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"Now the melancholy days have come, the saddest of the year " So said "Bill" Shakespeare or "Bugs" Baer or some other famous poet But that bard didn't know the half of it. These days dull and melancholy? Surely not at C. C. N. Y., for this is the time of year that inaugurates the biggest and busiest athletic season of many moons. In one short week the Varsity eleven will line up for the opening kick-off; Nat Holman will soon be looking over the new basketball macerial; the cross-cauntry men will start over the hill and far away; the swimmers and water-poloists will take to the pool for busy seasons. Each of these teams, football excepted of course, is unusually well supplied with veteran
material and pre-season prospects are of a correspondingly roseate hue

Football just now holds the spot-light. After fifteen years of the Rip Van Winkle act, City College football has come to life with a bang. Last year our Frosh started things going with a pretty fair record; this year we're looking for even bigger things. The athletic authorities have gone into the business heart and soul. Ninety-six complete uniforms. sixty Varsity and thirty-six Frosh, will make the team as well equipped as money can make them. The coaching staff-Head Coach Joe Neville, Dr. Hal Parker, the volunteer coachers and our own "Mac", holds its own with any in the Metropolitan district.

The men themselves are described in another article. Inexperienced of course, but learning fast. Plenty of natural ability and all willing to work. The backs are fast and shitty, the linemen hard and husky Most important, they all FIGHT!!! Some of the colleges that booked us as sinecures will receive rather rude surprises.

Yet, on the gridiron, a good team is only half the game. Football is undoubtedly the one sport where the crowd in the stands is fully as important as the men on the field. A loud snappy cheer puts new life
into a battered warrior, stiffens many a sagging spine. It's the knowledge that his mates are behind him, that his fellows are banking on him and rooting for him that keeps a good man in the game when he is "out on his feet"

Which last leads to the Big Question-WILL C. C. N. Y. SUPPORT FOOTBALL? Talk is cheap, as witness the sorrowful testimony of last year's Frosh football season. Everybody was enihusiastic, everybody promised, but only a handful steadily supported the team. Ever. game except that with $\mathbb{N}$. Y. U. was, financially, a losing proposition. And Varsity football must not be a financial failure-if it is, the gridiron game leaves the Stadium for good. And that... No, it's unthinkable We'll bave to get back:

The season opens next Saturday at the Stadium with St. Stephen's College filling the bill. The St. Stephens men are ministers-in-training and look to Heaven for support; the Varsity, being ordinary mortals, look for support to US.

## A NEW CLASS ENTERS

Wonder what the Freshman class will contribute to City College thletics? Look back over the record of the present classes. Each has made its mark in the history of Lavender sport. Curiously enough. the influence of each is definite, distinct from that of the others. The ' 22 class, latest to join the ranks of alumni, was prominent in Varsity basketball. '23 has won glory in track and water-polo. Half of last year's crack Varsity sextette were ' 23 men . The ' 24 class has dominated the basketball court, giving the College the best Frosh team of its history and contributing to last year's championship aggregation four of the nine men who were regarded as first string players. The ' 25 class, to be sure, is just starting its climb to athletic fame, yet it already gives promise of adding immeasurably to the strength of the Varsity baseball, football, and track teams.

What can the ' 26 class add to this record? Will they, perhaps, uphold the old tradition that the even-numbered classes are good basket all classes? We hope so for we will need real players to uphold the court record of past years. Yet the test of the new class will lie not so much in the actual points they score or the games they win. Will they go in for athletics; will they try for the teams; will they back the teams, losing teams as well as winning teams? Here's hoping they go right!



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