ATHLETICS

WHILE Regis High School recognizes the threefold nature of education as embracing the moral and intellectual and physical development of its students, it has always held to the principle that of the three, the moral and intellectual training are of prime importance in a school, and athletics, relatively of secondary importance. Every boy will, naturally, see to it that he gets enough exercise; but besides that Regis has always fostered intra-mural athletics, thereby providing opportunity for every student to engage in some sport, besides the curricular training in calisthenics. Regis High School has also organized, wherever practical in accordance with these principles, athletic teams to represent it in contest with other High Schools; but has always required that its athletes maintain the same average in studies that it requires of all its students, i.e., a passing mark in every branch of 75%. It is with reasonable pride, therefore, that Regis points to its teams as representative students as well as representative athletes, and any success on interscholastic gridiron, court, or track is doubly meritorious.

During the Scholastic Year of 1929-30, Regis High School was represented in interscholastic sports by a championship Football Team, a fairly successful Basketball Team, and a Track Team. Baseball has been found to be impractical for interscholastic contest, as the baseball season coincides as all well know with the time for repetitions and examinations. With these words of explanation and introduction, we now proceed to recount the history of this year's athletic contests.



EDWARD A. RYAN, M.A. Coach Football, Basketball

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FOOTBALL

Nineteen twenty-nine saw the very best football team Regis ever turned out. The material to be sure was excellent but the Private School Metropolitan Championship was attained only by dint of hard work and after many sacrifices. Throughout the long practices and the schedule itself the team was indebted to our coach, Mr. Edward Ryan, who took in hand a crowd of willing but green material and welded it into one of the most powerful teams in the city. In fact no one but the team or one associated with the team can possibly realize the time he spent or the trouble he went through to bring Regis to its first football championship.

There is another, too, whose worth



REGIS FOOTBALL TEAM 1929

E. Malloy, Captain, Mr. Edward Ryan, Coach, J. Godfrey, Manager

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to the team cannot be reckoned by ordinary standards. Father Ruppel took a very lively interest in the eleven and as a result, Regis was one of the best equipped teams on any Metropolitan gridiron. Thus it is mainly due to the interest of these men that Regis had such a successful season and the Class of '30 takes this means to voice a gratitude which it has felt throughout the school year.

OCTOBER 12: REGIS vs. IONA

The first game of the schedule found Regis opposed to Iona High School of New Rochelle. As this was the first appearance of the Crimson and White eleven before the school body, there was a good crowd on hand to give the team a send-off, and although the final result was in favor of Iona we were far from dissatisfied with the showing of our representatives and went away with the feeling that our team would be heard from later on in no uncertain terms.

At the opening Regis took the ball at the kick-off and smothered Iona under a barrage of perfectly planned and executed plays. Within a few minutes after the opener Arab Jabbour, his way cleared by perfect interference, trotted over the goal line for the first score of the season.

Throughout the rest of the game, the famous passing attack of the Crimson and White was functioning perfectly, but it seemed that every time Regis completed one of her long throws, she was bound to incur a penalty of some sort. In the second and third quarters, Iona managed to work over two touchdowns and the final result was 12 to 6 in favor of the New Rochelle school.

OCTOBER 19: REGIS vs. LA SALLE M. A.

The second game of the schedule was almost identical with the first. Regis lost to a heavier and older team but the fact that they never stopped fighting is the best praise we can render our boys.

Regis received and at the whistle began to rush the LaSalle boys off their feet. The famed line of the Military Academy gave before the vicious pounding of our backs and in a few minutes Captain Ed Malloy broke thirty yards off tackle and bucked over the goal line. Throughout the remainder of the contest, Regis outrushed her heavier opponents but in the end were beaten by the brilliancy of one man, a Pete Petrossi of LaSalle. The final score was LaSalle 19, Regis 6.

OCTOBER 26: REGIS vs. ALL HALLOWS

It was in the All Hallows game that Regis first found her stride, and from this game to the end of the schedule was never headed. From the first, the game was a struggle between two well coached and evenly matched teams. Throughout the greater part of the contest the



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two teams fought on even terms and it was soon observed that the issue would be finally decided by the well known breaks. The battle, because of its very intensity, was almost devoid of thrills until the closing minutes of the final quarter. At this time, a pass intercepted by an alert All Hallows end, gave the ball to the 124th street institution on the half yard line with four downs to go. Everything that had gone before was rendered inconsequential by the drama of that situation. Here the Crimson and White showed real greatness. Resisting stubbornly, broken, battered, and at the point of utter exhaustion, our boys nevertheless found the strength to fight back and their desperate efforts were rewarded in the repulse of a powerful eleven inspired by the thought of victory within its grasp. Four times All Hallows smashed that line and four times met stone wall opposition. Held for downs she surrendered the ball and Regis began a strong offensive that was checked only by the final whistle proclaiming a scoreless tie.

NOVEMBER 1: REGIS vs. XAVIER

For a short while after the All Hallows game, the Crimson and White enjoyed a well-earned rest. The day of the annual classic, therefore, found the entire squad in the proverbial pink of condition.

Promptly at two-thirty Xavier received and began a strong onslaught that resulted immediately in a touchdown. From then on to the end of the first quarter, the two outfits fought on even terms. Scarcely had the second period begun when the Crimson and White struck Xavier like a bolt from the blue. Taking the ball at the kick-off our boys rushed it toward the Xavier goal line and finally Johnny Morris, our little quarterback, pegged a long pass to Arab Jabbour who carried the ball to the five yard line. From that point, "Poison" Fitzgerald scored on two solid smashes through center.

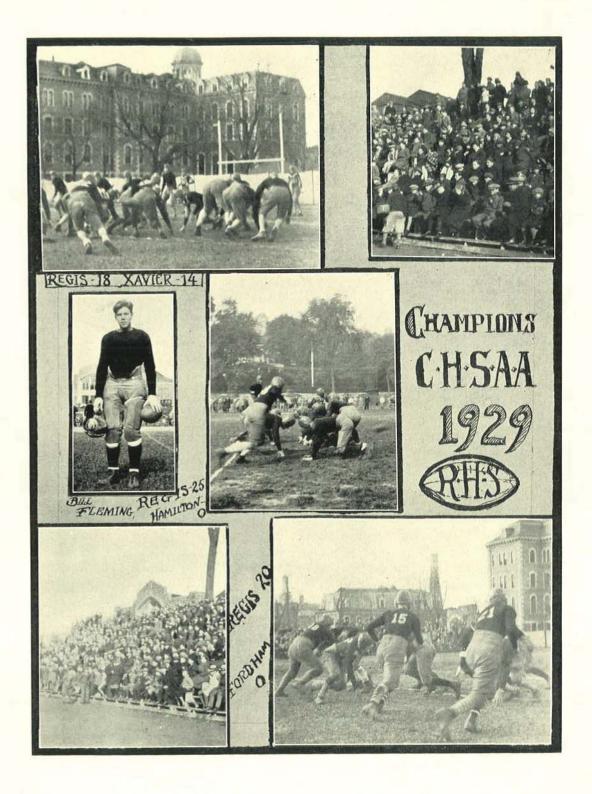
But that wasn't all. Scarcely had the two elevens lined up, when Johnny Morris, taking the leather, broke off right tackle and shaking off tacklers right and left galloped sixty yards for Regis' second score.

Again the teams lined up. Again Regis received. For a few moments the Crimson and White was halted, but not for long. Our boys ran and bucked to the fifty yard line. Then Johnny Morris tossed another pass to Tom Carroll who snagged it on the thirty yard line. Putting on a burst of speed and weaving right and left Tom soon outdistanced all pursuit and tallied once more for Regis. The second quarter ended at that point with the score 18 to 6 in favor of the Crimson and White.

The third quarter produced only straight hard football and thrills were conspicuous by their absence. Xavier started a determined offensive but it was checked before it became serious. This period ended without a change in the status of either team.

In the fourth quarter the game took on a more antagonistic aspect. Xavier was determined to even matters and their spirit bore fruit in the way of a score

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soon after the whistle. This score was further augmented by a safety in the middle of the period. As the game drew to a close Regis had her back to the wall but the furious onslaught of the Maroon and Blue was repulsed and at the final whistle, the score was 18 to 14 in favor of the Crimson and White.

NOVEMBER 16: REGIS vs. HAMILTON INSTITUTE

Following their close game with Xavier, the Crimson and White enjoyed a pink tea by comparison with Hamilton Institute. Hamilton made one first down and even that did not aid her cause in the slightest degree. The final score was 25 to 0 in favor of the Crimson and White.

NOVEMBER 28: REGIS vs. FORDHAM PREP

Thanksgiving day saw the continuation of the famous Regis-Fordham Prep series, and for the first time since the start of the annual classic, the final whistle saw the Crimson and White on top. With this victory, Regis took her first football championship, that of the Metropolitan Private School League, topping off the most successful season on the gridiron she has ever experienced.

Thanksgiving day was almost perfect football weather and when the two teams lined up, there was just enough snap in the air to warrant plenty of action from start to finish.

Regis as usual took the ball at the kick-off and began a vicious line-plunging attack. Employing only straight football she advanced it to midfield where Ed Malloy lofted it almost to the Fordham goal line. The Prepsters came back strong and succeeded in reaching the ten yard line at which point the Crimson and White strengthened and took the ball on downs. Again Ed applied his educated toe and booted the leather sixty yards down the field. This time Fordham fumbled and Regis recovered. On the very next play Regis duplicated and the Prep once more took the ball. From then on to the end of the half the ball hovered around midfield and at the half-way mark it seemed that the game was destined to end up in a scoreless tie.

The second half brought many surprises and not a few thrills. Regis kicked off and stiffening up stopped the Maroon on the fifty yard line. Then taking the ball our boys began to uncork their hidden ball plays for the first time with astounding success. They plunged their way to the fifty yard line and then it happened. Morris snapped the leather from Bill Fleming and then tossed it to Ed Malloy who breezed around the end for Regis' first touchdown. Malloy likewise kicked the extra point.

Fordham elected to receive and immediately began tossing forward passes. They completed two and then called for a third. It flew up the right side of the field and seemed certain of success, when Ed Malloy materialized from nowhere, intercepted the pass, and started for the Fordham goal line. The interference was perfect. Ed had nabbed it in midfield and the entire Fordham team was between him and the goal line. Nevertheless, not a man touched him in his

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long canter and he scored with ease. Fordham was offside and the point was allowed.

Regis received and began another long march. Taking six straight first downs, the Crimson and White brought the ball to the Maroon's thirty yard line. Johnny Morris cantered around right end for twenty yards more and Malloy scored again. Soon after, the final whistle came ending the game with the score 20 to 0 in favor of the Crimson and White, and announcing Regis' first football championship.

The great majority of the championship football team will be lost to next year's outfit through graduation. In the line Tom Carroll, Mike Costello, Joe Dolan, Bill Fleming, Joe Guilfoyle, Gus Kennedy, Charlie Lynch, Jack Madden, Neil Regan, Ed Schneider, Bill Schulz, Jim Sullivan and Joe Tirdel have played their last game for Regis. All these men are linemen. In the backfield Jack Clarke, Jack Fitzgerald, Emil Jabbour, Charlie McKenna, Eugene O'Beirne, Joe O'Neill, Bill Robertson, Ed Malloy and Howard White.

All these men wish to thank especially Mr. Treaner, a Regis alumnus, through whose kindness they will always have a means of recalling the first championship team the Crimson and White ever produced. Mr. Treaner generously awarded gold and silver footballs to the team members and they feel that they can never adequately thank him for his keen interest in their efforts.

BASKETBALL

The nincteen-thirty season on the court was very successful considering the green material and late start in getting under way. Most of the players were on the football team, and this accounted for the few practice days before beginning the schedule. Mr. Ryan also coached basketball and to him goes the credit of developing a team that showed up exceedingly well as it plowed through one of the toughest schedules a Regis team has ever experienced. Not one player on the team could be considered a veteran in Varsity basketball, but strange to relate, Regis did not suffer greatly because of this fact. Rather did she benefit, because the Crimson and White for lack of an individual star around which to build a team developed an unselfish team work that soon became the talk of the city. Every man was a scoring menace and to no man can be accorded the distinction of being the "scoring ace," Although this team had never played together as a Varsity, their team work and brilliant pass-work was founded upon an association of three years on class teams and from the first game to the end of the long grind, those years of practice stood our boys in good stead.

Of late years, the success or failure of a basketball serson has come to depend to a great extent on the game with Xavier. This year, the two schools split even but nevertheless we are highly satisfied with the result of the season's play, for although we lost the first game by the close margin of one point, our term came back to beat the Maroon and Blue thoroughly in the second game after overcoming a three point lead at half time. In this game Xavier was limited to only one field goal in the entire game and to only one point in the second half.

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