar of the first game. As in

the first game, the third try was made just before the whistle blew for "all time."

It is fitting here to acknowledge gratefully the kindness of Mr. S. Doyle who refereed the games to the entire satisfaction of both teams.

We also embrace this opportunity to congratulate sincerely our football rivals from P. W. C. Their showing on the gridiron was splendid and, though they failed to wrest the intercollegiate championship from S. D. U., our players can testify that their attempts to do so were not by any means too easily repulsed. We thank them heartily for the series.

The line-up, for S. D. U. was the same as in the first game. P. W. C. substituted Waye and Spindle after the accidents noted above.

We have somewhat violated the chronological order of events and we must now go back to October 16th, on which date was held our time honored field meet. The choice of the day was indeed a happy one for the weather was splendidly suited to the occasion. Previous to the meet, it seemed to the most of us that very little preparation was being made by those who were intending to participate in the events; but we were surely mistaken as the competitors quite attained to the high standard of other years.

Following is the list of prize winners :—

#### SENIOR EVENTS.

Best all-round athlete—A. Sinnott.

Shot Put—1st, P. McQuaid; 2nd, J. Sullivan; 3rd, G. Dalton. Dist. 33 ft. 9 in.

Place-kicking football—1st, E. Rooney; 2nd, P. McQuaid; 3rd, G. Francis. Dist. 153 ft. 9 in.

Throwing Baseball—1st, G. Dalton; 2nd, R. Noonan; 3rd, J. Cooney. Dist. 284 ft.

100 yd. Dash—1st, F. Kelly; 2nd, A. Sinnott; 3rd, L. Callaghan. 10 4-5 seconds.

Heavy Hammer—1st, P. McQuaid; 2nd, J. Sullivan; 3rd, Jas. McDonald. Dist. 103 ft. 6 in.

Half Mile Run—1st, A. Sinnott ; 2nd, L. Callaghan ; 3rd, D. McLean. Time. 2 min. 27  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.

Broad Jump—1st, F. Kelly ; 2nd, D. McLean ; 3rd, A. Sinnott. Dist. 16 ft. 10 in.

220 yd. Dash—1st, F. Kelly ; 2nd, A. Sinnott ; 3rd, L. Callaghan. Time 24 3-5 sec.

Hop, Step and Jump—1st, A. Sinnott ; 2nd, D. McLean ; 3rd, R. Noonan. Dist. 36 ft. 6 in.

High Jump—1st, J. Sullivan ; 2nd, D. McLean, and J. McDonald. Height 4 ft. 9 in.

440 yd. Dash—1st, A. Sinnott ; 2nd, F. Kelly ; Time 56 sec.

Mile Run—1st, L. Callaghan ; 2nd, Chas. Kickham.

Throwing Discus—1st, G. Dalton ; 2nd, P. McQuaid ; 3rd, P. Nelligan. Dist. 95 ft. 3 in.

Handball Tournament—1st, P. McQuaid and Chas. P. Trainor.

#### JUNIOR EVENTS.

Best all-round athlete—Theron Morrison.

100 yd. Dash—1st, F. McCormack ; 2nd, F. Cronin. Time 13 sec.

Broad Jump—1st, T. Morrison ; 2nd, T. Grady ; 3rd, S. McDonald. Dist. 15 ft. 4 in.

Hop, Step and Jump—1st, G. Morrison ; 2nd, T. Morrison ; 3rd, F. Cronin. Dist. 32 ft. 7 in.

High Jump—1st, S. McDonald ; 2nd, F. Cronin ; 3rd, J. Zaib. Height 4 ft. 4 in.

220 yd. Dash—1st, G. Morrison ; 2nd, T. Morrison ; 3rd, T. Grady. Time 28 sec.

Handball Tournament—1st, Geo. Francis and Jas. Johnson.

Wheel Barrow Race—1st, F. Mahoney and T. Stapleton ; 2nd, P. McQuaid and P. McCormack.

#### SENIOR FOOTBALL.

It can hardly be said that we were disappointed in our anticipations regarding senior football. Indeed, that there were any games at all with outside teams, whether intermediate or senior, was a surprise to us—welcome, you may be sure.