


ATHLETICS



The season of winter sport which has just drawn to a close has been, in every respect, a successful one at St. Dunstan's. The two great winter pastimes, skating and hockey, always popular with Canadian youths, received their full quota of adherents from the ranks of our students. At the first appearance of Jack Frost the energetic rink committee began their work, and within a few weeks had a splendid sheet of ice at our disposal. The first skating took place about two weeks before Christmas, but no regular hockey practice was held until after the holidays.

Immediately upon the re-opening of College for the second term, first and second teams were organized. Father McKenzie was unable to act as coach this year, but we were fortunate enough to procure, in his stead, Mr. Jack Gordon, whose ability and experience as a hockeyist were soon shown to good advantage, so much so, in fact, that the Saints entered the City League with a more formidable aggregation than they have had for some years past.

There were four teams in the league this year, namely: The Victorias, Falcons, Second Abbies, and St. Dunstan's. The Saints tied for first place in both sections of the league, winning two games and losing one in each. However, owing to the fact that the boys would be unable to enter the finals for the Island Championship, on account of examinations, they withdrew from the play-offs altogether. The following is a more detailed account of the games played.

Vics—1

S.D.U.—0

The Saints played their first league game on Saturday, January 25, when they met the Vics at the Arena before a small gathering of fans. The hockey displayed was not of a very high standard, but this may be attributed to the fact that the ice was heavy and the puck persisted in rolling, making passing and shooting a matter of chance.

In the first two periods play was about even but neither team succeeded in scoring. Midway in the third period Lawlor of the Vics put a long shot past McDonald for the only counter of the game. The Saints worked

like Trojans for the remaining few minutes to even the score, but they could not penetrate the Blue and White defense.

P. Williams refereed.

The line-up was as follows:—S.D.U.—Goal:—C. McDonald. Defense:—O. Murphy, F. McMillan. Forwards:—A. Doucette, (capt.), A. Hughes, M. Royer, J. O'Neill, R. D'Anjou, R. McCabe.

Vics.—Goal:—Riggs. Defense:—Larter, Lawlor. Forwards:—McFarlane, McInnis, Cox, Bevans, Stevenson.

S.D.U.—5

Falcons—1

St. Dunstan's won their first game of the season on Tuesday, January 28, when they turned back the fast-travelling Falcons with a score of 5—1. The ice was in excellent condition and the game was fast throughout. The Saints' forward line worked well, and their defense was almost impregnable.

The first score of the evening came a few minutes after the opening whistle, when Fraser broke through the Red and White line and eluded McDonald in the net. The Falcons were not to hold the lead long, however, for immediately after the face-off Hughes, taking a pass at his opponents' blue line, placed the puck behind O'Neill to tie the count. This score was followed in quick succession by two more, the first by Doucette and the second by McCabe. Just before the period ended, Doucette, who was playing stellar hockey, scored again. In the second period individual rushes predominated on both sides, and although the play was as fast as that displayed in the first twenty minutes, neither team scored. The third period was more or less a repetition of the second. The Falcons played four men up for the greater part of the time, but McDonald easily handled all shots that came his way. McCabe made the only score of this session when he skated through the opposing forwards and beat O'Neill with a well-placed shot.

D. Anderson refereed.

The Falcons lined up as follows: Goal:—O'Neill. Defense:—Baker, Kennedy. Forwards:—Johnson, Eaton, Fraser, McLeod, Holl.

S.D.U.—3.

Abbies—1

On Saturday, February 1, the Saints finished their portion of the first section by a 3—1 win over the Abbies. They had three new men on their line-up for this game, and all played good hockey. Notwithstanding the heavy ice, both teams set a fast pace which they maintained to the end. Shortly after the game began the Abbies scored, when Bevans put a fast wing shot past McDonald. At this point the Saints began to force matters, and after several rushes Doucette evened the count on a close shot. He repeated this performance just after the second period started, when he again beat the Abegweit goalie. Shortly before this period ended, Tremblay, who had been playing a splendid game all night, skated through the entire Abegweit team to score the last goal of the game.

In the third session, with a two-goal lead in their favor, the Saints played defensive hockey and frustrated every attempt of their opponents to score.

P. Williams refereed.

The line-ups are as follow: S.D.U.—Goal:—McDonald. Defense:—Murphy, Tremblay. Forwards:—Doucette, Lamy, Royer, Hughes, McCabe, Filion.

Abbies—Goal:—Mills. Defense:—Lawlor, Power. Forwards:—McMillan, Whitlock, Saunders, Bevans.

Abbies—2

S.D.U.—1

The Abbies turned the tables on the Saints when they took the first game of the second section from the collegians by a score of 2—1. This game was not as good as the preceding one, for there were too many off-side plays to make it interesting. The Saints departed, to a great extent, from their usual passing style, to depend more upon individual efforts. In this respect Tremblay made several valiant rink-end rushes, only to be blocked at his opponents' net by the active goal-tender. On the other hand, the Abegweits played steady hockey and scored twice on clever combination, Lamy made the only point for the Saints when he pushed the rubber past Mills in a mix-up in front of the Abbies' net. The game was, on the whole, rather slow, and there was a large number of minor penalties handed out by the referee, Roy Prowse.

Both teams lined up the same as in the previous game.

S.D.U.—3

Vics—1

On Friday, February 14, the Saints met the Vics for a second time and emerged from the conflict on the long end of a 3—1 score. The game was exciting from start to finish and was witnessed by a fairly large number of fans. Contrary to their regular tactics, the Saints drew first blood when Lamy scored on a pass from Doucette. The collegians had the better of the play most of the time, but the Vics were always dangerous and kept McDonald continually on the alert. In the second period Doucette scored his team's second goal on a well-placed shot. Shortly after this McFarlane secured the Vics' only counter on a pretty piece of individual work. Just before this session ended Royer notched up the Saints' last goal.

The third period was scoreless but the same brand of good hockey was displayed throughout. There were very few penalties in this game.

Ches. Campbell refereed.

The Vics lined up as follows—Goal:—Tierney. Defense:—Harper, Larter. Forwards:—McFarlane, Stevenson, Cox, McInnis, Lawlor.

S.D.U.—8

Falcons—3

St. Dunstan's played their final league game on Wednesday, February 26, when they defeated the Falcons in the College rink by an 8—3 score. Both teams played fast hockey, but the Saints excelled in combination, and it was only the remarkable goal-tending of O'Neill that kept the score from being much higher.

Tremblay opened the battle when he skated through the Yellow and Black ranks to put the rubber behind O'Neill for the first tally. Several combined attacks, three of them culminating in scores, were now made by the Saints' forward line, while the Falcons succeeded in eluding McDonald once. Although play in the second period was not as fast as in the first, the Saints notched up three more points and the Falcons beat McDonald twice.

Royer secured the last counter of the game in the third period, when he scored from a mix-up in front of the Falcons' net.

F. Stevenson refereed.

Both teams lined up the same as in previous games.

On Tuesday, February 18th, the University hockey team journeyed to Summerside, where they played two games, the first on the night of arrival, the other on the night following.

S.D.U.—1

C.Y.M.L.—0

The first game was with the C.Y.M.L. The Saints won, but not without a stiff battle. Both teams played splendid hockey, and the 1—0 score tells pretty nearly the story of the game. In the first period neither team succeeded in getting an advantage over their opponents. The middle session was about half spent when Murphy, stellar defense man, stick-handled through the whole C.Y.M.L. team to score the one and only goal of the evening. The third period was more or less a repetition of the first. It was a great game throughout and every one enjoyed himself. Earl Arsenaault refereed in an impartial manner.

S.D.U.—6

Intermediate Crystals—1

The following night the team lined up against the Intermediate Crystals. This was the Saints' night; every player was "right there." The collegians won by a 6—1 score, and again the score gives a fair indication of the play. Only the wonderful goal-tending of Schurman in the Crystal cage saved the Westerners from a worse defeat. The Saints worked like a machine; their combination at times was thrilling, and the individual runs by Tremblay were in themselves sufficient to delight the most pessimistic fan. The Saints scored two goals in each period and were never threatened.

Ralph Silliphant refereed.

The Saints had their regular line-up for both games.

While in Summerside the boys were royally entertained, and are very grateful for the good time given them by the citizens. They lodged at the Clifton House, and are loud in their praise of the splendid treatment they received at the hands of the genial proprietor.

Intermural Hockey

The Intermural league was this year composed of six teams, each of which took the ice at the beginning of the season fully determined to win the championship. When such a spirit is manifested by the players we can always expect good hockey games, and we were not in the least disappointed this year.

The schedule was divided into two sections. The Black Hawks, of Second Corridor Dalton, after a hard tussle with the Maroons, emerged from the first section without losing a game. In the second section the Dormitory Pirates held undisputed sway, and vanquished all opponents. Two play-off games were necessary to decide the Champions. It is unfortunate that space does not permit us to give in detail an account of those games. Both of them were thrillers from start to finish. The first one ended in a tie. In the second, the score was even until the last few minutes when the Pirates put a long shot past the Black Hawk goalie. The Hawks fought desperately to even the count, but their best efforts were unavailing. Just before the whistle blew, the Pirates added another point, making the final count 4—2.

The following is the line-up of the victorious team:—

Goal:—E. O'Connor. Defense:—E. Plourde, J. O'Connor. Forwards:—E. Grant, G. McKinnon, A. Shea, A. O'Malley.

Junior Hockey

On Friday, February 28, a team chosen from the High School players of the intermural league met the formidable Queen Square School team at the latter's ice sports and were defeated by one goal.

The first two periods were scoreless, but in the third, Blanchard of Q. S. S. succeeded in tallying for his team on a close shot. One of the features of the game was the excellent goal-tending of Reardon in the Q. S. S. nets.

Ice conditions did not permit a return game between these two teams.

The following players represented S.D.U.—Goal:—L. Duffy. Defense:—J. O'Connor, E. Plourde. Forwards:—G. McKinnon, A. O'Malley, A. Shea, J. McCarthy, G. Sullivan.

He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves,
and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper.

—Burke

Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man,
and writing an exact man.—Bacon.

Truth's royal seat is God's eternal throne.
Thereon she reigns in godly majesty;
Yet that high seat is held by God alone—
Is God not Truth from all eternity?

—Mgr. Doucet

