

Athletics.

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Now that the lacrosse season is over football has again become the all-absorbing topic of discussion and will form the principal amusement in the athletic world during the next few months. Ottawa University is once more represented by a senior team in the Quebec Rugby Football Union and will battle for the championship with formidable teams from Montreal and Brockville. As yet, it would be premature to indulge in any visions of future glory and triumph. Much less is it our intention to engage in vacuous speculation regarding our prospects or the outcome of approaching events. But, if good material, hard training, faithful attendance to practice, pluck and enthusiasm on the part of the players coupled with able and careful coaching on the part of the management may be regarded as the elements of success, we are fully justified in saying that the University team of '99 will retain the honorable position attained and so long held by its predecessors and that the present season's work will supply abundant matter for another interesting addition to the already glorious annals of the O. U. A. A.

The decision of the Committee of Management to place a purely student team in the field is one that should commend itself to all true admirers of this manly college sport, and awaken among the students and alumni of this institution a keener attention to the efforts and a more devoted attachment to the interests of the college fifteen. In fact this action on the part of the executive is fully warranted from a variety of circumstances and is regarded by those most eminently qualified to judge as the salvation of football at old Ottawa College, and the starting point of another long series of victories and championships for the wearers of the Garnet and Gray.