

## ATHLETICS

The College year is drawing to a close. All parts of College life are focused towards the closing date. And Athletics are no exception. Then games pass into the realm of memories. But games played in the 1943-44 year will provide the most pleasant memories for St. Dunstan's students. This is because this Athletic year has been a most successful one when viewed from any angle. A great interest was taken in sports. Good teams were produced—teams which upheld the traditions of St. Dunstan's. In a brief review we present the highlights of the year's sport.

First of all, the Football team retained the Island Senior Championship. And it was only after a hard struggle and against heavy odds that this group of players emerged victorious. Several regular players were lost to the team during the season. But, replacements were brought up and a light and fast Red and White team outplayed and outfought a heavy, powerful Royal Air Force team to win the crown.

The Hockey team did no less noble. In a City League it won first place over several strong teams. It was only after a terrific struggle that it bowed to a superior Army team in the finals. But the record of the Hockey team is a fine one. In a two game exhibition series, Saints defeated Mount Allison by winning the first game 7—4 and tying the second 7—7. An idea of the quality of the Hockey team may be gained by the fact that five players were chosen for a Charlottetown All-Star team. The players, Langis and Real Lamontagne, James Morris, A. J. MacAdam, and Joe Maher, were in the line-up when All-Stars defeated St. John Beavers 9—4. The Saints had a big share in the victory as they scored five goals, with each player having one or more scoring points to his credit. The Lamontagne brothers were the outstanding forwards on the ice as they sifted through the opposing defense for three goals. It was a fine performance by

these popular athletes and a fitting finale to their great hockey career in Charlottetown.

The Varsity Basketball team also has a fine record. Its activities are presented in detail in this section.

The outlook for athletics next year is not bright. New call-up regulations may be the death blow to sport for the duration. But whether the teams are good or bad in quality is really not the important thing. What is important is that athletes possess the true sporting spirit. The good sport is always victorious. The example set by this year's athletes is a good one to follow.

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#### CITY HOCKEY LEAGUE FINALS

After having won first place in the City League, St. Dunstan's Hockey team lost to the Army squad two straight in a best two out of three series.

The first game, a wide open one in which 24 goals were scored, ended with the Saints on the short end of a 14—10 score. Saints took the lead twice in the first period but Army tied it up before the end of the canto. In the second period Saints lost the lead, being outscored 6—4 by the Army. During the first ten minutes of the third period Saints scored four goals to the Army's one to take a 10—9 lead. This lead was short-lived, however, as Army's powerful forward trio of Whitlock, Jackson and Cudmore came roaring back to garner five goals and win the game 14—10. The Lamontagne brothers starred for the Saints, earning eleven points between them. A. J. MacAdam played his usual hard game on the St. Dunstan's defense. Whitlock and Simpson were brilliant for the Army, the former scoring eight goals, the latter breaking up many of the Saints' rushes.

In the second game Army won the City League championship by virtue of their 10—5 win over the Saints. The score indicates the play fairly well. Simpson was the main cog in the Army's win and by far the best player on the ice. In the first period Army scored two goals, holding the Saints scoreless. In the second session Army accounted for two more before Langis Lamontagne, star

of the Saints all year, scored on a passing play with brother, Real. Saints went wide open in the third period in an attempt to win, but Simpson broke up play after play. The best the Saints could do was score four goals while the Army was shooting six. It was a hard period on goalies and both MacKinnon and O'Shea made some brilliant stops. Again it was the Lamontagnes who provided the Saints' main scoring punch, with their wingman, Morris, giving plenty of assistance. Joe Maher did some clever stickhandling and scored one goal. Whitlock and Levi by their fast breakaways were constant threats to the Saints. Back on defense, Simpson was outstanding, and MacAdam played a heady game.

The stars of the series were the Lamontagne brothers, of the Saints, and Whitlock and Simpson of the Army. Saints were defeated by a better team. They were outplayed but not outfought.

Congratulations Army, on your much deserved win.

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### BASKETBALL

We are proud to report another successful Basketball season. Saints have played more games this year than ever before. They have entered the City Basketball League and have, notwithstanding many difficulties, gained a playoff position. They got off to a good start and led the league for the first half of the schedule. Then, injuries to two star players and lack of practice weakened their play and a strong R. C. A. F. team edged them out of first position. Also, the Saints were forced to play without spares on several occasions as three of the players were regulars on the Hockey team.

The line-up of the Varsity team is as follows: Henry O'Shea, A. J. MacAdam, John Murray, Pat Sharkey, Aeneas McEntee, Mike Hennessey, Willie MacDonald.

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### CITY LEAGUE SCHEDULE

P. W. C.

S. D. U.

The Saints won all their games with the Prince of Wales College team. The City Collegians were game

and put up strong battles, but lacked co-operation and experience. Saints won the first game by a 28—14 score. The second game was very one-sided. The Saints clicked from the start for a 12—1 lead at the halfway mark. They really hit their stride in the second half and scored 22 points, holding their opponents to one basket and making the final score 34—3. Prince of Wales put up a strong opposition in the third game to hold Saints to a 26—17 win. St. Dunstan's took a 16—7 lead in the first half. Each team scored ten points in the second half.

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Y. M. C. A.

## S. D. U.

St. Dunstan's scored three league victories over the Y. M. C. A. team. The Saints had little trouble in defeating the individual Y players in the first game. Led by Jack Murray, the Saints took a 12—7 lead before the end of the first half. A fine passing attack baffled the Y squad in the second session and the Saints went on to win 28—16. The second game with Y. M. C. A. was a closely contested affair with Saints emerging victorious by a 20—18 score. The Y team had improved defensively and consequently the Saints had fewer scoring chances. Saints opened up fast and rolled up a 14—0 lead in the first half, but the Y retaliated by outscoring the Saints 18—6 in the second half. Saints made it three straight over Y. M. C. A. by defeating them 31—13 on March 24th. Taking the offensive early in the game, Saints piled up a 17—4 lead. In the second half they settled down to play defensive basketball and coasted to an easy victory.

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NAVY

## S. D. U.

In three games played with a Navy team from H. M. C. S. Queen Charlotte, St. Dunstan's met stronger opposition and succeeded in winning only one game. The Sailors, including several veteran sharpshooters, had more finesse around the basket and capitalized on every scoring chance. Saints captured the first game by a 28—18 score. Getting off to a good start they took an 18—9 lead in the first twenty minutes of play. The Tars' defense tightened in the second half and held the Saints

on even terms. Saints met their first defeat of the season on March 4th when the Navy team outscored them 27—26. The Saints' attack was weak and their plays did not produce results. In the first half Navy raced into the lead 10—5. With ten minutes of play remaining and the Navy leading 27—14, a terrific comeback netted the Saints twelve points, but the last whistle blew with Navy protecting a one point lead. In their next encounter with the Navy Saints fared worse coming out on the short end of a 23—16 score. The Sailors led 12—11 at the end of the first half. Superior shooting told the story in the second half as Navy swished through eleven points to the Saints' six.

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#### R. C. A. F.

#### S. D. U.

St. Dunstan's lost three games to the R. C. A. F. from Charlottetown Training Field. This Airforce team has been undefeated in the league schedule. Its lineup includes two Canadian Senior stars. With these as a nucleus the Airforce entry has developed into one of the best teams ever seen in Charlottetown. The Saints suffered their worst defeat on March 11th. in their first game with the R. C. A. F. The Flyers launched a fast-passing offensive which quickly carried them into the lead and resulted in their winning by a score of 47—23. In their second meeting with the R. C. A. F. team Saints went down to a 33—25 defeat. Airforce went into a 21—11 lead in the first half. Saints showed better form in the latter half, outscoring the Airmen 14—12. R. C. A. F. captured first place in the City Basketball League by defeating the Saints 38—26 in the third game. Airforce took an early lead, but Saints recovered and at half time were within four points of the Airmen. The second half was fairly even in territorial play, but the superior shooting of the Flyers increased their lead.

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We take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to the authorities of Prince of Wales College for permission to practise in the College gym. This generous act has been appreciated by all St. Dunstan's students.

*Red and White* on behalf of all students offers congratulations to the Basketball players. Their fine sportsmanship and fighting spirit give us reason to be very proud of them. Fr. Walter McGuigan, the coach, is to be complimented for their success and thanked for his efforts on their behalf.

### SECOND TEAM BASKETBALL

Something new in basketball has been added at St. Dunstan's—a Second Team. Manager and Coach Vincent Murnaghan organized practice sessions for several young players and then formed a team. These players showed plenty of basketball ability in the one game played in which they defeated Prince of Wales Second Team 33—29. The game was rugged and fast as the two evenly matched teams went all out in quest of victory. The Saints trailed for most of the game, but staged a rally in the last five minutes to finish with a four point margin. Des. Burge led the Saints' attack with 13 points.

SECOND SAINTS:—Guards, E. Nicholson, R. Dorsey; Forwards, J. Maher, D. Burge, R. Chaplin, L. Callaghan, J. Dunn.

### ATHLETIC AWARDS

The St. Dunstan's A. A. A. is pleased to award "D's" to nine students and bronze pins to two of these students. All these students have played on Varsity teams for more than one year, and have fulfilled the conditions for winning Athletic awards as stated in the constitution of the S. D. A. A. A. (Art 13). *Red and White* congratulates these athletes, and thanks them for the service they have given St. Dunstan's while wearing her colours. Following are the names of those students who have won "D's" in the sport in which they participated.

Bronze Pins: Aeneas MacEntee received his bronze pin by winning his "D" in both football and basketball.

James Morris won his "D" in hockey and football. This entitles him to a bronze pin.

"D's"    **Football:**    Allan MacDonald, James Morris, William MacDonald, Joseph Martin.

**Hockey:**    Langis Lamontagne, Real Lamontagne, James Morris, Joseph Maher.

**Basketball:** Aeneas MacEntee, John Murray.

**Track:**    Ralph Dorsey.

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The success of Athletics at St. Dunstan's is due to the good management and supervision of those in charge of Sports. The Executive of the S. D. A. A. A. has been very efficient and deserves the highest praise and thanks. To the Faculty-Adviser to this executive, Reverend J. P. E. O'Hanley, is owed the thanks of all students for his untiring interest in the athletic life of St. Dunstan's. His direction and advice have been of much benefit in the organization of athletic activities. Frank P. Aylward '44 and Austin MacKenna '45, President and Secretary of the A. A. A. respectively, have carried out their duties in a most efficient manner and should be highly commended for it. The managers of the various branches of sport have worked hard and may take much credit for the success of their teams.

*Red and White* wishes to thank Mr. S. F. Doyle, Provincial Promoter of Athletics, for the valuable services given St. Dunstan's teams.