


ATHLETICS



A very important part of College life is sport in its several branches. The history of St. Dunstan's shows that here we have always realized the truth of the old maxim, "Mens sana in corpore sano". The difficulty here as elsewhere is to keep the pursuit of sport within the bounds of utility. There are in every class of boys those who, by nature or by habit, are disposed to look upon success in athletic competitions as the great end in life, and towards this they bend all their efforts. In fact, something in the nature of all boys of strong physique inclines them to a pursuit of manly sport. History records that athletic competitions have formed a considerable part of the amusement of many nations. Greece had its Olympian games, Rome its gladiatorial combats, the Middle Ages its passage of arms. It is a pity that at the present time athletics by a great many are emphasized out of all proportion to their importance, and are becoming largely a commercial proposition. Here in old St. Dunstan's, we have our regular hours of sport and recreation and indulge in these only in so far as we deem them beneficial to study and conducive to good health.

This year we joined the City Hockey League, which was composed of five teams, Prince of Wales College, Madisons, Bankers, League of the Cross, and St. Dunstan's. Our team came out second in the league, the snappy sextette from Prince of Wales College proving too strong for us. Some very good hockey was played and the best of feeling prevailed throughout the season. We heartily congratulate the Prince of Wales College team on their success. We feel sure the best team won.

The following is a report of each game:

S. D. U.—3

Madisons—2

On Feb. 3, our men crossed sticks with the Madisons in the first game of the city league. The attendance was good and enthusiasm at its height from bell to bell. At eight p. m. Referee Herrell dropped the puck at centre ice and the fun was on. The fans soon realized that the Madisons and the Saints could play hockey. After about ten minutes of play O'Brien carried the puck from behind the Madisons' goals, swung round the post and slipped the disc past Francis for number one. The Madisons were

now convinced that the boys wearing Red and White were in the game in earnest. They made desperate efforts to score, but the period ended 1-0 in our favour.

The second period was even faster than the first. Early in this period the Madisons evened the score. But our fast centre man, by a clever piece of stick-handling, worked his way through the Madisons' defence and shot score two for the Saints. Play ranged from one end of the ice to the other, neither team being able to find the nets. This period ended 2-1 in our favour.

Early in the third period our centre on a pretty wing shot, fooled Francis again. The Saints now adopted the defensive style and foiled every attempt of their opponents to score until near the end, when Cox scored the second goal for his team. J. MacDonald was called upon to stop some difficult shots in this period. The score at all-time was 3-2 in favour of the Saints.

The line-up:

S. D. U.—Goal, J. MacDonald; Defence, J. Fleming, J. Fillion; Forwards—E. Lavoie, F. O'Brien, F. Blanchard, P. Noonan, J. McMillan.

Madisons—Goal, Francis; Defense, Scantlebury, Purcell; Forwards—Cox, Walsh, Craig, Garnhum.

S. D. U.—1. P. W. C.—2

On Tuesday, March 18, we met P. W. C. in our second game of the city league. This game, although closely contested, was not so good an exhibition of hockey as our first game. For a time, each team seemed to be watching its opponents and waiting for them to set the pace. The P. W. C. men tried long shots which J. MacDonald had no difficulty in turning aside. Towards the end of the first period, however, they succeeded in finding the Saints' nets for the first score of the night.

In the second period the Saints sensed defeat and opened out, but the defensive work of P. W. C. was too much for them, and this period ended as the first; 1—0 in favor of P. W. C.

The third period saw our opponents playing a defensive game, anxious to keep the score as it was at the end of the second period. After about ten minutes of play, occurred the most sensational feature of the night; Fillion secured the puck behind the Saints' goal, eluded the P. W. C. forwards, and swerving out to centre, broke through

the opposing defence and scored the finest goal of the evening. With the score a tie and about two minutes left, both teams were straining every muscle to score that extra goal which meant victory. P. W. C. were rewarded when Drake, taking a long shot from near centre ice, tucked the disc safely away in the Saints' nets. Thus the game ended with the P. W. C. one goal ahead.

The following was the lineup:

S. D. U.—Goal, J. McDonald; Defence—J. Fleming, J. Fillion; Forwards—F. Blanchard, P. Noonan, F. O'Brien, B. MacDonald.

P. W. C.—Goal, White; Defence—W. J. MacDonald, Saunders; Forwards—Drake, Houston, Spillet.

S. D. U.—2

L. of C.—0

On March 18 the Saints lined up against the fast team of the League of the Cross. Although the weather was mild, the ice was in fair condition. The Saints, from the very beginning, were determined to carry off the honors of the night, and after ten minutes of play, Blanchard scored the first goal on a pass from O'Brien. For the remainder of the game play was fairly even. Towards the end of the third period the Saints scored another tally, Lavoie on a pass from Fillion, making the score two to nil in favour of the Saints. Thus it stood when the bell rang for all-time.

The Line-up:

S. D. U.—Goal, J. MacDonald; Defence—Fillion, B. MacDonald; Forwards—F. O'Brien (capt.), F. Blanchard, P. Noonan, E. Lavoie, J. McMillan.

L. of C.—Goal, McAleer; Defence—Kilfoy, Burns; Forwards—Bradley, Murnaghan, Doucette, Arsenault.

S. D. U.—5

Bankers—1

Our senior team again proved its ability to play hockey by defeating the Bankers 5—1 on March 19. Blanchard first showed his teammates that the Bankers' defence was not impregnable by making one point for his team. His example was soon followed by O'Brien, who scored two more in the first period.

The second period was scoreless, the Saints being satisfied with their three goal lead.

In the last period our men again opened out and MacDonald in the Bankers' nets was called upon to demon-

strate his skill. Fillion scored for the Saints and this score was soon followed by another, shot on a rebound by Fleming. Towards the close of the game MacDonald, by a nice rush, scored the Bankers' goal. This game was characterized by clean play and good feeling between the opposing teams.

Our line-up was the same as for the second game. The Bankers' line-up:

Goal, MacDonald; Defence—P. MacDonald, Moore; Forwards—Woods, Currie, McEwen.

Intermural Hockey

The Red Dots, the Invincibles, the Rovers, the Crystals, the Crescents, and the King Tuts were the aggregations of hockeyists composing the Intermural league, and very good hockey was played. In fact, less skilful contests have been described in good heroic verse. The players fully demonstrated that some can play hockey when standing on their heads as well as on their feet. So evenly were these teams matched, that it was difficult to predict who would carry off the trophy until near the end of the league. The Invincibles, however, true to their name, came out of the struggle on top. As none of these players seriously consider entering the professional field, we shall not particularize on the good showing made by each. Suffice it to say that they were all shining stars and we do not doubt that their future achievements will fill many sport pages. We venture to congratulate Manager Blanchard to whom is due in large measure, the success of his team.

The King Tuts and the Red Dots were close rivals of the champions. The other teams played well, but were unable to stand the pace of their formidable opponents.

The following was the line-up of the Invincibles:—

Goal, L. King; Defence—A. Poirier (capt.) C. Campbell; Centre—R. J. Cassidy; Wings—J. Hagen, E. O'Hanley, L. Martin, A. LePage.

Basketball

As a rule there is a calm in Athletics after the football season, but this year, even before football had run its course, basketball enthusiasts were contemplating entering some of the city leagues. Soon teams were formed and a regular schedule of practice drawn up. In the city,

a league was formed consisting of the S. Pats, the League of the Cross, the Knights of Columbus, and St. Dunstons. We must admit that we were not in the running for championship honors, but we made a fair showing when we take into account that this was our first appearance in the game. Of the three games which we played, two were victories for our opponents.

The following is a report of each game:

S. D. U.—23

L. of C.—13

On Dec. 7 we played the first game of the league with the League of the Cross. The game was hard fought throughout. Our men played well and deserved the victory. F. Jennings was the first to score, being followed a few minutes later by Murray who added two more points for his team. The combination work of both teams was good. Towards the end of the first period our men scored two baskets and two "personals" in quick succession. The score at half-time was 12—6 in favour of the Saints.

The second period opened with a rush. The guarding of the Saints was a treat to look at. The final score was 23—13 in our favour.

The line-up:

S. D. U.—Centre, R. MacDonald; Forwards—F. C. Jennings, E. Murray; Guards—A. MacDonald, E. McGuigan.

L. of C.—Centre, P. Ready; Forwards—F. Joseph, M. Sinnott; Guards—W. Perry, A. Ahern.

S. D. U.—18

K. of C.—22

On December 14, our men met the Knights in the League of the Cross gymnasium. This was one of the most hotly contested games in the league. The Saints began the scoring and at the end of the first period were leading in the number of baskets.

In the second period the play was much faster. The Knights were determined to overcome their opponents' lead, while the Saints were just as determined to maintain it. The guarding of both teams was excellent, but due to the superb work of MacDonald for the Knights, our men were forced to take defeat. The score at all-time was 22—18.

The line-up of the Knights:

Centre:—L. MacDonald; Forwards—J. Connolly, W. Coyle; Guards—J. McAleer, W. J. McDonald.

S. D. U. —12

St. Pats—18

Probably the cleanest and most interesting game in the league was played on December 20 between the Saints and the St. Pats. In the opening period, the St. Pats succeeded in netting the first score. Combination work was good. The forward line of the St. Pats and their strong guarding were too much for our men. They obtained the lead in the beginning and held it throughout. The game was featured by long shots from centre floor and by excellent guarding. The game ended with the St. Pats six points ahead.

The St. Pats' line-up:

Centre—Connolly; Forwards—McCarey, McQuaid; Guards—Kelly, Doyle.

Inter-mural Basketball

In the inter-class basketball league were the same teams as in hockey. Every noon, during the circuit of the league, saw gathered an excited crowd of spectators who lustily cheered their respective teams to victory. The score was close to the very end, but the King Tuts, tattered and torn, arose victorious and now claim the cup. McMillan and Landrigan were the outstanding players on this team. Congratulations are due Mr. B. McDonald who so satisfactorily conducted the league.

The line-up of the King Tuts:

Centre—C. Landrigan; Forwards—J. McDonald, J. McMillan; Defence—A. Gillis, G. MacDonald.

