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R.M.C. PREPARES TO DEFEND TITLE

Several Good Men Lost to Them but Some Promising New Material for Gaps.

The Royal Military College rugbyists, that never-say-die twelve who proudly bear the scarlet and white colors through strenuous campaigns year after year, are out to defend the intermediate intercollegiate championship and like their fellow champions of Queen's University they intend to deliver the goods.

Weakened to no small degree by the loss of such stars as Hughes, Norris, Price and Gill, the Point Frederick team will have a hard fight on its hands this season. Queen's and Varsity Intermediate will be much stronger than last year, but the champs are not discouraged by any means and they will be out fighting from the first blast of the referee's whistle in their initial game which is scheduled for October 10th, their opponents being Queen's II.

Every cloud has a silver lining, 'tis said, and the rugby situation at R.M.C. is no exception to the rule. Several new recruits with real football experience and ability turned up at the college on opening day and

there is little doubt but that they will make the grade for the senior squad. Osler, who starred at Trinity College School, Port Hope, last fall, is among these arrivals, and being a crack wing man his appearance is doubly welcome. He is a splendidly proportioned athlete and the followers of R.M.C. will be delighted with his work this season, or we miss our guess. Osler was captain of the T.C.S. team and is a good field general on his own account, heady in a pinch and a bulwark on the defence.

Next in order appears Mather, last year with Ridley College, for which team he acquitted himself nobly as a quarter. He will be used as snap for the cadets and judging from the form displayed to date should make good with a vengeance. Last but by no means least we have Tremain, star booter of Ashbury College. Tremain is a great running half and will probably be used in his familiar position this year. In practice he has been going great guns, booting them far and wide, and while carrying the ball surprising his mates with his elusive tactics. He should work well with Capt. Hamilton in the back field.

Five members of the 1922 line huskies are back at the college, these being Lane, Yokos, Burile, Brown and B. G. Carr-Harris. They will be remembered by their all-round ability last season, steadily holding the best plungers in the intermediate intercollegiate. The candidates for the

backfield will include, in addition to Hamilton and Tremain, three Almen in Smith, of the Scarlet and White squad, Kirkpatrick and R. N. Carr-Harris. Matthew, the scrappy little quarter is also in harness. The intermediates are short an experienced outside wing but this difficulty will be overcome before the season opens.

Major Greenwood is coaching the first team aspirants again this year, although, as usual, a great deal of the grilling is left in the hands of the team captain. No better man at the college could have been selected for this all-important post than Hamilton, who is a real field director, crafty, brainy, and a star on attack or defence.

True to their traditions of silence and aloofness as to advance publicity or prophesies the cadets are working doggedly away and are not worrying as to the reputed strength of their rivals. They are used to stiff opposition, and then some, but their record of nine intermediate championships in the twenty years of operation of the intercollegiate union is enough to prove the ability of the Point Frederick teams of the past.

In passing it might be mentioned that the R.M.C. has never boasted more than its share of individual football stars, but has won the laurels simply by means of team play, condition and a fighting spirit that is second to none on this or any other continent. The players are always young in years and experience, while exceedingly few have been giants in stature, but their loyal attention to orders and their in-grown and always uppermost ideas of submerging their personal thirst for individual laurels under the vastly more important objective of a victory for the "team" has given them an enviable position in the annals of Canadian rugby. Many far superior teams, on paper, at least, have bowed to them for this one reason, but in spite of many glorious and bitterly-fought victories for the scarlet and white their record of sportsmanship has retained for them the respect and admiration of opponents and fans alike on or off the field of battle.

The cadets have always held a very warm spot in the hearts of Kingston football followers and it is safe to prophesy that the interest of the fans in the career of the intermediate champions this year will be a close second to that shown in that other great and glorious team of champions, the Queen's University color-bearers.

On Saturday, September 29th, just one week from today, the R.M.C. cadets will stage their opening battle of the season, thus ushering in the 1934 football season in this neck of the woods. The party of the second part will be the hard-working Limestone, the nucleus of what is hoped to be a champion O.R.F.U. team in some year in the near future. The Limestone are building slowly, and time alone will tell if they are building surely, but the rail birds will be out in force anyway for what promises to be an interesting battle.

FROM THE OUTSIDE—LOOKING IN.

One more week until the opening of the local rugby season when the Limestone meet R. M. C. in the first game of the city league's series. The Interprovincial opens in Montreal on the same date.

Our local contemporary states that next Saturday's game with Limestone will count for the cadets in the intermediate intercollegiate series—but we hardly think so.

Here's the main thing for budding football players to keep in mind. Try, 5; goal from try, 1; goal from drop or place kick, 3; goal from free kick, 2; safety touch, 2; rouge, 1.

This man Baldwin, out with Queen's, and presumably from St. Thomas, is no slouch at all and at the present stage of events there is no man who can nab so many difficult catches on the team. He acts like a quarter and candidates for that position will have some job eliminating him.

But four more days of heavy practise is left for Limestone before their first test, for if they are wise they will go carefully on Friday next, and not work out at all unless absolutely necessary. Coach Lawson has put in a hard session with his recruits and deserves success.

Now that Lionel Conacher has left Toronto we'll probably have to listen to the praises of "Dunc" Munro in forty-seven different keys. It will not take long for Toronto scribes to dub him "Canada's greatest athlete." Look pretty, "Dunc," and you'll succeed the great one.

Leadley, Thomas, McKelvey and Batstone are still to appear on the Queen's senior squad end all are expected on Monday. Last advice report the whole four in good shape for the start.

Smith Brothers are putting the finishing touches to a fine trophy to be presented to the winners of the Sydenham-Wilton game to-day at Wilton in the Frontenac Girls' Softball League.

Now a fellow called Erminio Spalla, heavyweight mogul of Italy, wants to meet Dempsey. The loser's end of the purse in a Dempsey fight looks good to them all.

MANY NEW PLAYERS JOIN M'GILL SQUAD

Coach Shaughnessy's Team May Surprise Queen's and U. of T.

Not since 1919 has there been such an air of optimism in the McGill University football camp as that which prevails around the stadium and campus at the present time. 'Tis too early even for a mild conjecture as to what the Red and White squad might do this season in the intercollegiate series, but there is no gainsaying the fact that Coach Frank Shaughnessy and his band of assistant coaches have more promising material to work with than has fallen on their lot since the first fall after the war period.

While the majority of the regulars are up in the mountains going through a hardening process under the direction of Captain Doug McGregor and Graduate-Manager Stuart Forbes, Coach Shaughnessy and his assistants are working out at the stadium with the newcomers and assisting material from last year's intermediate and junior squads.

Dr. Vee Honey, Dr. "Punch" Parkins, George Draper and "Boo" Anderson were the assistant coaches who helped the McGill mentor put the recruits through their paces this afternoon, and it was a fast workout that was meted out to the 30 odd candidates. The newcomers are a husky lot of youngsters, averaging around 150 pounds, who have had a fair amount of experience in the "prep" schools and colleges and from them the Red and White should be able to fill the gaps left vacant by the graduation of stars during the past three seasons.

Hughes from the Royal Military College and Hannah from Barnia fitted in nicely today on the backfield with "Bones" Little and Philpotts, the former two appearing the most promising recruits to the McGill squad in several seasons.

For the wing line positions there is a galaxy of scrappy young players, who tear into their work with a vigor that promises well. Brown, a big husky Western product, was conspicuous today in smashing through the temporary "fret" line to nail some of Coach Shaughnessy's new plays before they could be started sufficiently to judge of their effectiveness. Claus is a big Ontario lad who showed nicely as outside wing, being paired with Chalmers, with the sub teams last year. Chalmers has piled up considerable weight, and should make a bid for a regular berth. The indomitable Campbell Cope was working at his old place at flying wing, while Norris, a newcomer from the Royal Military College, performed in a promising manner at the snapback position.

SQUAD TO STRENGTH FOR MONDAY'S WORK

All Queen's Regulars Will be On Hand—Prospects of More New Ones.

When the Queen's rugby squad takes the field on Monday afternoon the regulars will all be back in their places and then the serious race for berths will start. McKelvey, Batstone, Leadley and Thomas will arrive over Sunday and all report themselves in good shape and ready to get down to business. The three last-named will be on hand for sure but "Red" McDermott,

Kelvey may have some difficulty getting here. It is understood that he will try to make it but he may be delayed until later in the week. However, he is not a hard man to get in shape and few worries will be caused by his absence for the present. He'll be on the job when needed.

On Friday afternoon the squad did not do very much in the line of hard work as the afternoon practise—both practises of the day for that matter—were held up somewhat during the medical examination of players by Dr. Currie, who has taken over the duties of the university physician.

Coach Hughes took a keen interest in the proceedings and was wisely on hand to look all his men over as they passed under the professional eye, ear and hand. Rugby is a game in which one should take no chances.

Kicking, running and catching were served up to the gang in hot doses by Captain "Doc" Campbell until Coach Hughes arrived at the stadium and then the regular practice of the day started, with a few line formations and general instructions.

"Arch" Abernethy was the only newcomer at yesterday's practise. Baldwin, the new man from St. Thomas, did some fine catching for a while and then "Doc" Campbell chased him to the showers that he might not overdo until he gets in perfect trim. Muirhead showed up in uniform and proved his good spirits and general shape by staging a few rough-and-tumble wrestling matches. "Art" Lewis and "Press" McLeod, being among the victims. McLeod, by the way, is punting them for a row this year.

Those on hand yesterday were: McLeod, Bond, DeLoach, Grondin, Baldwin, Muirhead, Frank McKelvey, Lewis, Abernethy, Hanna, Gillespie, McNeil, Campbell, Walker, Brown, Stringer, King.

SPORT SNAP SHOTS

Miss Rosa Grosse, Toronto, broke world's record for 100-yard dash for women at Halifax.

Shocker, of St. Louis, struck out the greatest number of men in the American league last year—149.

Babe Ruth pitched for Boston during the world series of 1915, 1916, and 1918, against the Phillies, Brooklyn and Chicago.

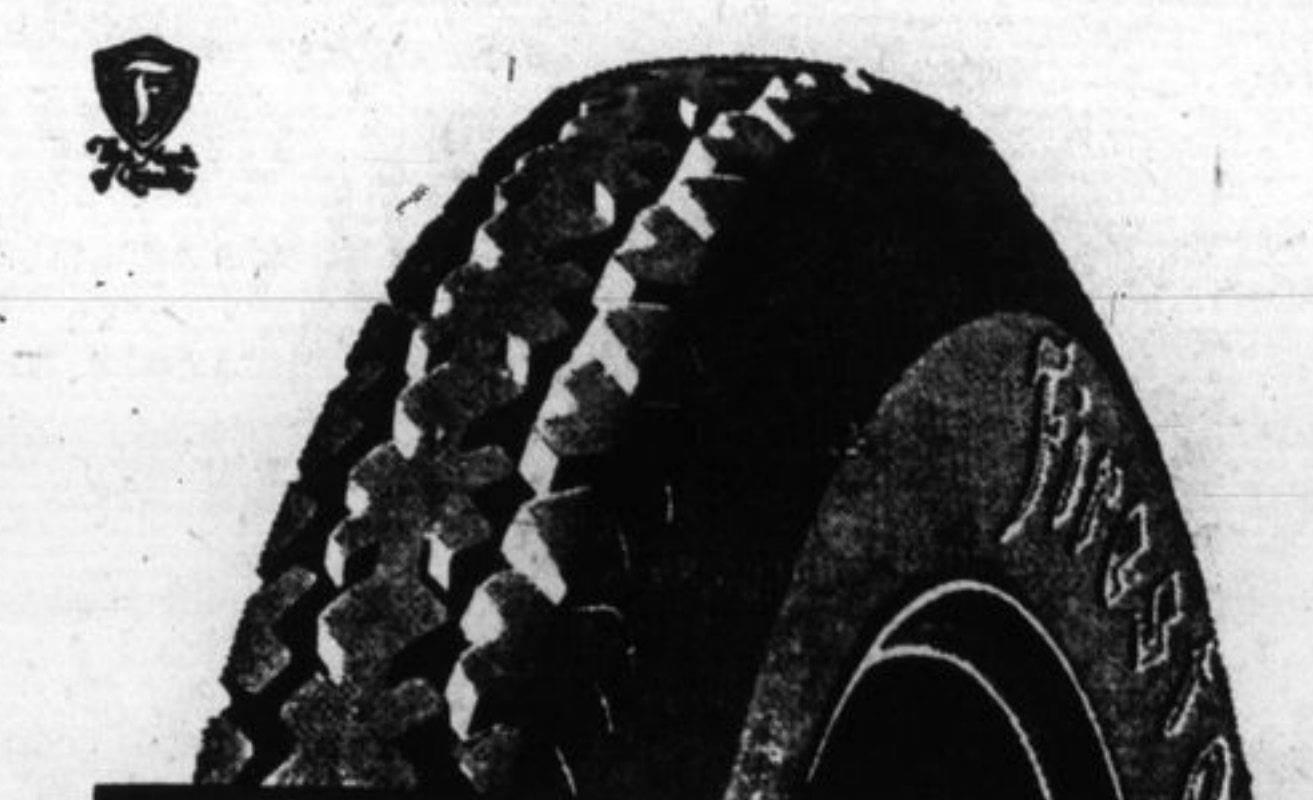
Boxing fans in England consider the no-decision fights in the United States as a great joke and purely commercial enterprises.

Basketball, baseball, volleyball, handball, tennis and all the typical American sports are now being played in all parts of Mexico.

Battling Sikh, heavyweight fighter from Senegal, recently applied to the New York state boxing commission for a boxing license.

Only American-born citizens are permitted to compete for the United States teams in the Olympic games. Naturalized citizens are barred.

The breast-stroke record for swimming 50 yards is held by Michael McDermott (31 3-5 seconds). The breast-stroke record for 100 yards (1:19 4-5) is held by McDermott.



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