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FOOT BALL



The 1922 Season

With an almost entirely green nucleus at the start of the 1922 season in September we developed a fast, clean tackling and hard hitting football team by the end of the season. Only four veterans, Johnson, Chandler, Kirby, and Captain Perry, were on hand, and the majority of the players were playing varsity football for their first time. Some exceptional material was developed and a smooth working organization was formed.

The U. S. Coast Guard Academy was easily defeated in the opening game of the season. The score was 12-0. Little trouble was experienced in putting the ball through the lines of the big, but slow moving Coast Guard men. While at times the Coast Guard made good advances, the outcome of the game was never in doubt.



For the second game of the season Rhode Island had a tougher opponent in the big veteran Brown University team. We suffered defeat with a score of 27-0. Almost every man on the squad was given a trial, and the game served to test and to bring out the weak points of the State club. It was at the best an uphill battle for Rhode Island.

The heart-breaking game of the season was with St. Stevens. After playing all around the middle Atlantic team, Rhode Island went down to defeat with a score of 7-6, as a St. Stevens man recovered a fumble and ran seventy-five yards for a touchdown.

The University of Delaware was defeated in a close and hard-fought battle by a shut-out of 7-0. The game was exceptionally good from the point of view of the playing of both teams.

The New York University team gave Rhode Island the surprise of a 23-7 defeat. After Rhode Island had scored first, the big purple team came out, and by use of heady football and a raft of substitutions wore the lighter team down.

Worcester Polytech was overwhelmed by Rhode Island with a score of 19-0. The game was marked with looseness of playing, but the end work on both teams was noticeable and stood out. Fumbles were common.

The eleven paid the penalty for overconfidence when they suffered a 6-3 defeat from the hands of the Lowell Textile team. The game was not spectacular, and with the exception of fumbles on the part of both teams at the critical times of the game, the football was good.

The crowning victory of the season was made over Connecticut on their field by scoring a 12-7 victory. In a truly wonderful game both teams fought for all that was in them. Heady work on the part of Rhode Island gave them an advantage over their heavy opponents. Rhode Island kicked whenever she got the ball until an exceptional opportunity offered itself, when the ball would be carried forward with success. This contest was a wonderful exhibition of modern football and was fought to the last blow of the whistle.

Considering the outlook at the start of the season, the team can be said to have made remarkable progress in developing the machine that defeated Connecticut at the end of the season. Aside from that, fifty per cent. of the games were victories and only two were defeats by any large score.

The 1923 Season

The football season of 1923 was on the whole unsuccessful. The records show one game won, one tied, and five lost. From the number of games won and lost we find that Rhode Island played a good, clean, snappy game of football.

At the start of the season, September 10, we find some thirty-one candidates back for early practice. With the Freshman ineligibility rule in force for the first time, these men of necessity were from the three upper classes.



For veterans Coach Keaney had Tweedell, Lamont, Haslam, MacIntosh, Patterson, L. Smith, N. Smith, Clarke, Perry, and Captain Kirby to work with. The picked team as lined up at the start of the season would be classed as very light, and as the season went on losses caused this element of lightness to become more in evidence. With a small squad the matter of injuries and the loss of two men through ineligibility was of serious consequence and did much to cut the strength of the football machine.

The season games brought out at periods some fine football ability and some spectacular playing. Kirby's running down of punts at the first of the season and his consistent ability in carrying the ball in the latter part of the season deserves attention. Gifford did heroic work at defence in the line, as did Perry, while Tweedell's brilliant work in the back field was outstanding.

MAINE 14, RHODE ISLAND 0

This game for both colleges was one in which every element was experiment. New players were tried and new plays were tested for the first time. Rhode Island was outweighed and outplayed by a more experienced team. The game brought out the weak points and gave the coaches something to work on.

HARVARD 35, RHODE ISLAND 0

This game was something new in Rhode Island's football experience. Rhode Island put up a game losing fight against a perfectly trained football machine. Rhode Island's punting by MacIntosh was better than that of Harvard's, and two of the touchdowns could be charged to the bad breaks in the game. Both teams fumbled considerably. The some 20,000 spectators were given the pleasure of seeing a strong team win over a small and comparatively unknown college in a fast, well-played contest.



NEW HAMPSHIRE 13, RHODE ISLAND 0

At this game "Rhody" experienced the sting of defeat for the third time. The opponents played a rather crude brand of ball, as did Rhode Island. Tweedell's seventy-yard run from an intercepted pass failed to bring a score, as the team was unable to advance at the critical time. The game showed that both teams needed considerable improvement.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY 21, RHODE ISLAND 0

Rhode Island put up a hard battle against N. Y. U. At times Rhode Island seemed to have the advantage. One thing in particular that bothered Rhode Island was the freak formations from which New York could run, kick, or make some unusually successful short passes. Rhode Island's best attempt at scoring was by the aerial route when she got to the opponents' twenty-yard line.

WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE 0, RHODE ISLAND 0

In this game Rhode Island seemed to lack scoring punch. In tight places the backs would fumble and Worcester would punt to safety. Here the line played very well, as they did throughout the season. The poor punting on the part of Rhode Island was a sad fact of the game.

RHODE ISLAND 13, U. S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY 0

In this game Rhode Island team work and faultless playing caused the Coast Guard to steadily give way. Captain Kirby and Bosworth did excellent work in carrying the ball. The passing game was used at times to advantage. Bosworth's fifty-yard run from the kick-off was spectacular, as was Kirby's forty-yard run on an intercepted pass. The game showed what the team could do under advantageous conditions with a team of equal power.

CONNECTICUT 7, RHODE ISLAND 0

This was the heart-breaking game of the season. In one of the fastest, cleanest, hardest fought games of the season Rhode Island was nosed out by a single touchdown. The playing of Kirby and Tweedell was excellent. While the score of this game shows a loss, there can be absolutely no criticism of Rhode Island. She played a clean, hard game and was beaten by slightly better playing on the part of Connecticut.

In conclusion, the football season as outlined by the scores does not give the ability, the steadfast purpose of Rhode Island due credit. Every game was well fought and cleanly played. The season was one of handicaps for Rhode Island, and nothing but deserved credit comes to those men who wore the blue and white for the football season of 1923. With a new season and the present Freshman wealth of material available, the prospects for 1924 look exceptionally good.



Basketball, 1922-23

The season of 1922-23 for basketball was, on the whole, very successful and a credit to the institution. When the football season closed and a call for basketball candidates had been issued, five veterans reported to Coach Keaney. They were Rabonowitz, G. Haslam, G. Chandler, Fort, and Pinto. A goodly number of Freshmen also signified their intentions of trying for the team, and J. Haslam, Jensen, K. Clarke, and G. Cooke were able to make the grade.

The team played a total of thirteen games, winning nine, a very creditable showing with a three-fifths Freshman team and one of the hardest schedules we have ever undertaken. Much credit is due Coach Keaney, Captain Chandler, the team, Manager Witham, and his assistants.

Ranking first among the games played in Lippitt Hall were the St. Michaels, the Connecticut, and the Lowell Textile games. The Connecticut game was won by a point. The Lowell game was as hotly contested as the others, but the home team had a five point margin when the final whistle blew. The closeness of the Lowell game only shows how close the Harvard game was, for R. I. beat Lowell 36-31 and Harvard beat R. I. 37-31. If Harvard had played on our floor, it is likely that the advantage of the home floor and the home crowd would have made the score read differently.

Nevertheless, our team showed up well away from home, trimming Worcester, Clarke, and Northeastern. The season was exceptionally fortunate and free from injuries to the players. The team was able to play as a unit from beginning to end. This undoubtedly contributed much to the success of the season.

Basketball, 1923-24

The 1923-'24 basketball season opened with the most promising team that Rhode Island has had in many years. With four regulars from the previous year, Capt. George Haslam, Jim Haslam, Pinto, and Jensen, together with the addition of Ralph Hill, a star of two years ago, our team won four out of its first five games, making a splendid showing.

Rhody received her second defeat of the season before the Villa Nova's battling five from Villa Nova, Pa., the final score being 41 to 26.

Rhode Island, again off form, lost to Tufts College the following week by a one point margin, the final score being 27 to 28. The game marked the return of Ray Hudson, a former star and letterman in basketball, who showed up very well, considering his long absence.

The worm was bound to turn, and it did, for in the following game Rhody handed out a defeat to the speedy and undefeated M. A. C. five by the score of 19 to 18.

The next game of the season was with St. Michael's at Kingston, in which Rhody scored a well-earned victory, the final score being 36 to 31. The play was fast throughout, with our team leading by a slight margin for the most part.

For her next game Rhode Island journeyed to Cambridge, where the team lost its fourth game of the season to Harvard by a score of 34 to 17.

Staging the biggest comeback of the season, in the best form so far displayed, Rhody defeated her ancient rival, Connecticut Aggies, on Lippitt Hall floor by the score of 31 to 28.

The following Wednesday evening our team journeyed to Boston, where after a close game it lost to Tufts, 22 to 24. The game was nip and tuck throughout and clearly anybody's up to the final whistle.

In every game played Rhody clearly demonstrated its aggressiveness and fight, and never lost without giving the opposing team a battle.





Baseball, 1923

Baseball, the second major sport in the college curriculum, finds little "Rhody" well up among the leading college teams of the East. With the nine varsity men, Kirby, Edwards, Turner, Lefty Smith, Johnson, Wright, T. Smith, Pinto, and N. Smith, from the previous season as a nucleus, Coach Keaney had hopes of turning out a fast and fighting team.

The varsity opened the season by bowing to Wesleyan at Middletown in a poorly played game. The only bright feature of the game was the fine pitching form shown by the veterans, Edwards and Turner, who held Wesleyan to seven hits. The fielding was poor, which was due to the fact that the team had had no outdoor practice on account of cold weather. But the poor showing in the field was somewhat counterbalanced by the terrific batting of the squad. "Left" Smith patted the pill for a three-bagger, double, and a single, while Johnson garnered a long three-bagger.

Batteries: R. I.—Edwards, Turner, and MacKenzie, Ferguson, LaChappelle.
Wesleyan—Lopstrich and Mansfield.

Suffering from the sting of the first defeat, the boys came back and trimmed Worcester Tech, 11 to 2. The game was devoid of any spectacular plays, excepting in the sixth inning when R. I. went on a batting rampage, scoring 10 runs, Johnson crowning the inning with a four-bagger. Turner pitched good ball, allowing only seven hits.

Batteries: R. I.—Turner, Lamont and MacKenzie.
Worcester Tech—Caulder and Moron.

From the backwoods came Vermont fresh from her victory over Yale, and gave Rhody the worst trimming seen on this diamond for a long time. The score, 10 to 0, gives but a faint idea of the wonderful attack and team work of the Vermonters, and the lack of both by the Rhode Islanders. Johnson starred at third, caging six high flies.

Batteries: R. I.—Edwards, Lamont and Mackenzie.
Vermont—Yamell and Ready.

In the next game, Rhody recovered her old form and trounced Brooklyn P. I., 9 to 1. "Gob" Edwards pitched a good game, allowing only five hits. Schepps starred for the visitors, getting two hits, while "Red" Smith poled out a three-bagger for "Rhody."

Batteries: R. I.—Edwards and Mackenzie, Manser.

Brooklyn P. I.—Czerwinski and Tunare.

Rhody makes it two straight by trimming Northeastern, 6 to 2 in a sterling 12-inning battle. Edwards was in fine form, allowing 5 hits and striking out 13.

Batteries: R. I.—Edwards and Mackenzie.

Northeastern—Richards and Young.

Our next game was with Holy Cross at Worcester, and resulted in a defeat, for the team could do nothing with Burke's offerings. Turner and Lamont also twirled well, holding the best college team in the East to four hits and a 6 to 0 score. Both teams must be congratulated on their brilliant fielding and support which they gave their respective pitchers. Pinto knocked out the lone hit for Rhody.

Batteries: R. I.—Turner, Lamont and Mackenzie.

Holy Cross—Burke and Ryan.

Rhody meets her old-time rival, Connecticut, and pins a 5 to 4 defeat on her. The game was the best seen at Kingston this season; both teams pulling off seemingly impossible plays. Baxter, performing for the visitors, handled 15 chances with not an error, while "Red" Smith and "Johnny" Johnson collected fielding honors for Rhode Island. Kirby, L. Smith, and Makin did the batting honors for Rhody.

Batteries: R. I.—Edwards, Turner and Mackenzie.

Connecticut—Tauscher and Metelli.



Before a large crowd of Junior Week guests, Rhody dropped her second straight to New Hampshire State by the score of 8 to 3. Rhode Island failed to come through with the bat in the pinches, which is shown by the fact that only five hits were made, while 17 men were left stranded on the sacks.

Batteries: R. I.—Turner, Lamont, Edwards and Mackenzie, LaChapelle.
New Hampshire—Cronidad, Campbell, Conefrey.

Rhody added another victory to its string by defeating Northeastern. The game was featured by the twirling of Lamont and Edwards, and the team work on both sides, which kept the crowd on edge throughout the contest. Pinto, L. Smith, and Johnson pasted the pill for a double and single each.

Batteries: R. I.—Lamont, Edwards and Mackenzie.
Northeastern—Elms, Latuneau and Schuman.

The old cry, Beat Connecticut, Beat Connecticut, helped the team to better efforts, but Rhody had to submit to a 7 to 6 defeat at Storrs. Connecticut played good ball and took advantage of every opportunity that was offered. Rhode Island, on the other hand, although hitting in fine shape, made a number of costly errors which cost us the game.

In the next game Rhode Island defeated the fast St. Michael's team to the tune of 8 to 4 at Kingston.

"Gob" Edwards, our pitching ace, twirled masterly ball, allowing no passes and receiving good support. "Joe" Pinto brought the crowd to its feet when he made a neat running catch of Murphy's drive in deep center.

In the last game of the season the Rhode Island State nine travelled to Durham and avenged the previous defeat doled out by the New Hampshire team to the tune of 3 to 2 in ten innings. The game was hotly contested from beginning to end.

Lamont, Turner, and Edwards held the heavy hitting New Hampshire boys to four bingles. Edwards won his own game in the tenth with a bingle, which scored Cooke, who had walked.

Batteries: R. I.—Lamont, Turner, Edwards and Mackenzie.
New Hampshire—Emmerson and G. Campbell.

The Rhode Island State Team closed a most successful season with two victories, bringing the total up to seven against the same number of defeats, which speaks well for the school, considering that it has played teams stronger and more experienced than our own.

A great deal of credit must be given to Coach Keaney for his splendid work that he accomplished in building up a team of that caliber. Appreciation must also be shown the boys for their hearty co-operation and work in making the team successful.

The Old Reliable "Gob" Edwards, Rhode Island pitching ace, was elected Captain for the coming season.

Baseball—1923

R. I. 7—WESLEYAN 10	R. I. 5—CONNECTICUT 4
R. I. 11—WORCESTER POLY. 2	R. I. 3—NEW HAMPSHIRE 8
R. I. 0—UNIV OF VERMONT 10	R. I. 7—NORTHEASTERN 2
R. I. 9—BROOKLYN P. I. 1	R. I. 6—CONNECTICUT 7
R. I. 6—NORTHEASTERN 2	R. I. 8—ST. MICHAEL'S 4
R. I. 0—HOLY CROSS 6	R. I. 3—NEW HAMPSHIRE 2

TRACK



Track, 1922-23

Rhode Island's decisive victory over Brown, October 21, marked the beginning of another successful season in track. With such men as "Ab" Bailey, Ernest Smith, Morris Smith, "Red" North, "Bob" Strong, Cruickshank, and Wilbourn on hand we were well equipped to stand another cross-country season without blemishing our record.

Our first meet, that with Brown, was easily won by the score of 20 to 38. Ernest Smith ran a pretty race, and with a strong finish made the fast time of 24 minutes and 34 seconds. "Ab" Bailey finished a close second with Martin of Brown, North and Strong third, fourth, and fifth, respectively. Our next meet was with Connecticut, our old rivals, whom we defeated handily, 19 to 39. This one was particularly marked by what was a new record for the course, set by "Ab" Bailey in the fast time of 24 minutes and 4 seconds. Jacoby (Connecticut) by a strong sprint nosed out Ernest Smith, who was followed by Strong, Little, and Cruickshank, all of Rhode Island.

The call of the cinders was again heard in the spring when fully 50 men reported to Coach Keaney, including several letter men. Our first engagement was with Worcester Tech. After a most hotly contested duel, Rhode Island emerged the victor by the score of 76 to 54. While weak in the running events, Rhody was superior in practically every department in the field events. Turner, with a new record of 149.6 feet in the javelin throw; "Bob" Strong, who won the two-mile; Captain Fort in the high hurdles, and Haslam in the pole vault were among the outstanding stars of the meet.

Two weeks later, Connecticut Aggies invaded Kingston, but not until Rhode Island had put up a stiff battle did Connecticut manage to nose us out by the score of 70 to 65. Our men, being weak in the running events, got

away to a poor start, but made it all up in the field events. Here Rhode Island was in all ways superior. The outcome of the meet was not decided until the last event, the javelin throw, in which Connecticut took first and third places. The feature event was the quarter mile, in which Jack Tower ran a very pretty race, nosing out a Connecticut man in the fast time of 53 3-5 seconds. Captain Fort, Chandler, and MacIntosh were the other big point winners for Rhode Island.

The showing made by Rhode Island in Cross-Country for the fall of 1923 speaks well for another highly successful season of track. For the fourth consecutive time in as many years Rhode Island barriers beat Brown, the score being 24-32. "Bob" Strong finished first in 24 minutes and 19½ seconds, followed by Captain North of Rhode Island and Nevins of Brown, who was third. One week later, Worcester Tech fell before our fast team, this time the score being 22-34. "Bob" Strong again led the field, with Holmes of Worcester and Captain North of Rhode Island third. Rhode Island thus ended its fourth successive cross-country season without tasting defeat, a most creditable record.

Cross-Country, 1922

RHODE ISLAND 20—BROWN 38 RHODE ISLAND 19—CONNECTICUT 39

Track, 1923

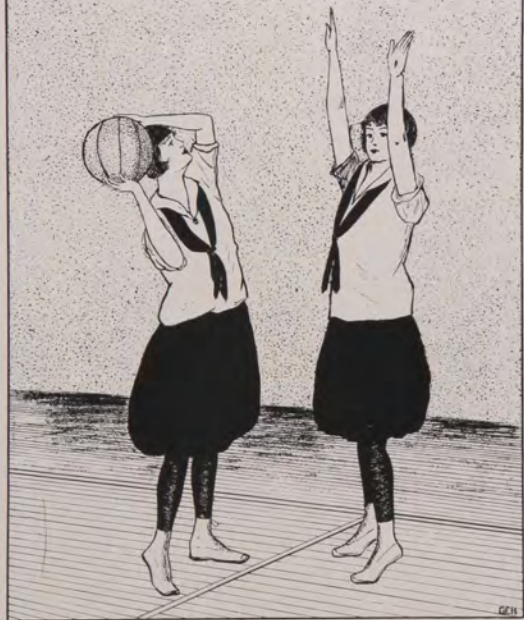
RHODE ISLAND 76—WORCESTER 54 RHODE ISLAND 65—CONNECTICUT 70

Cross-Country, 1923

RHODE ISLAND 24—BROWN 32 RHODE ISLAND 22—WORCESTER 37



Girls' Athletics



Co-ed Basketball, 1922-23



Last year was the second year in which intercollegiate games have been played in girls' basketball, and since this is the only intercollegiate form of athletics which the co-eds have, it is relatively important in their campus activities.

The 1922-23 season, in which Connecticut, Jackson, and New Hampshire State were played, could not have been better, for every game ended with Rhody at the head, and several of the scores showed big differences in our favor.

Over half of the girls came out for practice during the early part of the season. Interclass games were played first. A cup is offered to the class which wins, and if it is won three successive years by one class it becomes theirs permanently. The class of 1924 has won the cup for two years,

so this season will be a decisive one.

The varsity six were picked from the best of the class teams. Three girls remained from the previous team—Esther Fort and Gladys Peckham, forwards, noted for their swift pass work, and their skill and accuracy in shooting baskets; and Grace Harribine, side center, quick and certain to get the ball. Added to these were Rose Duggan and Ruth Abbott from the substitute team of the previous year. "Duggie" played a strong game, and Ruth Abbott, captain of the team, was an alert and efficient guard. Katherine Whaley, who loomed up before Rhode Islanders in her Junior year like a "dark horse," played center. She was literally the master pivot of the team and surely a great asset.

Ella Bowe was the manager, and H. Burdick, E. Burdick, D. Knowles, I. McGrath, and Ruth Smith were trustworthy substitutes.

By good, stiff practice Mrs. Keaney brought the team up to the mark, and the girls were ready for the fight when the first game was played with our old rivals, Connecticut. The game was played at Storrs, and even with the handicap of a strange floor, the Rhode Island co-eds won an overwhelming victory with a score of 39-17 to their credit. The whole team played a hard and swift game.

The second game with Jackson College was played at Medford. This game also resulted in victory, with Rhode Island once more scoring 39 and Jackson 17. The guards, "Duggie" and Abbott, deserve special credit in this game for getting the ball away from their opponents almost invariably.

Connecticut came down, all primed to administer a defeat to the R. I. girls, but Rhody was ready and ran up a score of 39 to Connecticut's 10, making it the most decisive victory of the season. The ball went directly from the center to the R. I. forwards, and the Connecticut girls were given almost no chance to score.

New Hampshire was the next rival, and their team proved a harder problem than the others. On March 17, on our home floor, our team won, after a hard fight, a victory of 29-18. The game was fast and rather close, although the final score shows a comfortable margin in favor of Rhode Island.



The co-eds expected an even stiffer contest on the return game with New Hampshire at Durham a week later; and they proved to be right, for the game was won by a bare 23-22 in Rhode Island's favor. The contest was exciting and close, but it could not be called good basketball, for it was too rough, passing the limits of boys' rules and almost degenerating into a fight.

However, the team returned, carrying the honor of five games, five victories for the season.



Co-ed Varsity Basketball, 1923-24

After the undefeated season of 1922-1923, the Co-ed Varsity Basketball Team determined to keep up the reputation thus acquired. The first, February 16, 1924, with Jackson showed Rhode Island's decided lack of practice, and a score of 28-18 gave Jackson a victory to go back with.

The next contest, on February 23, was with Rhode Island's keenest rival, Connecticut State Agricultural College Co-eds. Rhody's fighting spirit certainly had rallied. During the entire first quarter the ball did not enter the visitors' court, while the R. I. forwards were continually dropping it through the net. At the end of the first half R. I.'s lead was 29-7, the final score being 48-18 in our favor.

The return game with Connecticut State Agricultural College was staged on March 8. Though the Aggies were on their home floor, they could not check the stride of Rhode Island's well-matched sextet when they started the tally of baskets that made a 30-17 victory for R. I. State.

LINEUP

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| r. f | G. Peckham, '24 | s. c | E. Gage, '25 |
| l. f | E. Burdick, '25 | l. g. | R. Duggan, '25 |
| j. c | K. Whaley, '24 (captain) | r. g. | H. Burdick, '25 |

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