

ATHLETICS



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The hockey season just ended was a very successful one for old St. Dunstan's not only in intermural but especially in extra-mural contests. It would be well ere we treat about the merits of our senior team to make a short review of the work done by Captain Poirier and the coach, Rev. J. C. McDonald D. D. and to congratulate them on their success in turning out such an admirable team.

Only two of last year's "First Team" men reported for pratice leaving five vacant places, difficult to fill. However the Captain and Coach proved to be equal to the emergency by ordering that practices, the best means to perfection, be held as often as possible. One by one the vacant positions were filled until there was moulded into shape a team of which St. Dunstan's may well be proud. Our senior team met P. W. C. team in two encounters and succeeded in carrying off the laurels of victory each time, although the latter had the rare privilege of having on their team two of Charlottetown's "best." The bankers having failed to come into the tricornered league formed in 1916, caused a break-up of the league; this fact permitted S. D. U. A. A. A. to secure the Gillis trophy, equally merited by the Saints and bankers last year. The second team did not get a chance to show its ability against any opposing team this year; but judging from the practices we can safely say that it has lost none of it's old time vigor. The third team arranged a series of games with the Queen Square school-boys but up to the present only two games have been played, the first resulting in a draw and the second in a victory for the S. D. U. team.

Much of the credit for our success in hockey is due the members of the rink committe, who did everything in their power to keep the ice and rink in the best condition, and we take this opportunity of extending to them our heartiest thanks.

Intermural Hockey League

The formation of this league early in the season contributed a large share towards keeping alive the enthusiasm always evinced in sports at St. Dunstan's during the winter season. The different games of the series were hotly contested and the winning team claims its honors by only a small margin. We would desire to comment on the merits or demerits of each individual contestant but space being somewhat limited we must be content with giving a short passing reference to each of the five contesting teams.

Post Bellum—It is our pleasing duty to inform those interested in St. Dunstan's Intermural hockey that this new team secured the much coveted championship. We have every reason to congratulate Manager McGuill and Capt. Sinnott on the success of their team, which never lost a game during the season.

Aeronauts—This team, during the early part of the season, did indeed prove itself worthy of its name. It was certainly in the air during the first two games, but towards the end of the series it came down and rendered some fine exhibitions of hockey. The fact that they hold second place in the series of games is no doubt due to the painstaking and untiring efforts of Manager Kiggins and Capt. McCabe.

Leaders—This name carries with it the idea of ascendancy. It seemed at first that this team would claim its right to the title before the league ended, but unhappily the strength of its ranks was greatly impaired by the departure of two members of the original septette. We must acknowledge however that Capt. Sullivan and his men played a good brand of hockey and proved themselves to be good sports.

Victors—This team, although comparatively weak at first, began to do very effective work before the series ended, and caused very much apprehension for second place among the ranks of the "Aeronauts" and

"Leaders." Capt. Eddington having played a considerable amount of hockey before coming amongst us last fall, coached his men to his utmost ability, with the result that his team was a match for any in the league at the end of the ssason.

Princess Pats or Patricias-This team did work worthy of a comparison with that done by its namesake "Over There." Capt. Collins had to labor under many disadvantages to muster up recruits to join his ranks. All his men except himself were light, but trappy enough to prevent their opponents making a high score. We expect that this team will have a high standing in the league next year, and, without doubt, will make Intermural hockey interesting.

Philosopher's Game

The solution of the question: "Which of the Philosophers' teams is going to win?" was waited for with the greatest impatience by all our hockey enthusiasts. On March 7 the question was solved, when the game resulted in a draw.

According to custom, six men were picked from the ranks of the Seniors to play a similar number of Juniors. During the three fifteen-minute periods scientific hockey was staged, much to the gratification of the enthusias-

tic spectators.

During the first five minutes of play, battle was waged around centre ice until "Rupert," the speedy left wing of the Junior team, secured the puck, and after a few yards of clever stick-handling, succeeded with an accurate shot in placing the first goal behind "Willie," the efficient goaler for the Seniors. Play waged around the Juniors' nets during the next five minutes; but Walsh, seeing how precarious it was to have the disc in such close proximity to his nets, laid hold on it, sped down the ice like lightning, passed the Senior defense and neatly lodged the second goal to the credit of the Juniors. Play began now in earnest; the Seniors started to rush things. Sinnott, McDonald and Lefebvre made some very fine rushes, but failed to score. Dalton and Hughes of the Juniors,

after some clever stick-handling and speedy rushes, succeeded in evading the Seniors' forwards many times; but owing to the heavy checking and clever defense work of O'Brien and Sinnott they could find no weak

spots, and failed to score.

The second period began with an intense bombardment of the Juniors' nets, but all to no avail, as the Juniors' goaler was an old hand at the job and managed to place himself between the puck and the nets almost every time. After a few minutes of play in Junior territory, Lefebvre, the stalwart left wing of the Seniors, tallied the first score for his team with a hot wing shot. Immediately after the face-off, McDonald of the Seniors secured the puck and after a long rush succeeded in tying the score. McGuill stopped quite a number of dangerous shots during this period, and had it not been for his clever work the score would have been much higher in favor of the Juniors.

The third period was noted for the "com" played by the Juniors, especially by Monaghan and Walsh, who gained a large amount of applause for their excellent work. After a few minutes of strenuous play Hughes made a "get away" for the Juniors from his position at defense, passed the rubber to Walsh who netted the third and last goal to the credit of his

team.

Things were looking very blue for the Seniors, with only five minutes to play and the battle waging in their own territory. However "Mickey" coming to the rescue for the Seinors secured the puck on a pass from McDonald and dropped the third score into the Junior's nets, amid joyous acclamations from the "rooters" on the promenade. During the latter part of this period fast hockey was played, each team trying to win the deciding score; but both teams failed owing to the admirable work done by the defense and gaolers, of each team.

When the whistle sounded all-time the score stood 3-3, leaving the solution of the question very evident—One team was no better than the other.

The line up for each team was as follows:—Seniors:—W. McGuill, Goal; A. O'Brien, R. Defense;

A. Sinnott, L. Defence; R. McDonald, Centre; M. Rooney, R. Wing; A. Lefebvre, L. Wing.

Juniors: —E. Rooney, Goal; N. Hughes, L. Defence; G. Dalton, R. Defense; P. Walsh, Centre; G. Monahan, R. Wing, R. O'Neill, L. Wing.

S. D. U. 3. P. W. C. 1.

Our old rivals, P. W. C. played their first game against us in the Charlottetown Arena on March 4th. Captain Poirier and his men were prepared for battle long before the referee's whistle sounded the beginning of hostilities. The ice being in poor condition prevented both teams from setting a fast pace; however the game was by no means "slow", each team worked hard and staged a fine exhibition of Hockey.

The P. W. C. team being accustomed to the large rink showed a superiority over our team during the first half, by keeping the puck in our territory most of the time. Our team playing much individual hockey succeeded in breaking through the P. W. C. defense several times but failed to score. Lane, Hutcheson and Howatt played good combination and kept our defense goaler busy. Poirier and McQuaid specialized in their end-to-end rushes but could never find a weak spot in the P. W. C. defense. Toward the end of the period Love, of the P. W. C. team, collided with Poirier and was obliged to abandon the struggle. His place was filled by Drake, who certainly proved himself to be right at home on the watery ice. Lane, the star-rover for P. W. C. played a hard game and by making use of his long sweeps and clever tricks succeeded in scoring before the first half ended.

But this did not discourage the members of our team; the "Chief" explained matters to his men in a war council during their respite and filled them with a great determination to rush things during the second half.

Our septette came on the ice for the second period confident that they had the ability to bring victory if they worked together. The forwards rushed down the ice several times playing good combination but ten minutes of strenuous labor elasped before McDonald tied the score with a long wing shot. The "Farmers" game began in earnest now. The P. W. C. forwards came down to our defense several times but each time a "Prince" would lose his equilibrium after receiving a heavy "Back-check," and hence would fail to score. At last Grady secured the puck and aimed a shot at the P. W. C. nets, but he shot too high; the puck dropped down behind the net, where "Tom" found it again and passed to Cronin who "shovelled" another swift one into our opponents' nets.

The play then wavered around centre ice for a few minutes. Doucette did some good stick-handling and played excellent combination with Cronin who was always ready to bombard the enemy's nets. Towards the end of the game, McDonald seeing that there was a possibility for the P. W. C. team to make the game result in a draw, made a long rush, evaded the P. W. C. defense and slammed in the third and last counter for the Saints.

J. Herrell as referee and F. Moore as Judge of Play performed their respective duties in a most impartial and satisfactory manner.

The line up was as follows:-

S.D.U.—G. Leclerc, Goal; S. Poirier, (Capt.) Point; P. McQuaid, Cover; S. McDonald, Rover; F. Cronin, Centre; F. Doucette, R. Wing; T. Grady, L. Wing.

P. W. C.—F. Waye, Goal; J. Lantz, (Capt.) Point; R. Anderson, Cover; R. Lane, Rover; W. Howatt, Centre; H. Hutcheson, L. Wing; E. Love, R. Wing.

S.D.U.—5. P.W.C.—1.

On March 14th our team lined up against the P.W.C. team a second time, and succeeded in carrying off victory again. In response to persistent requests from the Prince of Wales boys, the "six-man" type of hockey was substituted for the older "seven-man" game. The ice was in good condition, and some very fast hockey was staged in the presence of a large crowd of enthusiastic spectators.

P.W.C. started to make the pace at the beginning. Lane and Hutcheson played good combination, but could not pass our defense. McDonald, Poirier and McQuaid rushed several times from end to end, but failed to score during the first period. Cronin, Doucette and Grady played excellent combination, and called upon Waye to stop many dangerous shots, but the latter always managed to put himself in the "way" and allowed none to enter. Lantz collided with McQuaid towards the end of the period, causing the former to sustain a slight injury; he was substituted by Ross. There was no scoring done during this period, although the play was fast and furious.

From the face-off in the second period, St. Dunstan's had the best of it, being superior to their opponents in "com" and stick-handling; but almost ten minutes elapsed before Cronin, our speedy young centre, tallied the first score for our team. Then with this encouragement the Saints started to work in earnest. Poirier secured the puck from the face-off, made a speedy rush from his position on defense, passed through all his opponents and notched the second counter before the most of the fans had realized that

the play was on.

The puck was brought back once more to centre ice and dropped between the sticks. Hutcheson securit on a pass from Lane, but failed to stick-handle past our defense; instead Poirier took the rubber, made a sensational end to end rush and succeeded in lodging the disc a third time inside the P.W.C. nets. During the next five minutes, play was in favor of P. W. C. Love, Howatt and Hutcheson played much combination and shot quite often, but always found Leclerc in his usual obstructive mood. Lane, having substituted Love, secured the puck from a mix-up in front of our goal and lodged a swift one in our nets. This goal encouraged the P. W. C. team; their three forwards started to rush again, but Doucette broke up their combination, and after some artful stick-handling for a few yards, passed the puck to Cronin, who netted the fourth goal for our team. Immediately after the face-off Mc-Donald took the puck, made a long rush and could likely have scored, but having thought of a safer plan, he passed to Cronin, who slammed in the fifth score for the Saints.

In the third period, P. W. C. determined to rush things. Lane, Anderson and Hutcheson invaded our territory, made use of some clever stickhandling and passing, but could not break through our almost impregnable defence. Doucette, Grady and Cronin handed some speedy ones to Waye, who stopped them quite easily. Ross and Howatt played good hockey during this period for P. W. C. in breaking up combination and holding down their respective positions. McDonald, Poirier and McQuaid specialized in this period also with long rushes and heavy checking, but failed to score.

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Both teams lined up as in the previous game, with the exception that Ross acted as substitute in the place of Drake for the P. W. C. team.

The "Princes," disappointed at losing the first game, consoled themselves by maintaining that "seven man" hokey was a "Farmers" game, however it was very evident that their performance in "six-man" hockey (styled by them "Gentleman's" game) was not even on a par with their first attempt. Nevertheless the boys of the "Red and Blue" are to be congratulated on getting into shape a team capable of putting up such a good type of hockey as they did. They are good, clean sports!



Justice is itself the great standing policy of civil society, and any eminent departure from it, under any circumstances, lies under the suspicion of being no policy at all.—Burke.

A man is very apt to complain of the ingratitude of those who have risen far above him.—Sam'l Johnson.