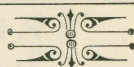




ATHLETICS



In this department of our magazine we aim to give some account of the different kinds of physical diversion in which the students indulge during the scholastic year. These are, of course, many and varied.

Besides a number of what we might call all-year games, because they do not belong to any particular time of year, there are three great seasonal activities which, each in its time and place, hold practically undisputed sway in the realm of sport. In autumn it is football, in winter hockey, and when the bright spring days have come all athletically inclined young men turn their attention to baseball.

This year the belated appearance of real baseball weather delayed the commencement of this sport much later than was expected earlier in the season. With the snow almost all gone at Easter baseball enthusiasts hoped to get under way about the middle of April. But in this they were to be disappointed for the weather remained wet and cold the greater part of the month, and it was not till April 26, that a real beginning was made. On that date a first and second team practice game was played. Several days of bad weather followed and it was almost a week before baseball got going full swing, some few days later than last year.

Since that time, however, fine weather has prevailed and the first and second team, coached by Rev. Fr. McGuigan, have been practising regularly. At the time of writing no outside games have been played but, no doubt, as soon as some of the city teams get organized, a number of games will be forthcoming.

Besides the above mentioned first and second teams, an Intermural League of six teams has been formed and a schedule of games arranged for them. This league always excites much interest among the students and calls forth much discussion and speculation as to its outcome. A number of games have been played thus far and the teams captained respectively by W. Callaghan and M. J. Fay, are now tied for first position. It seems likely that one of these will head the list at the end although, of course, it is quite possible for any of the other teams to take a

winning streak that would carry them ahead. Usually, in this league, the issue remains undecided until the umpire calls the last man out.

Besides baseball, such games as tennis, handball, and softball are being duly patronized by the student body. The latter game was introduced at St. Dunstan's last year and instantly won favour with the students. This year its popularity has still further increased, and it now has a greater number of followers than any other game.

Basketball

Since the Easter Holidays the Saints' basketball team has played two games. Their opponents on both occasions were the League of the Cross team whom they twice defeated, though not without being called upon to show forth their best brand of basketball. The League boys are fast and experienced players and the fact that they were twice overcome by our team speaks well for the latter's basketball ability. It is regrettable that they were unable to arrange for other games as we believe they would have given a good account of themselves.

The first game was played, Saturday, April 6, and was a fine exhibition of basketball throughout.

The League boys jumped ahead at the start but the Saints soon got going and quickly forged ahead of their rivals. The score at the end of the first period stood 22-16 for the Saints.

In the second period the L. O. C. team made a determined effort to overcome the six-point lead against them while the Saints, on their part, endeavoured to increase their margin. Many excellent plays were executed on both sides; the Saints especially playing excellent combination. At the end of the period the Saints were still six points ahead of their opponents, the score being 43-31 in their favour. J. Keegan was high scorer for the Saints and W. Power for the League.

The following were the players:—League of the Cross: R. Doyle, R. Harley, C. Coyle, W. Power, E. Robin, C. Praught, A. McEachern.

Saints: M. McKenna, H. Grant, J. Keegan, L. Sugrue, A. Doucette, A. Dufour, L. Drapeau, L. Duffy.

Referee—Mr. Vincent McQuaid.

The second game played Friday, April 12, in the League gym resulted in a decisive victory for the Saints by the score of 43-23.

The above score might seem to indicate that the play was rather one-sided, but this was not the case. The game was fast and hard fought from start to finish, though the Saints were able to keep the upper hand all through.

At the end of the first period they were leading 15-4. This lead they still further increased in the second period in spite of the mighty efforts of their opponents to hold them in check.

The League players were a bit off in their shooting and, while making some splendid individual plays, they lacked in combination. The Saints, on the other hand, played consistent combination, a factor which was largely responsible for their victory. J. Keegan and M. McKenna did most of the scoring for the Saints and were ably supported by every member of the team.

Rev. Fr. McKenzie refereed the game very satisfactorily.

