

HILTON EXPECTS GOOD YEAR from SMALL BUT TOUGH SQUAD



SPORT SPOTLIGHT

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SUMMER PASSES QUICKLY

Summer passes quickly, and here we are back again at good old S.D.U. For some of us, this will be the last of four happy years at St. Dunstan's. From the athletic point of view, the 1967-1968 season promises to be a successful one for our varsity teams.

From the way the football team is shaping up in practice, it appears they will have a better season than they had last year. The nucleus of the team will center on Jim Foley, Steve Clarkson, Bob Hickey, and last season's most improved player, Cletus Dunn. Added to these will be three rookies, Jim Burke, Jack Sands and Larry Lajeunesse, all of whom show signs of outstanding ability. Along with this group of veterans and rookies, the Red and White squad has several returnees including C.Y. MacDonald, Len Gaudet, Ken Hubley, Ron Jackson, Joe McGuire, Dermie Kinsella and Gene MacDonald who are all expected to have their best season yet with this group of fine players, and playing in a schedule that favors S.D.U., we anticipate a more successful season this year.

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There is a strong possibility that last year's sharp shooting basketball star, Danny Theriault, will not return to S.D.U. this year. Theriault is now attending the University of Maine and if he likes it well enough, he will remain there. Theriault, who was second in scoring in the M.I.B.L. last season, will be greatly missed. Also missing will be four-year veteran "Posty" Connolly. However, the Saints have gained in experience, and they can count on stellar performances from Owen Jay, who was fourth in scoring in the M.I.B.L. last season. Also expected to give yeoman service to the Red and White squad are Ronnie Diamond, Ed Lawlor, and Mike Sullivan. There is word too, via the grapevine, that the Freshman class will produce several rookies who will give much added strength to Coach Hilton's squad. Two of these rookies, Jim Fitzgerald and Jim Burke, both measure over six feet and they supply the height that has been missing on the team for the last few seasons. Last year the Red and White squad improved tremendously over the previous few seasons, and Coach Hilton feels a player with some height would give them an even better season this year. So it appears that our basketball team is heading for a successful season on the courts.

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The varsity group that carries the hopes of S.D.U. for a league championship is Jack Kane's hockey team. St. F.X. won this championship last year by virtue of a slim one-point margin over the Saints. The Saints are losing a great deal of hockey talent with the departure of Kelly, Hughes, Mulligan, and MacWilliams. There is no question that Mike Kelly, last year's M.I.H.L. scoring champion will be difficult to replace at centre, likewise for Mulligan and Hughes who were the two top defensemen for S.D.U. However, on the positive side of the ledger there are several important factors — a good number of last season's squad have returned, including Rick O'Donnell, who was the M.I.H.L.'s top left-winger with 27 points last season. Diminutive Alan Flood, the M.I.H.L.'s all-star right winger will be back as well as Wayne MacDougall and Brian MacIntyre who are fast developing into top-notch hockey players. Also back from last year's team are Jelley, LeClair, Cheverie, MacKinnon and MacDonald.

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More good news for hockey-lovers at S.D.U. is the fact that Maurice "the eel" Roy has returned to the Red and White team. Those of us who have been at S.D.U. for the past few years know well what a valuable asset Roy will be to the St. Dunstan's hockey club.

Also Jack Kane has no worries as far as goal-tending is concerned, as Carl McQuaid will be back for another season to perform between the pipes. There is word, too, that the Freshmen and Sophomore classes include several hockey players of note, who were playing in other leagues last season.

In this group is Cecil MacDonald, who has been making a name for himself in Maritime hockey circles, in the past few years. So taking everything into consideration, we are looking for big things from Jack Kane's varsity hockey squad this season.

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This columnist wishes to extend a hearty welcome to Mrs. Barb Conley, who has joined the Athletic Department as Girls' Athletic Director. Mrs. Conley will be handling all aspects of women's athletics at S.D.U. She is also planning to give some much needed reform to the cheerleaders.

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This Saturday, our football team play their first home game of the year, an exhibition tilt against Dartmouth Vikings. We wish to take this opportunity to wish the best of luck to Coaches Hilton and Kane and to their football team and hope they have their most successful season to date.

CALLING ALL GIRLS

Welcome Freshettes to S.D.U. Coed action. We hope to see you in the swing of things as our softball league gets underway for another season. Last year's Freshettes romped to victory over the Marian and town teams. We urge all incoming Freshettes to duplicate last year's success.

When Old Man Winter arrives the scene shifts to indoor sports such as basketball, volleyball and badminton, under the watchful eyes of Mr. Hilton.

An attempt to establish an intramural girls' basketball league last year was a failure, but with better co-operation from this year's Freshettes, such a league might well become a reality. The S.D.U. Coeds have a team in the City Basketball League as well and they expect to be stronger with the addition of some sharp-shooting Freshettes.

Thanks to Mr. Hilton and the A.A.A., we Coeds are given lots of ice time in the S.D.U. rink. We are not allowed a regular hockey team, but we get one together frequently to play a few exhibition games with the nurses.

Last year TOP (Takes Off Pounds) classes were organized by Mr. Kane and these proved to be very popular and effective.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Conley to the physical education staff at S.D.U. We hope she receives the cooperation of all coeds.

So you Freshettes get with it! The only way to have fun is to join in. Why be a watcher when you can be watched...?



"Pictured above is Mrs. Marshall Conley, girls athletic director, at her desk during registration for academic year 1967-1968. Ms. Conley was in charge of distribution of athletic passes during registration."

MRS. CONLEY APPOINTED WOMEN'S ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

This year marks another first for the athletic department at S.D.U. with the addition of a women's athletic director to the athletic department which already comprises two excellent directors, Messrs. Hilton and Kane.

This charming female athletic director is Mrs. Marshall (Barb) Conley. She received her B.A. degree from Queen's, and her M.A. in Physical Education from McMaster. For the past two years, she has been teaching Physical Education in the province of Ontario.

When interviewed, Mrs. Conley stated that she will direct



"Pictured above are three of coach Hilton's rookies prior to a workout in preparation for their league opener. Jim Burke and Jack Sands who both hail from Saugus, Mass., and Larry Lajeunesse from Biddeford, Maine.

Head coach Ed Hilton opened training camp for the Red and White team on Labor Day with twenty-two players reporting for practice; however, during the past two weeks, the number has grown to thirty-two with the late return of several veterans.

Since camp opened, coaches Hilton and Kane have been putting their chargers through a rugged series of drills and scrimmages in preparation for the new season.

The nucleus of this year's squad will be built around three or four veterans: Second year man Jim Foley, M.V.P. of last year's team, who will be calling the signals; Steve Clarkson,

who was top lineman last year, and Cletus Dunn, who was the most improved player on last season's team. Also returning are such players as fourth year men Bob Hickey and C.Y. MacDonald, third year men Bob Driscoll and Len Gaudet and Sophomores Gene MacDonald and Dermie Kinsella who will add much experience and ability to the squad.

Added to these seasoned veterans will be three outstanding newcomers; Larry Lajeunesse, an all State halfback from Biddeford, Maine, who weighs in at 175 and is 5'8" tall; Jim Burke, offensive end from Saugus, Mass., who tips the scales at 185 and reaches 6'2"; also from Saugus is Jack Sands, a flankerback who is 5'10" and weighs 192. Another rookie who is inexperienced but improving with every practice is Albert MacDonald, a 6 ft. 195 lb. tackle from Miscouche, P.E.I.

The outlook for this year's team appears good as we have a top-notch backfield with more versatility, speed and power than in previous years. This year's backfield will be made up of veterans C.Y. MacDonald, Bob Driscoll, and rookies Larry Lajeunesse, Jack Sands and Ian "Tex" MacDonald. The offensive line may be weak in replacements but the starting line looks quite solid. Len Gaudet will be starting at offensive centre with veterans Clarkson and Hickey playing guard. Ken

Hubley could also see service at the guard position or as offensive tackle with Vince Fisher. The end of the line is quite strong with veteran Owen Jay and rookie Jim Burke forming a duo of capable receivers.

The defensive secondary is fairly good with many of last season's secondary back. Cletus Dunn will see service at safety. Gene MacDonald and Bob Driscoll will be at halfback. Also the switching of Dermie Kinsella from halfback to linebacker will definitely strengthen the defences.

At present, the defensive line is still a question mark and will probably not be completely set until after this Saturday's exhibition tilt with Dartmouth Vikings.

Thus, after two weeks of practice it looks as if the Red and White team could be headed for their most successful season in recent years. The schedule favors our club. They have an exhibition game which will give them a taste of competition and chance to iron out the wrinkles before the league starts. Moreover, S.D.U. plays the weaker teams in the first of the schedule, thus by the time they meet St. F.X. and St. Mary's, they will be in top form. However, if the Saints want to have a successful season, they will have to stay away from key injuries which could hurt the team severely.

two sections in the Physical Education program: one section will have "shape up" classes, which include push-ups and wind sprints. The other section will have activities such as badminton and tennis. All girls are urged to attend either one or both of these sections.

Mrs. Conley stated that there would be an intramural program formed if there were enough people interested. For the fall program, she is planning to conduct an intramural program in softball, tennis, golf and sailing.

A. A. A.

For the second year in succession the A.A.A. will be under the capable direction of Gene Murphy, Senior Science student. Assisting him with the executive duties will be Frank MacNally and Paul Kelly who hold the Vice-Presidential and Secretary - Treasurer positions respectively.

The Amateur Athletic Department directs all athletic activities on the non-varsity level at S.D.U. The association consists of the executive along with a Council consisting of the managers of the various intramural and buzzer sports sponsored by the A.A.A. Included in this sports program are football, soccer, tennis, golf, curling, softball, and hockey.

In previous years it was the policy of the athletic association to arrange league schedule to suit the different class schedules of the various teams. However, we have been informed by the A.A.A. president Gene Murphy that this will not be the case this year due to the large number of students and the extended class schedules.

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