

ATHLETICS

FOOTBALL

The football season of 1909 is now a thing of history, and nobody appreciates that fact more than those who went out to practice and play, day after day in all kinds of weather.

The season was not as successful as others have been, whether we consider it financially, or as regards the amount of glory gained.

The elements especially seemed unfavorable during the season just passed for it rained almost every day during the month of October, and, in at least two games, a boat would have been as much in order as a pair of football boots.

At the beginning of the year it appeared for a while that we would not be able to turn out a senior team, for very few of last year's first strong men had returned.

Moreover, the material from which to pick men, did not seem very encouraging, but under the guidance of Capt. McNeill, and the coaching of Fr. Theodore Gallant, this material was rounded into shape, and a team produced which made a very creditable showing against both the Abegweits and Victorias.

The "Abbies" had a very strong team this year, and were out to win the trophy, and they certainly didn't let any chances slip through their hands. We offer them our hearty congratulations on their success. The "Vics" had the strongest team they have had in some

time, and accomplished that which could not be accomplished in years before, that was the defeating of St Dunstan's on the football field. To the Vics we offer our congratulations for the great game they put up this year.

The Micmac Indian team made its debut this year, and they surely were a husky crowd to oppose on the gridiron. They played their first game with the Abegweits, and showed extreme signs of nervousness. They took advantage of their experience in this game however, and showed vast improvement in the game with the Saints, later in the season.

The hospital list from football injuries was not very large. There were a few sprained ankles, and stiff muscles, but the most serious injury of the season was a splintered shoulder-blade that was sustained by Blanchard in the Mic-Mac game.

There was no intermediate league this year, so the second team only succeeded in arranging one outside game, and that was with the Bankers. The third team once more showed their superiority over the Queen Square School team, and also defeated "Cy." Gallant's "Independents" in a couple of strongly contested games. The old rivals, the Prefects and Whirlwinds played a series of games for a turkey supper, and despite the best efforts of the professors to stave off defeat, the Whirlwinds won the first two games of what was to have been a series of three.

RESULTS OF SENIOR GAMES

First game	St Dunstan's 0	Victorias, 3.
Second game	St Dunstan's 3	Abegweits, 3.
Third game	St Dunstan's 0	Abegweits, 3.

On Tuesday, November 9th, the college team journeyed to Summerside to play the Mic-Mac Indian

team. A special train went up carrying about seventy-five students. It was not a very good day, being cold, and a strong wind was blowing down the field. The Indians won the toss and chose to play with the wind. The Saints took the kick off, and then there was a series of scrimmages, commencing at the Mic-Macs 25 yard line, and continuing to the 5 yard line. The Mic-Macs were here given a free kick, and the ball was sent down with the wind to the Saints 30 yard line.

It was hard work for the Saints to regain the lost ground, for the wind was blowing strong against them, and they could not use any open plays. The brunt of the work therefore fell on the quarters, but they were on the job, and at half time, the pigskin was again back in the Mic-Mac territory.

The Mic Macs started the second half with a rush but the Saints now had the wind with them, and soon had the ball inside the Indian's ten yard line.

The Redskins now held strong, but McNeill finally got over for the first and only try of the game. It was converted by H. Gillis, who made a beautiful kick from just inside the touch-line. Score—Saints 5, Mic-Macs 0.

The game ended with the score unchanged. Blanchard had his should injured, and was replaced by McInerney. Nealy had his ankle injured early in the game, but continued playing and often put big holes in the Mic-Macs line.

The second team played their only game of the season, on Saturday, November 20th, when they met the Charlottetown Bankers' team. The day was not very pleasant, and the ground was frozen hard, while a light snow was falling the greater part of the game. The Saints put on a strong team, and they needed it,

for the Bankers had a plucky aggregation. After about two minutes of play, the Bankers got the ball about a yard from the Saints line, but they couldn't get over, and the Saints soon had the leather back in the middle of the field. This was the only time there was any danger of either teams' line being crossed. Burns played an excellent game at quarter for the Second Team, while McInerney and McLellan also put up a good game.

Crowley made the best run of the day for the Saints, but was downed before he did any damage. For the Bankers, Prowse excelled in kicking while Lafferty made some very substantial gains by his line plunging. Cullen and Fitzgerald also made some good runs.

BASKET BALL.

The St. Dunstan's and Abegweits played their first basket-ball game of the season, Friday December 17th. The Abegweits won by the score of 12-11. It was a fast and interesting game, but was a little rough. The result was in doubt till the last minute of play, when the Abbies were given a free throw, and scored the winning goal. The following was the line-up :

St. Dunstan's		Abegweits.
McLellan (Capt)	Rt. Forward	McLeod
Cavanagh	Left Forward	Campbell
McInerney	Centre	Robinson
Gillis	Rt. Guard	Mellish
Doyle	Left Guard	Hooper (Capt.)

Score Abegweit 12, St. Dunstan's 11.

Referee, Archibald, Umpire Steele, Goals from fouls St. Dunstan's 7, Abbies 4.