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This is a year in which every Ridleian may be, and undoubtedly is, proud of his school. We do not think, since the three schools have met regularly in cricket and football, that one school has succeeded in winning both cricket and football matches in one year. Such is our record for 1897, and we are modestly (we hope) proud of it. But whether we had won games or lost them, we had this year a splendidly balanced and thoroughly trained football team. The work of the team was so even that it would be almost unjust to particularize. There were no stars whose brightness eclipsed the rest, but every member worked his very best, not only to play hard in a match but to learn the game thoroughly in the practice. No better proof could be wished of the team's knowledge of the game than the number of touch downs in their scores, and the few made against them. It was very rarely that Ridley was content to kick the ball over the line for a single. The total score of 203 to 28 is indeed phenomenal, especially when it is considered that, except the two school fifteens, all the opposing teams were much heavier and older players. With regard to the two school matches much has been said elsewhere. After the T. C. S. match the general feeling among the XV was surprise that the score was so large, most seeming to think that they had to work very hard for every point gained. The U. C. C. match was really a fine display of football and the game was won entirely by combined team play. It is a matter of wonder that a school of seventy odd boys could so hold their own on the field against a school of two hundred and seventy. Too much credit for this can scarcely be given to Mr. Barr, whose knowledge and experience of the game have been placed ungrudgingly at the disposal of the boys. What another year may bring forth we do not know, but at least it will be hard to surpass the record of 1897.

Among the teams of the clubs of the Union the following old Ridleians were scattered:

- 'Varsity I—F. M. Perry,
- 'Varsity II—A. W. Anderson.
- 'Varsity III—T. B. F. Benson.
- Osgoode I—Mr. Michell, W. Caldecott, Chas. H. Flood, W. R. Wadsworth, A. C. Kingstone, (Captain).
- Hamilton I—K. Dewar.
- Trinity University—H. C. Griffith.

The enthusiasm of Old Ridleians is becoming a matter of notice by others than ourselves. We wish we had space to mention the names of all the Old Boys who turned out to see the T. C. S. game, and even came over to their old school to see the U. C. C. match.

The Christmas number of *Saturday Night*, in a general review of Canadian sports for the year, speaks of Ridley as having defeated U. C. C. and T. C. S. at cricket and "having held their own against the best clubs in the country."

Should there not be some special mark of distinction by which we could recognize those who have played on the college teams in both cricket, football and hockey? At present Hoyles ma, Doolittle and Dalton have enjoyed that honor.

Chess Tournament.

The ACTA offers three prizes, to be competed for at chess during the Lent Term. The competitor will be on a different plan to that usually adopted in chess tournaments. Every competitor will play two games with every other, counting two points for a win and one for a draw. The prizes will be awarded as follows:

- 1—One to the player who scores highest of those who have completed their fifteenth year when the competition begins.
- 2—One to the highest scorer under fifteen.
- 3—One to the highest scoring novice, who did not know the moves when he went home for the Christmas holidays.

The entries must be made within two weeks of reopening, when the date of the competition will be announced. The ACTA is not holding this tournament as an excuse to give away some of their hard earned money, but solely to encourage in the College the "ancient and honorable" game of chess. It is earnestly hoped that all chess players will take a great interest in the competition, and encourage those who have not yet learned to begin to do so. It is quite possible to learn to play a very fair game in a month.

The Sixth Annual Cross Country Race.

IN account of the great interest taken in football this season, the cross-country appeared to have dwindled into almost nothing. Indeed, speculation was rife as to whether we should have one at all, because it was so late in the season and such miserable weather.

However, Mr. Hendry flagged out the course, although the ground was frozen hard and had two or three inches of snow on it. This made the going extremely hard, for the hills were very slippery and the clods on the level stretches gave an uneven footing to the lightly shod runners.

The boys, nevertheless, turned out well at 4 o'clock on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, when the start was called. Twenty-three starters lined up in each event, junior and senior, but of these only eighteen seniors and fourteen juniors completed the full course.

The juniors were sent off first and started at a killing pace for a long cross-country run. When Demill College was reached, however, they began to tail out in a string, Gilbert, Hoyles mi, Nelson mi, Norton-Taylor and Smith being well bunched together. The pace told at the first hill, when Hoyles mi and Gilbert drew away from the bunch with Norton-Taylor a short distance behind. The first two easily distanced the rest and kept together till the last 100 yards, when Hoyles mi won on the spurt in 30 minutes, with Gilbert about 12 yards behind. This is the second year that Hoyles mi has won the junior cross-country, and he gives promise of being a splendid long distance runner.

The seniors were sent off on their journey ten minutes after the juniors. Duggan started like a whirlwind, but at the floats, about a mile from College, he had to give up and drop behind.

Hoyles ma took the lead from this on, with Norsworthy close behind. These two steadily increased their lead on the rest, but Hoyles gradually drew away from Norsworthy and finished strongly and easily in 43 minutes. This constitutes a school record for the course, and is still more praiseworthy on account of the nature of the ground. Between the second and third finishers there was about half a mile or more, then the others came in bunches of twos and threes at short intervals.

PICKED UP ALONG THE COURSE.

It was rather cool for the light and airy running suits.

Some one asked Clarke if he'd won, but he only answered "naow."

Great interest was taken in the awarding (and consuming) of the middle prizes.

Hoyles ma is now a firm believer in the old proverb, "put not your trust in fences."

Jimmy Dalton thought he had such a cinch on the race that he didn't bother taking off his coat.

Trench was considered by some as a dark horse, but he did not justify the expectations of his friends.

Several fellows imagined they were playing football, and felt inclined to "double up" along the course.

There is no knowing what might have been the result if Eddie Gooderham had been in his "usual condition."

Nicholls and Black came in across the line arm in arm, but that chest of Jim's put him ahead and Orlando got the cake.

Fatty Tuckett had been told "no run, no oysters." So he went all the way round the junior course. Well played, Tub.

There is a great deal of speculation as to what became of Kelpie's second wind. It must have blown away and the blow almost killed Kelpie.

Orlando said that anyone could get over that water jump, but after Mr. Hendry tried it and came to grief, Orlando guessed perhaps it was rather stiff.

The preparatory form had a race around the block, and Farmer Hughes was ahead till he fell in a snow bank. He finished second, with Kean first, Greenhill third.

Alexander mi's sporting blood got the best of him when he saw some rabbit tracks, and he went two or three fields out of his way to see if he could bag something.

Someone advised Jud to sneak up to the College without being seen, after his encounter with the barbed wire fence, but Jud thought that after passing the office girls in the Welland Vale so successfully he wouldn't be beaten out of his place like that. Anyway, it wasn't a full dress party.

The following is the order of the finishers:

SENIOR.

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| 1—Hoyles ma. | 8—Nicholls max. |
| 2—Norsworthy. | 9—Black. |
| 3—Tate. | 10—Harcourt ma. |
| 4—FitzHugh. | 11—Sewell. |
| 5—Baldwin. | 12—Duggan. |
| 6—Herbert. | 13—Alexander ma. |
| 7—Suckling. | 14—Gooderham ma. |

JUNIOR.

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| 1—Hoyles mi. | 5—Lumbers mi. |
| 2—Gilbert. | 6—Nelson mi. |
| 3—Norton-Taylor. | 7—Mason. |
| 4—Ingersoll. | 8—Kennedy ma. |

The winners of the races for the last few years are as follows:

SENIOR.

- 1894—W. E. H. Carter.
1895—H. R. Harmer.
1896—A. Schramm.
1897—H. L. Hoyles.

JUNIOR.

- 1894—H. L. Hoyles.
1895—A. Schramm.
1896—N. W. C. Hoyles.
1897—N. W. C. Hoyles.

R. M. MacLEOD.

Cross Country Supper.



N the evening of the race, at 8 o'clock, all but a few morbid spirits turned at the Master's invitation into the dining room to do justice to the good things provided.

After the oysters had been stowed away and glasses filled with ginger ale, the toasting began.

In the absence of Mr. Miller, the chair was taken by Mr. Williams. In proposing the toast "Athletics," Mr. Williams appeared to take considerable satisfaction out of the fact that the winners of the cross-country were also winners in another sense. The senior champion, Hoyles ma, was head of his Form last year, and Norsworthy was second; Tate stood head of his Form at the last examination, and Fitzhugh not far from head in the Third. The junior champion, Hoyles mi, stood second in the Fourth last year, and Gilbert stands well up in the Third. Of course he drew the conclusion that work need not be neglected in order to excel in sports.

Kerr made a beautiful little speech in his usual happy style, and MacLeod brought out some *very* sensible ideas.

"Pete" Haverson, besides making a rattling speech, sang a song with six or seven encores, and would have given us some more only he was afraid of infringing the rights of Skinny's song book.

Norsworthy really made the neatest speech of the evening. It is said by some unkind ones that he spoke several times during the evening under different names.

The gaiety was brought to a close by singing "God Save the Queen." The following is the toast list:

"The Queen."

"Athletics"—Proposed by Mr. Williams, responded to by N. F. Kerr.

"Football XV"—Proposed by H. S. McCall, responded to by W. C. Doolittle and R. H. Harcourt.

"Winners"—Proposed by N. F. Kerr, responded to by Hoyles Bros.

"Prefects"—Proposed by F. S. Allan, responded to by R. D. Gurd.

"Form V"—Proposed by S. C. Norsworthy, responded to by F. W. Baldwin.

"Form IV"—Proposed by A. C. Alexander, responded to by W. N. Nicholls.

"Form III"—Proposed by A. Black, responded to by E. D. Gooderham.

"Form II"—Proposed by Geo. Tuckett, responded to by H. Corey.

"Form I"—Proposed by Sidney Bunting, responded to by Geo. Hatfield and F. Hughes.

"Masters"—Proposed by W. C. J. Doolittle, responded to by Messrs. Barr, Kirkwood, Hendry and Wood.

"Ladies"—Proposed by Hobbs, responded to by MacLeod.

GINGERS FROM THE ALE.

McCall's reading was the hit of the evening.

Corey, Baldwin and Hoyles all made brilliant attempts.

Wonder if the Fourth Form is *really* the hope of the school?

Tuckett behaved as pluckily with his impromptu speech as he did on the course.

Counter got over those ploughed fields in grand style. It must have been the "poetic feet" that helped him.

Just let the football team find out any one who agrees with Hughes' opinion of his Master. There'll be some fur fly.

Oh! If Mr. Wood had only let us have some of those famous stories. How happy we would have been with even one.

Dalton didn't turn up for the speeches, but then we all know he was unable to run past the brewer. What excuse did Sewell have?

Hobbs was down to propose the ladies, but he only said a few words. Pretended he did not know anything of the subject. He's cute, he is.

It was explained that Jimmie Dalton and Jud Sewell did not come down to the supper because of their well known craving for notoriety. Everybody else was there, and Jud and Jimmie knew that they would cause more sensation by staying away. Some fellows are never satisfied unless they can live constantly in the public eye.

Detention is that sequestered location of saccharine retirement to which each and every boisterous and unduly uproariously unruly individuals are temporarily sequestered for creating divers superfluous acoustical phenomena not euphonious to the auricular organs of the respected beings installed in exalted positions, the same being vulgarly termed Masters. (Extract from a letter of Pete's to a friend in Boston.)

Mr. Kirkwood says that Greek words are like carrots; they should be picked out by the roots.

The Fives Court.

Mr. Miller has taken a very popular move in building a fives court. It is not an expensive affair, but as it has been received with such enthusiasm by the boys, another one may be put up. The court is occupied every instant of play hours, and is generally engaged two games ahead.

Fives is a game which has existed in various forms from the earliest times. The name is supposed by some to be derived from the fact that the ball is struck by the five digits of the hand, and by others from there having been at one time five players on each side. The former is probably the correct derivation. Some form of the game seems to have been

for it is entirely unknown to the general public, being confined solely to the great public schools and universities of England.

The minor rules vary at most schools and universities, and are generally handed down by tradition. The ball has usually a diameter of about two inches, the core being made of rubber, bound round with fine twine and covered with white leather.

The following publishers' announcements appear too late to go into our regular advertising columns: "Advice for youths preparing for a life on the Ocean Wave" by Jud Sewell. Paper \$1.00, Cloth \$1.50. Pete Haverson's "Autobiography", containing his miraculous



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N. C. HOYLES (JUNIOR). H. L. HOYLES (SENIOR).

known both to the Greeks and Romans, and in 1365 *pila manualis* and *pila pedina*, handball and football, are mentioned as two of the pastimes which had caused the deterioration of archery in England, and had to be prohibited on that account. During the fifteenth century palm play in England and *jeu de paume* in France were the chief analagous pastimes.

The game is played both in an "open" and "close" court. The only requisites for an open court are a level piece of ground and a smooth wall in front. A "close" court has in addition two side walls at the ends of and at right angles to the front one, and the whole may or may not be covered in.

The game is a distinctly aristocratic one,

escapes from detention, 550 pages, paper 10c. "The Water Fight; its use and abuse", by R. Duggan, preface by Douglas Mason, sequel by A. C. Black, illustrated on palm leaves by Mr. Williams. Half calf \$5.00.

Lumbers,— "I'll slug you for that, Ambridge."

Ambridge—"If you do, I'll put a jab in the Acta about you." (Exit Lumbers, in mortal terror.)

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Our Cider is The Best.

The Football Supper.

Thanks to Mr. F. W. Nicholls, Alex. Mackenzie and Geo. Gooderham jr. the football supper this year eclipsed all former ones far and away and was a fitting close to the most successful season Ridley has yet seen. These three gentlemen, the two latter being old boys, promised each an oyster supper to the victorious team, but it was thought better to amalgamate the three in one big dinner, and this was done.

When the boys began to gather around the door of the dining hall about eight o'clock, they seemed to expect something extra good, and I've been told in confidence that some particular boys did not eat any tea in expect-

justice to the dinner. Then when they had got down the menu as far as ice cream and coffee, Captain Doolittle proposed a vote of thanks to the donors of the spread. It was carried unanimously and drunk enthusiastically with musical honors. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the masters who had helped us so kindly in our practices and to Mr. Barr in particular.

To this Mr. Barr responded in a few brief well chosen words, modestly disclaiming any honor himself but rather giving it to the football team as a whole.

Mr. Miller then proposed the health of the present football team and those to follow, and expressed a wish that they would all be as



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ation of the dinner. However, that is telling tales out of school, as it were.

The sight of the tables was a most delightful surprise. No one had suspected that the old familiar dining-room could undergo such a transformation. The dinner was served at one big table, prettily decorated by Miss Cleghorn with smilax and roses. Along the table stood mounds of fruit terminated at the ends by four huge roast turkeys. Beside each place was a dainty little menu containing between its covers the names of the team and the games with the scores, besides the regular menu.

The boys all agreed that the cook had covered herself with glory by her performance on the occasion, and they did full

good as this one has been, and as successful. After the toast had been drunk, Mr. Miller gave a brief address on the benefits of regular bodily exercise and of football in particular. A song from Haverson did much to enliven the evening and then the most brilliant and successful team dinner that the College ever witnessed was brought to a close by all singing "God Save the Queen."

After the boys had left the dining-room, a crowd of youngsters from the dormitories above swooped down on the remains of the feast like a flock of vultures. In an incredibly short time there wasn't a morsel of anything eatable to be seen on the table which a short time before had been groaning beneath the weight of good cheer.

A Spanish Bull Fight.

F I was walking, one Sunday afternoon, up and down the Paseo (or principal drive) in the City of Mexico, I was confronted by a bright red poster informing the public that Jose Centeno, the most famous of famous bull fighters, with a select troupe made up of the best *toreros* in the Republic, would give a *corrida*, or bull fight, in the Plaza de Bucareli, the largest ring in the city. As I was reading the poster a friend came, and, seeing such a tempting programme announced, invited me to accompany him to the fight. In a few minutes we found ourselves at the entrance of the ring, surrounded by a mob of ticket vendors and all kinds of street merchants, who were one and all extolling the merits of their respective wares in voices a good deal louder than they were harmonious.

At last, having bought our tickets, we were allowed to pass through the doors, across a small court yard and into the ring, when the full splendor of the spectacle burst upon us, almost dazzling our eyes with its magnificence. The ring was full almost to overflowing, and, as it has a seating capacity of about 25,000, you can imagine what a gay scene it was. The ring is on the same plan as the Colosseum at Rome, the only difference being that there are no cages for wild animals except the *toril*, or bull pen, which cannot be seen by the spectators. The ring is built of wood instead of stone, the seats are in tiers and extend up from the first barrier to the bottom of the private boxes. Outside the first barrier that separates the ring from the seats is another barrier, built about three yards out from the first, and the fighters, when hard pressed, vault over it into the open space behind, where the bull will very seldom follow.

We had been lucky enough to obtain seats on the shady side of the ring, that side corresponding to the pit in an opera house. As we were just under the judge's box we had a fine place from which to view the spectacle.

At length the doors on the other side of the ring opened, and in came a man on horseback dressed as a Spanish gentleman of the last century. To him the judge gave the keys of both the *toril* and of the entrance door. After receiving the keys the horseman rode back, unlocked both doors and then went out of the ring by the back door, so to speak. The trumpet sounded, the band struck up a lively tune, and in marched the *cuadrilla*, the troupe of bull fighters, all ablaze with tinsel and tarnished spangles. After saluting, first the judge and then the people, they exchanged their gaudy *capas* for more serviceable ones, and scattered over the ring, the horsemen going in pairs and getting as close as was advisable to the *toril*.

Finally, in the midst of great excitement, the bugle sounded, the gates of the *toril* flew open and out dashed a splendid black bull, who had been undergoing for at least two hours a series of gentle pricks with the business end of a goad. Just as he was coming out he received right between the shoulders a *rosa*, or barbed dart, with different colored ribbons floating from it. As soon as he got well out in the ring one of the fighters gave a *parada*, that is he kept dodging the bull by means of his *capa*, and finally giving such a very quick turn that the bull, in trying to follow him, fell upon his knees, while the bull fighter returned to the side of the ring amidst the applause of the people. As soon as the bull got up he espied a *picador*, or horseman, and without more ado he made straight for him. The *picador* tried to stop him with his lance but missed his mark. The bull's horns struck the horse's ribs with a sound that was not pleasant to the ear; I don't suppose that it pleased the horse much, either, for when the bull took out his horns again he left the horse without any inner man. As for the man, he was thrown with no gentle force against the side of the ring, though he recovered after a while. The bull, who was looking for trouble, went in and wiped out about six more horses before he got through, and when the trumpet sounded for the horsemen to retire he was still looking for trouble.

When the *picadores* had gone out of the ring the *banderilleros*, that is the bull fighters who tease the bull by sticking darts into his back and then dodging before he can toss them, now advanced into the middle of the ring and prepared to carry out their part of the proceedings. The first one waited till the bull was almost touching him, then stepping quickly to one side, he planted both *banderillas* right between the shoulder blades and walked slowly back to the centre of the ring amid the deafening applause of the spectators. The next man did very badly indeed, placing the *banderillas* at least six inches from where he was supposed to place them, and the ovation he received when he went back to the side of the ring was quite as loud if not as complimentary. Several oranges and ancient cabbage heads took effect upon him, which of course did not tend to encourage him. So the next time he went into the ring he was rather nervous, and when the bull rushed at him he did not even attempt to step aside until it was too late, for the bull hurled him in the air and then, when he fell to the ground, trampled and gored him until he was simply a mass of pulp and dead as a door nail.

Strange to say, this did not stop the proceedings, for the fight went on as if nothing had happened, but it took the people a good while before they quieted down enough to enjoy the other death that occurred, namely, that of the bull.

But at last the *matador* stepped into the ring, made his speech to the judge, and approached the bull with his sword and *maleta*, or small red cape, in his hand. Several times the bull rushed at him, but he easily dodged him. The people were as quiet as if they were in church, and the whole scene was a picture worthy of an artist. For only a second they stood thus. The bull rushed madly forward, the sword flashed for an instant and then descended, striking the bull right between the shoulder blades, and sinking up to the hilt. The bull toppled, then fell over on his side, and died without a struggle. The scene that followed was one that has to be seen to be appreciated. The audience rose to its feet as one man, the poor people threw their hats into the ring, and the richer classes showed their approbation by throwing in cigars, cigarettes, and even money, all of which were acknowledged by the *matador*, who went around the ring hat in hand picking up the various articles that had been thrown to him. A team of mules came in and dragged out the dead bull and the horses that had been killed.

After this the fight was resumed, with no other casualty except that before the end of the entertainment the stock of horses gave out and the managers of the ring had to buy some plugs from the cabs that were outside the ring awaiting the exit of the audience.

F. AMBRIDGE (IV).

Watts In A Name?

Prefect Norsworthy enters his dormitory, candle in hand, at 10 p. m., sees Jack Greenhill, Norman Nicholls and Lee hop into bed in a hurry.

Norsworthy—Hallo there you kids, what's all this about? (No answer, all mouths are full.)

Norsworthy,—(looking round) Ah, I thought so, I see, *what's* under your bed, Greenhill.

Greenhill—Oh no, you don't Counter. Watts is under Lee's bed. Ha! Ha!

Norsworthy—Well, let's see *what's* left anyway. (Hauls a box of cake belonging to Watts from under Greenhill's bed and emits a quiet chuckle as he walks off to discuss with Hoyles whether the remains of a cake by any other name would taste as sweet.)

Lumbers ma, general provider of side splitters to the Fourth Form, is heard shouting; "Sturgeon", "Sturgeon".

Skinny (running up) "Well, what do you want me for?" Lumbers—"I don't want you. I'm waiting for John Wells to go down town and I was yelling to him to get a move on; (Skinny looks fierce) I was calling "Str John! See!"

The Football Matches.



THE first appearance of the team was in a practice game with St. Catharines on the 22nd of September. The boys played hard, but with little combination, and won out by 15 points to 1. The kicking of the back division was fair and showed promise of good work.

On the 25th a second game was played, and the experience gained in the previous match gave them an easy victory. Score, 35—0.

On October 2nd the Hamilton Juniors were played in Hamilton, and the game resulted in a tie, 7 points. The home team was strengthened

by the addition of several of the Intermediate team and one of the Seniors, but despite their weight the boys succeeded in holding them down.

In the first half, playing with the wind, Ridley scored all their points, 5 rouges and a safety touch. The wings did not mark their men closely enough and no runs could be made, and although the ball was almost entirely in the Hamilton quarter, it could only be advanced by kicking.

In the second half our boys braced up and showed considerable form in holding back heavy rushes, and towards the latter part of the game forced the play but were not fast enough to score. Hamilton scored from a goal and a rouge.

On the whole the match was entirely satisfactory, and gave a much needed opportunity to test the relative merits of the players and to bring to view the weak spots in the team.

The team was: Back, Baldwin, halves, Gander, Kerr (Captain), Mr. Barr; quarter, Hobbs; scrimmage, McLeod, Norsworthy, Bixel; wings, Harcourt, Sewell, Lumbers, Alexander, Haverson, Dalton, Hoyles.

On October 19th the St. Catharines team met our boys for the third time and again Ridley won. Score 33.—0.

B. R. C. VS. TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL.

The annual game between the schools was played at the Rosedale grounds on Saturday, October 30th. It was rather a dull day with a tendency towards rain, with but little wind. The teams lined up at 11 a. m. as follows:

T. C. S.—Back, Reid; halves, McLaren, Baldwin (Captain), Brunton; quarter, Clarke; scrimmage, Gerow, Osler, Ridout; wings, Brown, Duggan, Skill, Jennings, Plummer, Kittson, Hammond.

B. R. C.—Back, Baldwin; halves, Kerr, Doolittle (Captain), Wade; quarter, Hobbs; scrimmage, Norsworthy, McLeod, Gander; wings, Sewell, Harcourt, Lumbers, Alexander, Haverson, Hoyles, Dalton.

Substitutes (Ridley)—Allan, Trench, Bixel.

Referee—Mr. Mackay, Osgoode Hall.

Umpire—Mr. Glen McDougall, Varsity.

Timekeepers—Mr. Hendry, Mr. Watson.

Ridley won the toss and elected to kick toward the west end, taking advantage of a slight breeze. Hoyles fumbled the kick-off, and from the scrimmage Hobbs plunged through the centre for ten yards and then the ball went to Kerr, who placed in touch on the school twenty-five line. Offside play gave Trinity a free kick, which Doolittle returned to Brunton, who sent it back to Kerr and he returned to Reid, who fumbled, and Ridley got the ball five yards from their opponents' goal. The ball was handed out to Hobbs and Trinity got a free kick. Hobbs twisted his knee and time was called to allow him to recover. Kerr got the ball from the kick and returned into touch. Trinity did not scrimmage the ball, and from a free kick by Doolittle, Reid relieved to Wade, who returned to touch in goal. Ridley 1, T. C. S. 0.

Ridley kicked out quickly and forced the ball to half way, and from free kicks for illegal scrimmaging our goal was in danger. Baldwin kicked and Doolittle tried for a mark, which was not allowed, and he was pushed back over the line for a safety touch. Ridley 1, T. C. S. 2.

Up to this time T. C. S. had been forcing the play. The Ridley wings were not marking their men and were playing anything but a fast game. With the score against them the whole team braced up, and from this time out played a fast, aggressive game. An offside gave Trinity the ball on the 25 line, but they did not gain, for Sewell got the

ball and Doolittle kicked into touch. Again offside play gave Trinity a kick, which Doolittle returned for a gain of 15 yards, and the wings broke through and dribbled the ball to half way. Brown was tackled hard and time was taken for a few minutes. Ridley got possession of the ball and Doolittle kicked to Reid, who fumbled but retained the ball. The wings were playing too fast and Trinity got a free kick. They gained but little and our boys gradually forced the ball up the field, and from a kick Reid had to rouse. Ridley 2, T. C. S. 2.

Trinity, from the kick out, worked the ball to half way but lost ground again from kicks by our backs, who placed well into touch. Hard, fast play gave Ridley the ball ten yards out and Hobbs passed it out, received it again and plunged over the line for a try which Kerr converted. Ridley 8, T. C. S. 2.

Trinity kicked off to Alexander, who made a short run. From the scrimmage Doolittle kicked into touch at quarter way, but offside play gave the School a kick. The ball was returned to Reid, who fumbled. Ridley got the ball near the line and Hobbs bucked through and dropped over the line for a try, which Kerr failed to convert. Ridley 12, T. C. S. 2.

Half time was called shortly after with ball in the centre of the field. On resuming play Ridley rushed the ball down on their opponents' goal and Reid had to rouse. Ridley 13, T. C. S. 2.

All the play was in Trinity quarter, and despite the splendid kicking of their backs the School could not get the ball out and a touch-in-goal was scored against them. Ridley 14, T. C. S. 2.

From the kick out the School, aided by free kicks for illegal scrimmaging, forced the play past half way, but Doolittle relieved by kicking into touch at the School quarter. Ridley gained the ball in the scrimmage and made short gains by mass plays. Hobbs, Kerr, Doolittle and Wade handled the ball in quick succession and the latter went over for a try, which was not converted; Ridley 18, T. C. S. 2.

The kick out put the ball in Ridley territory, but it was returned to Trinity quarter. An illegal scrimmage gave Ridley a free kick, and Doolittle kicked high over the line. The backs fumbled and Dalton scored a try, which again was not converted. Ridley 22, T. C. S. 2.

An exchange of punts followed the kick off and Kerr gained by placing into touch at the School quarter. Hoyles tackled Reid and stopped a good chance for a run. A Trinity offside gave Doolittle an opportunity to kick over the line, and from a fumble Gander got a try, which Doolittle converted. Ridley 28, T. C. S. 2.

Hobbs, who had been injured repeatedly, was forced to retire, and the Trinity captain, in most sportsmanlike manner, allowed Allan to be substituted. Our boys rushed the play again, and by repeated dribbles got into the School quarter. From a scrimmage Wade kicked to the line, Lumbers followed up and carried the ball over and the try was not converted. Ridley 32, T. C. S. 2.

Our boys relaxed their efforts and the School made a desperate attempt to score, but were successfully beaten back, mainly by the use of mass plays and dribbling. The most exciting play of the whole match occurred in these last few minutes. The School had a free kick near Ridley goal but it was blocked, and Doolittle and Baldwin dribbled the ball the entire length of the field, Baldwin carrying the ball over the line, but the try was disallowed on account of offside interference on the School quarter line. Trinity worked the ball up the field gradually, but time was called before they became dangerous.

On the whole the game was a fair exhibition of football. The back division on each side was exceedingly strong, and it was only the fast work of the Ridley wings that prevented the Trinity halves from gaining more ground. The Trinity wings were not strong enough, and time and again the Ridley players tackled the centre half or quarter before the ball could be played. The mass plays which had been practised did not work as well as expected on account of the slowness of the wings in getting clear of their men and lining up when the signals were given. During the first ten minutes the School had it all their way, but when our boys settled down their superior condition and team play told, and they were able to force the play whenever they wished. The team, on the whole, did not display anything like the form they developed in the Upper Canada game, but there is no doubt that the Trinity match gave them an insight into the value of team work and also a certain amount of confidence in their play.

RIDLEY VS. U. C. C.

In 1891 Ridley almost defeated Upper

Canada in Rugby but since that time, until the present year, it has required but little exertion for the Toronto boys to win. But now we have a different story to tell. On Saturday Nov. 6th Ridley, defeated her old opponent, and although the score was close, yet the play clearly showed that Ridley was much in advance of the U. C. C. team, both in play and in scoring ability. In the last twenty minutes of the game our boys gave as good an exhibition of defence play as has ever been seen on any football field in Canada, and while the visitors played as hard as they could they were unable to beat back the mass plays and hold their marks. The teams were:

Upper Canada College,—Back, Morrison; halves, Fudger, Hills, Birmingham; quarter, Jackson; scrimmage, Boyd, Burwash, Beck; wings, Petherbridge, (Captain), Parker, Howitt, Mason, Brodie, Denison, Crosthwaite.

Bishop Ridley College—Back, Baldwin; halves, Doolittle, (Captain), Kerr, Wade; quarter, Hobbs; scrimmage, Gander, Norsworthy, McLeod; wings, Sewell, Harcourt, Lumbers, Dalton, Alexander, Hoyles, Haverson.

Referee—Mr. W. Smith

Umpire—Mr. Collins.

Ridley won the toss and elected to kick south with the wind which was blowing diagonally across the field. Hill kicked off and Doolittle returned into touch at half-way. A series of pretty kicks followed, and Ridley gained by landing the ball in touch at U. C. C. quarter line. College tried to force their way through but the Ridley wings stood firm and beat back every attempt. Hills tried to buck the line but was pulled down and from the scrimmage the ball was dribbled through, Dalton interlered and Kerr got the ball, when tackled by Morrison he passed to Haverson who was shoved over the line between the posts, Kerr converting the try. U. C. C. 0. Ridley 6.

Hills kicked off to Ridley quarter, Hobbs caught the ball and quickly passed to Doolittle who returned to Birmingham. The latter fumbled and the ball went into touch at U. C. C. 45 line. Ridley took the ball out and the scrimmage wedged and swung around letting Kerr through for a good gain. This play was worked successfully a number of times and the College team was forced back to their line. The whole Ridley team formed into a wedge and Hobbs was slowly pushed over the line for a try which Kerr neatly converted. U. C. C. 0. Ridley 12.

From the kick off College rushed down on Ridley goal and for a time it looked as if they would score. Hobbs knee had been troubling him and the game was delayed until he recovered. Kerr was given a chance and kicked into touch at half-way. From the scrimmage Hill relieved but Doolittle returned, the wings followed hard and downed Morrison. By this time the wind had almost abated but the superior kicking of the Ridley back division told and the ball was sent over the line, Morrison rousing. U. C. C. 0. Ridley 13.

Again College rushed the play but were gradually beaten back and for some minutes Ridley tried to force the ball over the line but were not successful and half-time was called with the ball a few yards from goal.

After the usual rest, play was resumed; The wind had freshened considerably and was blowing directly down the field. The College players, with this advantage, thought they had the game won and that they could easily run up about thirty points, but they reckoned not wisely as they soon found out, as was afterwards shown.

Hill returned the kick off and sent the ball to Ridley quarter, Doolittle relieved but Hill got in one of his magnificent kicks and Baldwin was forced to rounge. Doolittle kicked out but the wind was too strong and Hills returned over the line again, this time to touch-in-goal. U. C. C. 2. Ridley 13.

From the kick out Ridley forced the ball to half-way but the wings relaxed their efforts and allowed Hills to kick. Baldwin tried a flying kick but the wind carried the ball back over his head and the College wings were on it in a flash and Mason got a try which Hills converted. U. C. C. 8. Ridley 13.

It looked now as if College were going to win easily but the Ridley boys were not to be outdone. The most the visitors could do was to kick over the line which was done twice in rapid succession. On one of these occasions Baldwin tried to kick against the wind but the ball was blown back and he retrieved his error by diving into the ball in grand style when surrounded by College wings. U. C. C. 10. Ridley 13.

From this until the end of the game, a space of 20 minutes; Ridley forced the play, the wings breaking through and pulling down Jackson or Hills every time for a gain of a few yards.

Although checked extremely hard Hills managed on one occasion to get the ball

right to the dead ball line where Baldwin received it and contrary to all expectation dodged past the College wings and fell over the line. The scrimmage massed in and worked right up the field beyond half-way. It was a magnificent effort, the entire wing line formed into wedge after wedge and ploughed through the College line. This method of playing and the signalling seemed to disconcert the visitors who did not know how to stop the combined rushes.

Only once was there danger when Hills got the ball and rushed around the left end and passed to Birmingham, but Hoyles and Baldwin were on hand and stopped the rush by well judged tackling. The excitement was tremendous but the Ridley boys held together and played like veterans. Time was called with Ridley in possession of the ball at half-way.

Ridley won the match because of their superior team play and because they had a greater variety of ways in which to advance the ball. On the other hand the College relied on getting the ball to Hills to kick or buck the line, and when this was stopped they did not know what to do. Man for man the College team probably had a better knowledge of football but as a team they were points behind their victors.

ST. CATHARINES VS. B. R. C.

The St. Catharines team was played again on the 10th of November, and once more our boys won, rolling up 28 points to St. Kitts 0. The regular team played with the exception of McLeod and Hobbs, whose places were taken by Bixel and Mr. Barr. In the first half 16 points and in the second 12 points were scored. Doolittle and Harcourt each got a try, while Wade and Mr. Barr each got two. Kerr converted two of the goals.

RIDLEY VS. OLD BOYS.

There has always been a great deal of difficulty in getting together a team of Old Boys, but this year Alex. McKenzie took charge of the matter, and on November 20th brought over the following Old Boys: G. E. Gooderham, H. C. Griffiths, A. J. Hills, F. M. Perry, W. Caldecott, J. D. McWilliams, J. R. N. Cooke, W. Millichamp, J. Bunting, V. Gzowski, T. O'Meara, H. Marks, H. Hore, J. Lee.

Ridley played the regular team. Mr. G. Peterson acted as referee and Mr. Butler as umpire.

Ridley pressed from the start and forced the ball into their opponents' quarter. The

Old boys' scrim., however, led by Pud Perry, was too tricky for the boys, and it was with difficulty that Hobbs could get the ball out. At last the scrim got the ball out neatly, and Hobbs, seeing an opening, was over the line for a try. Doolittle neatly converted and the score was 6—0.

The "Old Boys" tried their utmost to force the play, Hills kicking remarkably well, but Doolittle and Baldwin relieved at every opportunity. The ball was worked down the field again and Wade kicked to touch in goal.

The "Old Boys" at last got a chance and Caldecott carried the ball 25 yards and then passed to Gooderham, who took it about the same distance over the line. Hills missed an easy goal. Half time was called with the score 7 to 4 in favor of the Present.

The play in the second half was very even and it was only by hard work that the Present were able to score, Harcourt carrying the ball over for a maul in goal. No further scoring was done, and the game stood 11—14 in favor of the Present.

The pleasure of the game was greatly marred by the unfortunate accident which happened to Hills during the second half. While attempting to tackle Hobbs he struck one of the other players and was thrown on his head and shoulders with such force that he did not regain his senses for some time.

B. R. C. VS. HAMILTON III.

The return match with the Hamilton Juniors was played on the field on Thanksgiving Day, and resulted in a decisive victory for our boys by a score of 29 to 4. The teams were:

Hamilton III—Kilvert, Allister, Jackson, Zimmerman, Brown, Russel, Morrison, Garvin, Ballard (Captain), Weiderhammer, Trusdale, Colder, Billings, Duggan.

Ridley—Baldwin, Doolittle (Captain), Kerr, Wade, Hobbs, Norsworthy, McLeod, Gander, Sewell, Mr. Kirkwood, Lumbers, Alexander, Mr. Barr, Hoyles, Dalton.

Referee—Mr. Hendry.

Umpire—Mr. R. Schram.

Doolittle won the toss and took the kick off. At once Ridley rushed the play and kept the ball in the Hamilton quarter for some minutes before they scored. At no time in the first half was there any great danger from the visitors. Four tries, one of which was converted, and a touch in goal were scored in this half by Ridley, while Hamilton got nothing.

In the second half the Hamilton team braced up considerably and held the boys down to a goal and a try. Hamilton rushed the play as hard as possible and on one occasion had the ball right on the Ridley line, but quick defence play saved a score. The visitors scored by a run around the end, about 25 yards, by Ballard and Kilvert.

The boys had had little practice before this match and consequently could not make use of wedge plays, but the wings made up for it by splendid breaking through, blocking and well judged tackling. The kicking by the halves was very good, especially of Kilvert for Hamilton and Doolittle and Baldwin for Ridley.

There was the best of feeling between the teams during the game, and although one or two players were hurt it could in no way be attributed to rough play. The result showed the relative merits of the teams and cleared the tie game in a most conclusive way.

THE RECORD.

Sept. 22—Ridley vs. St. Catharines.....	15—1
Sept. 25—Ridley vs. St. Catharines.....	35—0
Oct. 2—Ridley vs Hamilton III	7—7
Oct. 19—Ridley vs. St. Catharines.....	33—0
Oct. 30—Ridley vs. T. C. S	32—2
Nov. 6—Ridley vs. U. C. C.....	13—10
Nov. 10—Ridley vs. St. Catharines.....	28—0
Nov. 20—Ridley vs. "Old Boys"	11—4
Nov. 24—Ridley vs. Hamilton III	29—4

Of the nine games played, eight were won and one drawn. Ridley scored 203 points to her opponents' 28. This is a most remarkable showing, and has probably never been equalled, of late years, by any college team.

TEAM AVERAGE.

	Age.	Wt.
F. W. Baldwin	15	136
N. F. Kerr	16	158
W. C. J. Doolittle.....	17	152
J. H. Wade	18	130
F. S. Hobbs	16	151
S. C. Norsworthy	15	139
R. M. McLeod	18	149
M. H. Gander	18	156
J. T. Sewell	17	148
R. H. Harcourt	16	156
F. B. Lumbers.....	18	154
A. C. Alexander	16	145
J. P. Haverson	17	147
A. E. Dalton	17	145
H. L. Hoyles.....	17	147
A. W. Bixel	16	170
C. S. J. Trench.....	16	115
F. S. Allan	15	136

Total weight—2,634 lbs.
Average weight—146.3 lbs.
Average age—16.5 years.

PERSONNEL OF THE TEAM.

F. W. Baldwin—Substitute half on last year's team, has shown great development this year, especially in kicking. His punting was extremely good, and he gained by placing his kicks where they would be of the greatest advantage. Very strong and sure in tackling and not easily rattled. His work in combination with that of Hoyles in stopping the rush of Hills and Birmingham in the U. C. C. game, was very noticeable.

N. F. Kerr—Was on the wing line last year and has played left half this season. One of the hardest workers on the team, and was invaluable in defence play. His work in the U. C. C. match was very effective, especially in breaking through the line.

W. C. J. Doolittle—Full back on last year's team and centre half this year. Was exceedingly strong in punting, and gained many yards for his team by the judicious placing of his kicks. Great credit is due him for the way in which he handled his team. He played his men carefully while on defence and thus saved them for the hard work accompanying mass play while endeavoring to score. Above all, he did not permit any needless exertion while the play was in the central portion of the field, but relied on advancing the ball by long kicks to touch.

J. H. Wade—Outside wing last year and right half this season. Did not have much opportunity for development, but showed great improvement over last year's form. He was one of the best tackles on the team. His only fault was his aptness to hesitate in an emergency;

F. S. Hobbs—Quarter back. This was his first year at the college and he gained his colors easily. Was the coolest player on the team and manœuvred his scrim. in splendid style. He fed the halves exceedingly well, and in bucking the line could not be excelled.

R. M. McLeod—Was on last year's fifteen. Always played a hard, fast game, and heeled the ball out well in scrimmage.

S. C. Norsworthy—Centre scrimmage. This is his first year on the team. Worked hard and trained steadily. Displayed good judgment in stopping mass plays.

M. H. Gander—Played wing last season and scrimmage this year. A hard, cool player. Was the apex of the wedges and was especially effective in getting round on the enemy's quarter.

J. T. Sewell—Played on the team for the first time this year. He has developed into a splendid inside wing, and is one of the most expert tacklers. In the Port Hope game he distinguished himself by the way in which he repeatedly got possession of the ball from the T. C. S. scrimmage.

R. H. Harcourt—A new player this year and one who has worked hard and faithfully all season. He displayed great judgment in breaking through and tackling the quarter.

J. P. Haverson—Middle wing. This is his first year on the team. Has practised carefully, and in the matches never relaxed for a moment. His blocking was very effective in protecting the halves.

A. E. Dalton—Substitute on last year's team and outside wing this year. Always on the ball and was extremely fast in following up the kicks. He caught well and looking after any runners who attempted to circle his end.

H. L. Hoyles, filled the same position this season as he did last year. He has shown very great improvement this year. In every play, a splendid tackler, fast to follow up and strong on the defence. He was one of the best players on the team, and did most effective work in the games.

It is with great regret that we hear, just as we are going to press, that Wally Kerr will



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A. C. Alexander—Filled the other middle line position. This was his first year at the game, and he has picked it up wonderfully well during the season. He did very effective work in the matches and played for all he was worth; he was always on the ball.

F. B. Lumbers—Never played Rugby before but learned the game quickly. He used his strength with great effectiveness in breaking through and in blocking. In the U. C. C. game he had opposed to him Denison, who was regarded as the best junior wing of the season, and it is not saying too much that the latter did not have more than one or two chances to handle the ball.

not be back after Christmas, his uncle having obtained for him a position in the Canada Life. Kerr has worked his way from the First Form to the Sixth and a prefectship, has always stood well in examinations, and had the very brightest chance of passing the second part of the Matric. next July. His removal will be a severe blow to the cricket XI, on which he was by far the strongest member left, as he was also the oldest, having been on the Elevens of '95, '96 and '97. We wish him every success in his career, and hope that he will come back occasionally to give an account of himself. There is no necessity to break off all at once the associations of five years.

Hockey.

In order that no time may be wasted when the boys return after the holidays, it has been thought wise to elect a committee before Christmas. The following committee was chosen: Hoyles, Doolittle, Dalton, Kerr, Hobbs. There was also elected a junior committee, which is an innovation likely to be successful; those elected were Nicholls ma, Charles, Suckling, Gooderham mi, Duggan.

The prospects of having a good hockey team this coming season are bright. There remain of last year's team, Hoyles, Doolittle, Dalton and Allan. Hobbs is reported to be a fast player. He does not say so himself, but he is known to have played for London last winter.

One of the ACTA's annual chestnuts is the recommendation that the rink should have more money spent on it, if necessary, to keep it in better order. It is very difficult to keep good ice on an open rink, but though we make no recommendation this year, yet we have more hope that there will be better ice this winter than ever before. Sometime there may be a covered rink. A most generous subscription of \$200 has already been offered to Mr. Miller for that purpose by one of the kindest friends of the college. A few more offers of this kind and a covered rink for Ridley would be a very likely thing.

The chief difficulty, after the financial one, is to find a suitable piece of ground, and this is a greater difficulty than one would, at first thought, suppose.

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