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Time Out

With Dick Beddoes

Note: Dick Beddoes, the vocal sportswriter from the Toronto Globe and Mail, was Gateway Sports Editor in 1947-48. This column appeared on December 10, 1948.

A CHRISTMAS DREAM

I had a visitor today. A visitor with a bearded chin and a long red toque on his head. His name was Santa Claus.

He didn't stay very long this time. But he'll make a more permanent call on December 25. Today he asked what I wanted for Christmas.

That was a tall order. The choice of gifts was a wide one. I'm past the day when a baseball glove or a hockey stick are what I want in the Christmas stocking, although I must admit that some of my critics doubt that.

He lingered a while. And I asked myself: What's been the best thing I've had in 1947? That was easy. Sportswriting.

IT BEATS WORKING

I'd been lucky enough to get that for a gift three years ago. It had been there every Christmas morning since, a job covering the sporting events of my time and place.

There is nothing finer. Footballs floating in the autumn air in the late afternoon sun . . . hockey players wheeling out and away in swift pursuit of a little rubber disc . . . tennis balls zooming across a net . . . the solid sound of horsehide against hickory and a batter streaking for first base . . . basketballs arched above a hoop, bouncing, falling in . . . the muffled roar of fight crowds when a flashing uppercut hits the target . . .

It beats working. You might get ulcers from it and die young and broke. But it still beats working.

"JUST RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP"

The men in it are magnetic, attractive, individualistic . . . You are always out to beat them on a story. But before game time that room marked "Working Press" is a delightful place, where anecdotes are exchanged freely. As a junior reporter I like to hear the stories these men have to tell.

On the Edmonton scene every newshound in sports has his own personality . . . George Macintosh, Stan Moher, Gordon Williamson, Russ Shepherd, Art Ward, Don Fleming, Jim Algeo, Hugh Hay-Roe, Jim McCurdy, Al Cleland, Lorne Bruce, Johnny Hopkins, Cecil Goldstick, Pete Lougheed, Don Matheson . . .

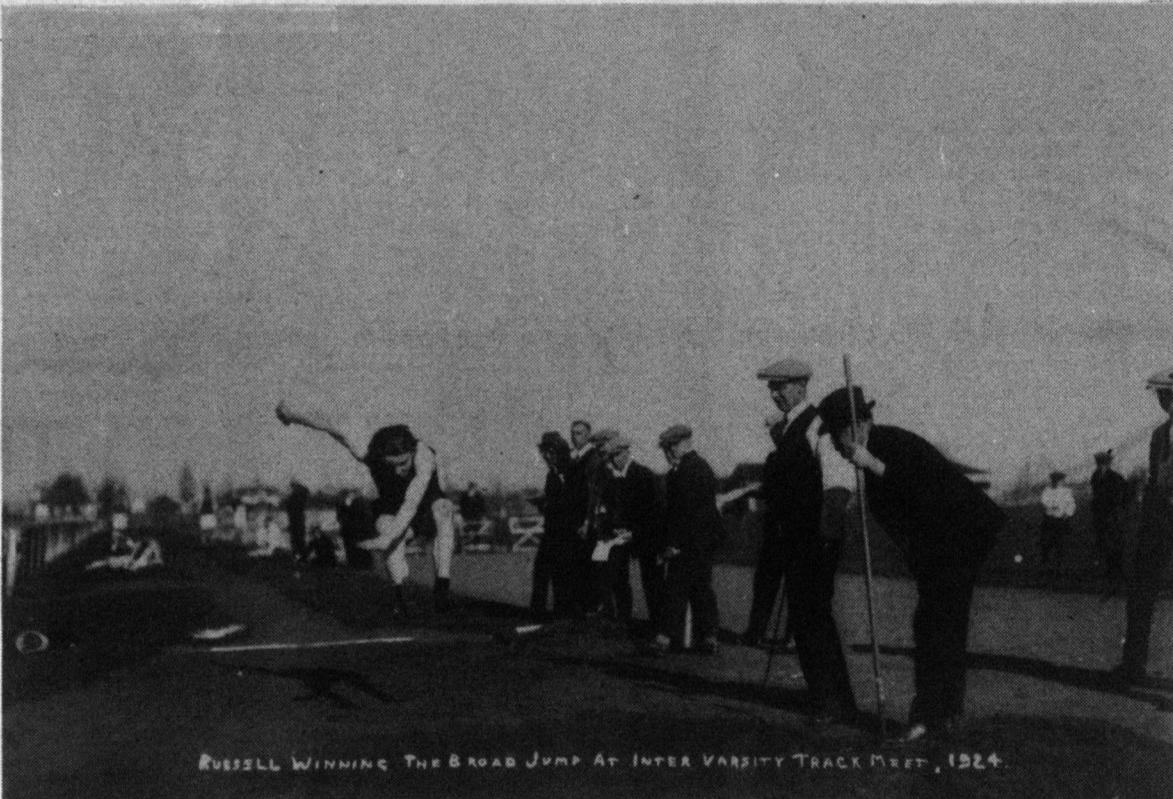
"Well, son," said my visitor finally. "What will it be?"

"Mr. Claus, I've got what I want. Just renew my membership in the fraternity of sportswriters," I answered.

He was gone with a wink and a nod of his head. A Christmas dream had signed "30".



The women's sprint, 1938.



Russell winning the broad jump at Inter-Varsity Track Meet, 1924.

Intervarsity track meet, 1924.

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**Equipment
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In fall of 1948 there was a loss on the football account of \$981.26.

The matter was brought before Students' Council and was referred to the UAB, which abolished football for a period of one year.

The principal reasons given for the abolition were:

(1) Lack of competition from any team of equal calibre.

(2) The unknown effect of the Edmonton Senior entry in western football conference.

(3) As a result of these two the problem of obtaining Clarke Stadium on suitable dates.

The equipment of the Golden Bears was sold to the Edmonton Eskimos and the amount received was placed in a special reserve equipment fund to be used specifically for football when it was revived on the campus.

A rider was attached to the agreement by which the equipment could be re-purchased by the University at any time.