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OUR CRYSTAL BALL

Your prophets foretold in previous editions that a Mt. A. soccer defeat was assured. The Mount Allison Argosy doubted our word and even retaliated—"A 'do' would look pretty nice from here, especially since The Brunswickan reported in a headline story awhile ago 'Mount A. defeat assured' in that sport." The truth is there and the XI deserve a great deal of credit for their fine showing. The N. B. champions were slated to play the winners of the Acadia-Dalhousie series which was "won" by Dalhousie when Acadia forfeited the series. It has been rumored that the hard-rock Baptists from Wolfville went beserk on reaching a metropolis of over 10,000 citizens. Their president called it "a breach of discipline." U. N. B.'s stately students conduct themselves in a more dignified manner as anybody who has made the Mount A. pilgrimage can testify. Let's keep it that way.

A MINOR MIRACLE

While the Hillmen were defeating the Mudhens in their own Everglades, the rugby team performed a "miracle"—Mt. A. Argosy again—on the Island when it tied St. Dunstan's. The boys from the land of the Red Mud have a great team and it broke their hearts to have victory snatched from their hands in the dying minutes of the game when Jock Glass went over for a try. The U.N.B. scrum showed vast improvement and as it was in this department that they were weak against Mount A., it seems certain that when this edition comes off the press, another victory will be assured for the Red and Black.

STIRRING UP INTEREST

Although the Dalhousie-Red Bombers football game was cancelled a couple of weeks ago, Windy O'Neill is trying to stir up interest on the Dalhousie campus to have the contest played. The Sports columnist says: "No one seems to know what has become of the trip to play the University of New Brunswick. This game should be played this season at all costs, if we expect to get a Maritime college league in operation. If the snores emanating from the D.A.A.C. office are any indication, there will be no trip made and no effort made to effect it." The Sheerwater game should show the relative strength of the Hillmen and the Tigers, and give an indication of the possibility of forming a Maritime League that would also embrace Saint Thomas and Saint Joseph's. The latter team has been going great guns in the Moncton league, administering a humiliating defeat on the Trojans last week. U. N. B.'s meeting with this squad should provide interesting entertainment on November 11.

PAUL AIRD

Paul Aird, a member of last year's Maritime Track Champions, who left here to go to MacDonald Agricultural College this year, made sport headlines at McGill when he won the intermediate pole vault championship with a leap of 10'3". Paul made a brilliant recovery from a broken ankle which he received while competing for U. N. B. He was told he might never jump again, but evidently he didn't believe it.

ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

It looks like another championship team for the Hilltop campus. If quality, experience, good coaching plus eight prospective goalies has anything to do with it, then our crystal ball is clear. We have always turned out good hockey squads and the formation of the tri-team league compose of the Dairy Kings, and Saint John Carleton York, should produce a high calibre of hockey locally.

OBSERVATIONS OF A REPORTER

Say, who is dis guy Angus O'Reilly? Are we gonna let him get away wit dis? He looks around for changes that are obviously about to take place, and then advocates them. When accomplished no doubt he pats himself on the back and sez: "Aint I wonderful?" However, its me poisonal contention that he's more to be pitied than censured, for these are the works of a thoited poisonality. What's more he's using valuable space that could be better employed with poems or something, for slams against other columnists.

A Canadian at a Rugby Game

Cy Lewis in the McGill Daily

There have been many jokes told about Englishmen witnessing their first Canadian football or baseball game. They are poking fun at the old school tie, rugger, soccer, and other typically British sports. We Canadians and Americans are wont to consider these games as slightly sissified when put next to our rugged type of football and hockey.

We have often heard many of our British friends decry the Canadian game of football saying that it is a soft game. Naturally we brushed this off with a flippancy "Show me something better." Last Saturday we were finally shown. It was this observer's privilege to witness the McGill Rugger Team when they played and defeated MacDonald.

Rugger is the parent game of football as we know it. The original McGill team that introduced football to this continent, played the game that we now call rugger. Since those early days the game has been refined. The number of participants has been cut down, a system of downs interposed, the shape of the ball changed, and the scoring revised.

What we know today as the line of scrimmage was developed from the scrum in rugger. A rugger scrum finds a group of players, in number lined up in the form of a pyramid, three in the first line, two in the second and then finally the last man or top of the pyramid. These men pack low, as they say in the game, and the front rank make contact with the front rank of the opposition.

The ball is thrown into the middle of this mass of players, and each side then attempts to heave the ball out to its halves who in turn pick it up and try to move across the goal. To see the scrum in action is a sight wondrous to behold. A group of ten men closely "packed" together milling about in a mass of feet and legs all trying to kick that ball out to the backs.

When the ball is finally heeled out, the backs take over and try to carry it across the opposing goal. There is no such thing as downs in the game. The ball is in play at all times unless there is an infraction of the rules or it is put out of bounds.

There is no forward passing. The ball usually comes out to the back nearest the scrum. He runs forward some distance to draw off the tacklers and then turns and throws a lateral to the number two back who is running several yards behind him. This lateral passing play is carried on from one back to another all the way down the field. It is one of the most beautiful of plays when properly executed, and there is nothing like it in either the American or Canadian game.

However, the most outstanding thing about a rugger game is the players themselves. There are fifteen to a side. No substitutions are allowed. If a player is hurt they carry him off and play one short or two short, depending upon how many are hurt. It is not uncommon for teams to finish playing a game with only twelve or thirteen a side.

Standing around the dressing room before the game we were most surprised to see the various members of the squad as they attired themselves in a sweater, shirt, wool knee socks, and cleated boots. Armed with all this equipment they went forth to do battle. The tackling in this game is just as vicious and the ground just as hard as in the Canadian. Yet the men are almost naked compared to Canadian players. It is no wonder then, that the Britishers look down their noses at our "rugged" game of football.

ON NOVEMBER 11 THE U.N.B. RED BOMBERS WILL MEET THE POWERFUL SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY SQUAD. BOTH TEAMS BOAST WINS OVER THE MONCTON TROJANS.

HILLMEN SPLIT 3-3 WITH SAINTS

Under clear autumn skies, the U. N. B. and St. Dunstan's battled to a 3-all tie in what was one of the best contested games witnessed on the Island in recent years. Both teams were pressing from the opening whistle, but it was evident that the tricky backfield work of the Islanders had the Red and Black baffled. Murphy of St. Dunstan's scored the first try of the game when he streaked to the corner on an end run. Michael Hennessey missed the convert from a difficult angle but the three points looked very large as the play sawed from one end to the other. The forwards of both teams were particularly outstanding as they followed up the booming kicks and their work was generally very effective. The U.N.B. scrum was a fighting unit which showed much improvement over their previous exhibition.

Time after time, 500-odd spectators were brought to their feet as it appeared that the Red and White would score, but each time U.N.B. halted them in their tracks.

On one occasion, Wee Willie MacDonald, bruising loose-forward of the Saints, charged the Varsity goal line only to have the ball jarred from his grasp by a bruising tackle by Ross Shepherd. Jack Thompson, U.N.B. halfback, fell on the ball for a touchdown as the crisis passed. On another occasion the St. Dunstan halfback, McRay, crossed the goal line only to place it on George Jardine's knee instead of the ground. This particular play added fuel to the fire as tension increased. Later on U.N.B. kicked to the opponents' one-yard line, only to have Hennessey boot it out of danger.

As the game wore on things looked dark for the Red and Black as the fighting Irish kept the ball (continued on page eight)



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