Athletics

Once again the football season has come and gone but the reminiscences are sweet. The Saints achieved their goal, a Maritime Intercollegiate Championship. It was not attained without hard work on the part of both players and coach, but with victory accomplished they can enjoy the fruits of their efforts.

The Second Saints although defeated by Prince of Wales for the A. J. Zakem Trophy came up with a strong team. Coached by Ron McIvor they showed spirit and determination of which they may well be proud. Without their efforts on the practice field against First Team a Maritime Championship would never have been possible.

On the intramural scene, Father Allan MacDonald with the assistance of George Mullally and manager Eugene Mooney kept interest alive and things running smoothly. Not only were there two leagues but a juvenile high school team was formed which entered into competition with teams from Charlottetown.

FIRST TEAM

With the backfield almost intact from the previous year Coach A. J. MacAdam's first task was that of forming a scrum. The only regular returning from the "53" edition of the Saints' first team was big Dick Wedge. Aggressive Arnold Mullin, formerly a backfield man, was pressed into service as the heeler. Spirited Aquinas Ryan and steady Gerald Johnston became the two other frontline men. Big, raw-boned Tom McGaugh, along with veteran Wedge took up the locking positions. Tailing up was reliable Louis MacDonald. That the rookies came through in great style is now quite evident.

Back of the scrum Coach MacAdam designated Bear River's John Kelly as scrum-half. Back at his old position at stand-off was the spectacular Gus Dorais. Inside on the three-quarters line were "Irish" Bob Mooney and the hard-driving co-captain, Lloyd Gaudet. The wing-men on this year's squad were the speedy co-captain Paul Jay and rugged Rodney McInnis. The fullback's poistion was held down by that old pro, Jack Reardon. Injuries brought into play the services of Frank Slowey and Kimball Jay. Other

subs were Jean-Paul Roussell, Willard McCarron and Don MacDougall.

After about three weeks of practice in which P.T. (A. J.'s style) and scrimmage were the main issues, the team was more than glad to engage in some intercollegiate competition. It started off in great style by winning the first three games. Then it suffered two reversals at the hands of Mount Allison. But with the chips on the table and the championship at stake it came out on top.

The following are the results of the games.

SAINTS 6   ACADIA 5

The Saints opened the 1954 intercollegiate season with a win over Acadia. In order to come out on top in this encounter however, it was necessary to come from behind. In the opening minutes of play Acadia capitalized on a lapse on the part of the Saints' defences and scored. The convert was made and from then on it was an uphill battle. But with the scrum getting the ball out to the backfield the team was not to be denied. Midway through the first half, co-captain "Sanka" Gaudet scored on a passing play which went from John Kelly to Gus Dorais to Bob Mooney to Gaudet. The convert was missed so the Saints still trailed. In the second half John Kelly picked the ball from the scrum and completely fooled the Acadia team to cross the line. Though no further scores were made Rodney McInnis made some tremendous runs.

SAINTS 2   NOVA SCOTIA TECH 0

The second game of the year was played at Dartmouth against Tech. This was the game in which the scrum excelled. Tackling hard and following up all kicks they never gave the Tech team a chance to get started. In the first moments of play Jack Reardon made good on a penalty kick and that slim two points proved to be the margin of victory. Louis MacDonald, "Kayo" Mullin, and Aquinas Ryan time and time again stopped the Tech backffield with vicious tackles. Paul Jay, Gus Dorais, and Lloyd Gaudet, although not crossing the line, contributed long runs to keep the ball in the opponents' zone.

SAINTS 5   ACADIA 2

The return game with the Axemen proved to be as close and thrilling as the first encounter. Once again a team effort was needed to bring the Saints out on top. Putting

up a strong defense and a hard pressing offence Acadia proved to be a tough opponent. Midway through the first half, however, Rodney McInnis got away a tremendous kick which Bunty Forde hauled down on his three yard line. Tackled hard by Mooney before he was able to get started, Forde dropped the ball and the ever alert MacDonald was there to scoop it up and cross the line. Reardon converted and the Saints led 5 to 0. The Acadia team was a determined one though and second half play was all in the Saints' territory. However, the best the Axemen could do was a penalty goal. Tom McGaugh and Jerry Johnston turned in strong games for the Saints.

SAINTS 0   MT. ALLISON 2

In this game the team suffered its first defeat. As in past games with the crew from Sackville it was the educated toe of Les Davies which proved the margin of defeat. Starting quickly the Saints dominated the play from the beginning but never could seem to cross the line. Fine runs by Dorais, Mooney, Gaudet, Jay, and McInnis kept the play in Mt. A. territory throughout most of the game. Tom McGaugh, from a two man scrum, plunged to the one-foot line, but Mt. A. held. In the second half with but a few seconds gone a penalty kick proved disastrous. The team came back strong and with only minutes left co-captain Jay uncorked a tremendous run which carried him to the five yard line but that was as far as he could go. Ryan and Mullin turned in great performances for the Saints.

SAINT 3   MT. A. 5

Mount Allison once again proved an obstacle in the path of the onrushing Saints. Without a doubt this was the roughest game of the season. From the first scrum the Saints scored but this was not without a price. The ball was heeled out cleanly and went from Slowey to Dorais to Mooney to Gaudet to Jay who crossed the line without a hand touching him. On the play Mooney suffered a broken nose. Kimball Jay replaced him and turned in a good game. The convert was missed and the Saints led 3 to 0. Soon after Davies made good on a penalty kick and thus the score stood 3 to 2. With the scrum playing hard and Reardon returning numerous kicks play centered around midfield. There were only about ten minutes to go when Nicholson scored for Mt. A. Throughout the game Dorais set up numerous runs for the Saints. The co-captains, Jay and Gaudet, were tremendous and to single out individual play

for the scrum men would be impossible as they were all terrific.

SAINTS 5   NOVA SCOTIA TECH 0

This was the game that the team had to win for the championship. Though the weather was cold and snow covered the ground, the Saints came up with a game that would have been great even under ideal playing conditions. Like two year's ago against Mt. A. Jack Reardon proved to be the man of the hour. Throughout the first half both teams battled to a deadlock. The Tech team threatened several times but the Saints' defences held. At the beginning of the second half the boys from Halifax were forced to have a drop-out from between the bars. This they did but right into the hands of Jack who promptly drop-kicked it back through the uprights for two points. From then on the issue was never in doubt. Paul Jay later scored on a nice pass from Rodney McInnis. It was in this contest that Dick Wedge came up with an outstanding performance. Both offensively and defensively his playing left little to be desired. John Kelly and Frank Slowey both turned in good games.

Once again we extend congratulations to the crew from the college on the hill piloted by Coach MacAdam for coming through in such great fashion.

SECOND TEAM

This year the Second Saints were coached by Ron McIvor who took over from John Eldon Green. The members of this year's squad were Captain Jack MacDonald, John A. MacDonald, Wilfred Gillis, George McGuigan, Bill Chisholm, Lee Burke, Jean Paul Roussell, Sandy McDonald. Joe Stewart, Gerald Murphy, Don MacDougall, Donnie LeClair, Ed. MacDonald, Frank Slowey and Kimball Jay. Subs were Terry Gallant and Neil Gillis.

SAINTS 0   P. W. C. 0

Starting where they left off last year, the two evenly matched teams battled to a scoreless tie. The Welshmen had two opportunities to score on penalty kicks and the Saints one, but each kick was carried far off its course by a high wind. John R. MacDonald, Bill Chisholm, and Frank Slowey made several nice running plays but were unable to score. "Bunny" Gillis did a superb job of heeling and Lee Burke turned in some hard tackles.

SAINTS 0   P. W. C. 0

For the second straight time this year neither team was able to produce a score. The Saints started on the offensive shortly after the opening kick-off as Don LeClair carried the ball to P. W. C.'s 20 yard line. But this was as far as the Saints got. From here on in the Welshmen carried the offensive for the remainder of the first half. Dave MacLeod came within inches of the goal line but at this point in the game the Saints' defences were insurmountable. In the second half the Saints again made an impressive start as they reached P.W.C.'s five yard zone. Again they were stopped and for the remainder of the game play waged between both 25 yard zones. Bill Chisholm, Jack MacDonald and Ed MacDonald were outstanding for the Saints.

SAINTS 3   P. W. C. 4

By the narrowest of margins Prince of Wales defeated the Saints in the third and final engagement fo the series. It was that old bug-bear of the Saints, a penalty kick, which turned the trick. The first half of the game went scoreless as the two other games had. Around the 11 minute mark of the second frame, Gordon Tweedy made good on a penalty kick for P. W. C. The Saints came right back however and carried the ball into the Welshmen's territory on a series of fine runs by the backfield. It was John A. MacDonald who pushed over the line to give the Saints a 3 to 2 lead. Prosperity was not long to last for the Red and White team as Tweedy once again split the uprights with a penalty goal to give his team a 4 to 3 edge which they never relinquished. For the Saints Sandy MacDonald, Captain Jack MacDonald, Don LeClair and Jean Paul Roussell were standout performers.

TRACK AND FIELD DAY

Under the capable supervision of St. Clair Fisher this year's Field Day was held on October 5th. Despite the cold and windy weather there was a large turnout for all events.

Ernest Roche tallied 20 points to head the field in the Senior Competitions. He was followed by Paul Jay in second place with 11 points and Michael Swift in third with 10. In the Junior Competition, John Lavers was the winner with 18 points while John Whelan, Donald LeClair and Stewart Hansen were all tied for second with 11 points each. Robert Brasset was third with 9.

The results of the events are as follows:

Senior Shot-Putt: 1. Rodney McInnis; 2. Daniel Shea; 3. Louis MacDonald; distance: 38 ft. 1 in.

Junior Shot-Putt: 1. Robert Brasset; 2. Gerald Murphy; 3. Desmond Irving; distance: 32 ft. 1 in.

Senior 100 Yd. Dash: 1. Ernest Roche; 2. Paul Jay; 3. Kimball Jay; time: 10.7 secs.

Junior 100 Yd. Dash: 1. John Whelan; 2. Donald LeClair; 3. John Lavers; time: 11.4 secs.

Senior Standing Broad Jump: 1. Ernest Roche; 2. Michael Swift; 3. Allan Roberts and St. Clair Trainor; distance: 8 ft. 8 in.

Junior Standing Broad Jump: 1. Desmond Irving; 2. Robert Brasset: 3. John Lavers; distance: 8 ft. 4 in.

Senior 220 Yd. Dash: 1. Ernest Roche; 2. Paul Jay; 3. Lloyd Gaudet: time: 25.4 secs

Junior 220 Yd. Dash: 1. John Whelan; 2. Donald LeClair; 3. John Lavers; time: 27 secs.

Senior Hop. Step and Jump: 1. Michael Swift; 2. Edward MacDonald; 3. John Reardon; distance: 34 ft. 11 in.

Junior Hop, Step, and Jump: 1. John Lavers; 2. Stewart Hansen: 3. Robert Brasset; distance: 35 ft. 11 in.

Senior Running Broad Jump: 1. Paul Jay; 2. Arnold Mullin; 3. Michael Swift; distance: 16 ft. 4 in.

Junior Running Broad Jump: 1. John Lavers; 2. Stewart Hansen; 3. Donald LeClair: distance: 16 ft. 11 in.

Senior 440 Yd. Dash: 1. Ernest Roche; 2. Aquinas Ryan; 3. Frank Gillis; time: 57.8 secs.

Junior 440 Yd. Dash: 1. Stewart Hansen; 2. E. Praught; 3. Donald LeClair; time: 1 min. 1.3 secs.

Senior High Jump: 1 Edward MacDonald; 2. Bill Chisholm; 3. Michael Swift; height: 4 ft. 11 in.

Junior High Jump: 1. John Lavers; 2. Reg. Pendergast; 3. Ron Chisholm; height: 4 ft. 9 in.

880 Yd. Dash Open: 1. Aquinas Ryan; 2. Donald LeClair· 3. John Whelan; time: 2 min. 25.5 secs.

Mile Run Open: 1. Arnold Mullin; 2. Frank Gillis; 3. Earl Handrahan; time: 5 min. 48 secs.

Class competition was won for the second successive year by the present Senior class.

POSTSCRIPT TO THE FOOTBALL SEASON

Since the writing of this section the Saints' First Team has once again drank deeply of the cup of victory. For the second time in three years the Red and White squad is the proud possessor of the McCurdy Cup, symbol of supremacy in Maritime Rugby.

On Saturday, November 20th the Saints playing inspired ball ran roughshod over the Saint John Mariners to the tune of 10 to 0. Starting at the first whistle and continuing until the final one had sounded the team displayed a brand of football that had even their most ardent supporters aghast. It was hard-driving Lloyd Gaudet that tallied the first counter. The scoring play started from the scrum on the Mariners's 20 yard line. The ball on being heeled cleanly was picked up by Kelly who in turn relayed it to Dorais to Slowey to Gaudet. That ended the scoring for the first half. In the second canto hard-working Aquinas Ryan took the ball from a two-man scrum on the Mariners' 15 and barged his way through several Saint John defenders to score and put the Saints ahead 6 to 0. Jack Reardon converted to make it 8 to 0. The last of the scoring was by reliable Lewis MacDonald. Lew took the ball from a two-man scrum on the Marines' 20 at a point directly in front of the goalposts and calmly drop-kicked the slippery ball between the posts for two more points.

The score of 10 to 0 is really not indicative of the type of game the team played. With a few breaks they could have doubled the score. Gus Dorais, playing the most spectacular game of his career, time and time again broke away for large gains. All the forwards were sensational. Dick Wedge, continuing his play from the game against Tech was tremendous. It would be possible to continue right down the line and mention each one individually as each one came up with an effort that was nothing short of great.

No rule is so general, which admits not some exception.

—Robert Burton.

The world's a stage on which all parts are played.

—Thomas Middleton.

A little philosophy inclineth man's mind to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth man's mind about to religion.

Francis Bacon.