

1902 Women admitted to Bishop's

1907 Divines start own hockey team.

1915 First reference to a women's hockey team.

The Mitre vol. xxii, no. 2 (Easter 1915), p. 28:

A splendid "exhibition" of hockey was given at the Minto Rink on March 2nd, when a team, representing the lady students, played a septette from the Divinity House which resulted in the score of 5 all. Of course it would be an idle task to attempt at any selection of players who were more brilliant than others, for a "star [sic] game was played by all. The regular ladies' team was greatly weakened by the absence of Mabel Wilson '16, whose splendid end to end rushes are well known to all. A glance at the line-ups may give some "idea of its strength".

Divinity House		L.U.B.C.
Mr. Waterman	Goal	Miss Wood
Mr. Roe	Point	Miss Mitchell
Mr. Cox	Cover	Miss Standish
Mr. Griffiths	Centre	Miss White
Mr. Bailey	Rover	Miss Hill
Mr. Baker	L.W.	Miss Atto
----	R.W.	Miss Fothergill

On page 31:

"Athletics":

The Co-Eds defeated the Divinity men in an amusing game in the Minto rink, by the score of 5-4.

1916 *Mitre* xxiii, no. 2 (Lent 1916):

"Co-Eds' Corner"

A hockey team has been organized among the Lady Students. Frequent practises are being held and--well, they have already beaten Divinity!

no. 3 (Easter 1916):

The ladies' hockey team lately received a challenge from the girls of the Lennoxville Academy but, unfortunately, before a game could be arranged, the ice disappeared.

1917 *Mitre* xxiv, no.2 (Lent 1917):

On Saturday, February 17th, the Co-Ed.'s Hockey Team played against the Lennoxville Academy girls, and came out victorious after a hotly-contested game. Miss Abbott, of the Academy, and Miss Atto, of Bishop's, were the individual stars of the game.

no. 3 (Trinity 1917):

During the greater part of last term hockey practices were held once a week by the Lady Students and there were matches played. The account of the first, which was against the Girls of the Academy, has already been given in the last *Mitre*. The game with the Academy boys was very fast, but in spite of hard work

by the College, the Academy certainly had much the better of it.

The annual match with the 'Shed' was held as usual, and ended in a draw, 4-4. Everybody certainly seemed to enjoy the game, which was very exciting. Last year and the year before the Co-Eds won, and as this year was a draw the 'Shed' may hope to win the championship next winter.

1919 *Mitre xxvi, no.3 (Trinity 1919):*

The lady students took up hockey this winter and considerable enthusiasm was shown, but as all who composed the team were novices very few games were played. They met the Divines twice, both games being ties. A game with the Four Square Class resulted in victory for the boys. All the men were very attentive and offered many suggestions and much advice, which will probably prove extremely helpful to our hockey team to be.

1923 *Mitre xxx, no.4:*

The Co-Ed Hockey Team (if indeed we may grace with that dignified appellation the collection of Co-eds that assembled in variegated attire at the Minto Rink) played two spirited games. The first battle was fought against the Old Lodge, the second against the Shed; in both the Co-eds secured the higher score. Judging by the 'vociferocity' of the spectators we should imagine that both games were slightly amusing!

1925 *Mitre xxxii, No. 2:*

On Friday, Feb 27th a large crowd of spectators, half drunk, with excitement and mirth watched the "Shedites" hockey team go down to defeat at the hands of the Co-eds, when playing their annual game of hockey, by a score of 9 to 5.

The event was probably one of the most picturesque of its kind in the history of the University, the Divinity team appearing on the ice for the most part in rugby uniforms, to which had been added, as a touch of respectability, clerical collars and parson's hats.

The Co-eds secured their first goal when M. Matthews dashed through the Shedite's defence before they realized that the game had commenced, and shot the puck past Glover who was adjusting his monocle at the moment, and so had no time to spare for keeping the puck out of his net. McMann now made a heroic effort to even up the score but after due consideration he passed the puck to Teakle and sat down to plan his mode of campaign for the future. Teakle removed three or four vests and then with a dazzling display of speed and fancy skating evened the score.

The Co-eds now resolved to assert their superiority, concentrated all their efforts on the "Shed" goal and E. Barraclough outskating McMann, Pickering, and House, shot the puck once more into the net. The play for the next few rounds remained in the neighborhood of the Divinity goal and the shots came so thick and fast that Glover reversed the net and took refuge behind it. But even this did not prevent the Co-eds from scoring, and things began to look very bad for the Shed. It was about this time that the referee, Roach, placed the "Shedites" under an eternal debt of gratitude to him for assisting McMann from point to point as the play shifted, and thus upholding the dignity of the Church.

Teakle now got into action again and passed the puck to Hoyt Sr. who made a beautiful shot which seemed literally to dismount Teakle. Be this as it may the fact remains that both his skates came off, and he was compelled to finish

the game without them.

Just before the final whistle Hoyt Sr. overcome with grief at the turn affairs had taken, sank more or less gracefully to the ice and was borne off in triumph on the snow shovel by Tyrrell who acted as Doctor of Divinity throughout the game.

1929 Quad

Entry under *The Women's Students' Association*:

Plays and music are all very fine, but the Women Students are also athletic. One evening during the Lent term, when the ice had just enough water on it to prevent its drying up and blowing away, six valiant coeds, clad in sweaters and skirts, shod with steel, and armed with sturdy wooden hockey sticks met six more valiant Divinity students on the college rink. "Win or 'fa'down and go boom'" was the ladies' motto and though sometimes it was a goal and sometimes "boom" it amounted to about twenty more goals for the girls than for the "Divines" at the end of the third period. This is the extent of hockey played by the Women Students of the University but there is good material for a team and it is hoped to organize one in the near future.

1930 Quad

A hockey team was organized this year with Doris Bennett as Captain, and Lillian Salicis as Manager. The girls have attended practices fairly regularly, and we are hoping to have an even better team next year.

The annual game against the Divines resulted, as usual, in a victory for the Women Students.

1931 Quad

Although their hockey season did not open till late, the girls were able to organize a very efficient team. Much credit is due to Patience Strong for the business-like way in which she has managed the team and -- "Lefty" [the rink manager]. Two games were played against Lennoxville High School, both of which were lost by the College. The girls are sorry not to have had the fun and pleasure of the annual Coed-Divine Hockey Game. It is hoped that next year will see a very much improved and stronger team.

More important than hockey, however, is basketball which begins in the Michaelmas Term and is carried on throughout the winter until Easter.

1932 Quad

The Girls' Hockey team this year was a distinct improvement over that of last year, although they lost the more important games of the season. Four games were played--two with Lennoxville, one with Bulwer and one with a 'picked' men's team.

23 Feb.	Lennoxville 3	Bishop's 1
4 Mar.	Bulwer 1	Bishop's 2
15 Mar.	Lennoxville 2	Bishop's 0
23 Mar.	Men 0	Girls 4

In the game with the men, the men are not allowed to use pads or both hands on the stick (women do not wear any protective equipment in their own games). The women

score four goals, the men two, both of which are called back by the referee.

Kay Savage (G), E. Austin--Captain (D), P. Montgomery (D), L. Salicis (W), G. Christison (W), Ruth Mead (C), M. Blier, H. Acheson, A. Ewing, I. Beaulieu, Margaret Bradley (Alternates).

1933 *Quad*

Hockey team gets its own page, with team photo.

Mitre

First game is versus Divinity (described as a “real game”, though the women’s goals count for two points--though they still win 4-1). Played Lennoxville twice, McGill, and Divinity again.

Clara Parsons (33-36), Manager, attempts to persuade Dr. McGreer, Principal, to let the players wear shorts instead of skirts and purple bloomers, but receives the response: “Young ladies at Bishop’s would not be allowed to wear shorts.”

1934 *Quad*

Joined Eastern Townships League, which is composed of area high schools.

Bishop’s 0	Lennoxville 2
Bishop’s 2	Sherbrooke 1
Bishop’s 0	Magog 6
Bishop’s 1	Magog 0
Bishop’s 1	McGill (Royal Victoria College) 8
Bishop’s 1	McGill 5
Bishop’s 1	Coaticook 5
Bishop’s	Coaticook (BU defaults due to lack of funds.)

1935 *Quad*

A brief glance at the 1934-35 Women Students’ Hockey convinces one that we play for the pure love of the game rather than for any real hope of winning an outstanding victory.

Choose not to join the Eastern Townships League, but to play “at their own inclination”.

Quebec City (High School team)
Stanstead College
Lennoxville High School (2x)
BCS Midget Boys (2x)
McGill (2x) 0-12

Only wins against Lennoxville. Premier player for McGill at the time is Babs (later: Bob)

Goulding. McGill plays at the Mount Royal Arena.

1936 *Quad*

Stanstead 3-0 2-1

BCS (2x)

McGill 0-3 Second game cancelled by early spring.

Quebec (1x)

Lennoxville (1x)

1937 *Quad*

McGill 1-1 0-4

Scotstown 4-0 0-0

Quebec Trip cancelled due to uncertainty of ice.

BCS Loss

Divines Loss

1938 *Quad*

McGill 0-0 0-1

Divines

1940 *Quad*

East Angus 1-0

Stanstead 1-3 2-2

Granby 0-4

McGill 0-1 0-1

Hockey awards introduced: major and minor B's and crests.

1941 No mention of women's hockey. Football also disappears due to CIAU suspension of intercollegiate play, due to WWII. Women's hockey is apparently replaced by skiing, which is the only women's sport in **1943**. Basketball returns in **1944**.

1946 *Campus*

Co-Ed/Divine game played 1st or 2nd March. Team did not previously exist. Women win 3-1.

1947 *Quad*

A hockey team was formed for the annual Co-ed--Bedesman battle...

1948 *Quad, Campus (5 March)*

Team photo--but only one game, against the Divines (won 3-2).
Report in the *Quad* suggests a circus game, with daft rules. *The Campus* makes it sound like a legitimate game, with superior play by the women. Divines take a lot of penalties for holding, and one of the women for diving.

1949 *Quad*

Same: but interest expressed in forming a regular team.

1950 *Quad*

Same regret expressed.

1952 *Campus* (2 Feb.)

Intramural ice hockey (floor hockey introduced previous year)--new outdoor rink. Only two games played due to weather.

1953 *Campus*

Same. Co-eds beat Divines 5-4.

1954 *Campus*

Same, 4 teams. Co-eds beat Divines.

Note that it is still hard to tell whether the C-D game is serious or not. All accounts suggest that the women seriously outskate the Divines. The goals are legit. Sense is that it *is* legit, though softened by a generous application of the rules. Note: *Quad* entries for '48-'50 are extremely dismissive, even hostile.

1956 *Campus*

Beat Divines 5-3.

1957 *Campus*

Beat Divines 7-1.

1958 *Campus*

Due to weather conditions, the annual Bede game is a rather silly basketball game instead (photo--silly costumes, etc.). Women win 26-14.

Women's ice hockey has been dropped from intramural programme due to previous year's lack of enthusiasm.

1959 *Campus* (19 Feb)

Last reference to Women's-Divines game. Photo (silly costumes).

Note: BU population in this year is 337.

Vestal Virgins intercollegiate soccer begins.

Through 1959 there is a great deal of debate over the future of men's hockey at Bishop's--concern is the tremendous cost of competing intercollegiately (travel to Kingston to play RMC). Also debate over the building of a new indoor rink.

1961 *Campus* introduces tiny column on women's athletics: "Sporting Skirts". Only lasts for this year.

1962 *Campus* (18 Jan)
New rink opens.

The most up-to-date features have been employed in the construction of the rink. The sides are of Cellulox, a translucent material that allows light to enter and makes artificial lighting necessary only at night. The ceiling is coated with an asbestos compound which will enable the public address system, often defective in small arenas, to function efficiently.

1965 *Campus*
Hockey reintroduced to women's intramurals (won by Out-of-Res team).

1966 *Campus* (2 Feb)
Pick-up team goes to Mac and wins 3-2 (Mac practices twice a week and plays against McGill and McMaster).
Women's Hockey Awards introduced.

Quad

Photo of women's intramural hockey: no equipment and figure skates.

1968 *Campus*
Small agitation for a Director of Women's Athletics. Supported by Bruce Coulter, but no money.
Québec provides \$2.50 per student for athletics, but spending is 10:1 in favour of the men, i.e., women's budget: \$1,900; men's: approx. \$19,000.

1971 *Campus*
October: Notice of Women's Athletics: "Ice Hockey Instruction for Women". This is preparatory for intramural competition (which includes both BU and Champlain).
November: Much encouragement for girls to come out and try. Games once a week (every Wednesday at 9:00pm, starting 10 Nov.).

1972 *Campus*, 21 Jan, 1972

Powder Pucksters Puffed Out

After their game against Alexander Galt Regional High School, the women's varsity hockey team may have given their coach, Ian 'Pokey' Dobell a few things to think about. His charges had held a 2-0 lead in the game and went down to the score of 3-2 to the younger school team. It was apparent that the Bish side fell apart, their lack of stamina paved the way to defeat. Training at the 'G' may have been responsible for the reversal. It seems as if the coach has his work cut out for himself.

So, hang on, Pokey, hang on!

Note: no previous reference to the existence of a varsity team.

28 Jan: Advert: King's Hall at Bishop's Feb. 3, Feb. 7 Galt at BU.

4 Feb. Women's Athletic Society produces a variety show, with the Modern Dance Class.

The theme? The changing role of women in today's society. The idea for the show was conceived by Dodie Goodwin, Director of Women's Athletics.

She wants to communicate the fact that women do have a place in sports. She wants to get rid of the connotations that Women's Athletics carry.

Try an experiment: picture to yourself a female athlete. What do you imagine? A muscular amazon in a skirt, so out of place trying to look feminine? This idea is exactly what Dodie hopes to eradicate. It simply is not true.

A girl can maintain her femininity [sic] while enjoying the physical exercise afforded her by athletic activities.

1973 Quad

Bishamplain Women's Ice Hockey Team begins 1973.

BCS	1-1	2-1
Galt	2-2	2-2
Richmond	1-4	win
PeeWee Boys	3-3	
Sir George	6-3	

Campus

First game played in January. Team gets regular coverage of games, though very dismissive. Seem to be referred to as the Gazelles.

Intramural also continues.

1974 Quad

Polar Bears. 13 game unbeaten streak.

Mac (Abbott)	2-4	2-2	6-3		
Galt	6-1	2-0	4-2	1-1	7-1
Sir George	4-0				
Faculty	2-4				
Geography Club		3-3			
PeeWees	2-0				
Dawson	2-1				
Men's Basketball		?			

Ringuette also played.

1975 Campus

Bishop's hosts Women's Invitational Hockey Tournament.

Participants include Loyola, Toronto, and Dawson. Loyola Tommies beat Toronto in the

final. BU beaten 2-1 by Dawson.

Quad

Defeat Galt 4 times, Sir George twice;

lose to Abbott 2-1, 1-0, McGill 5-3, McGill Alumnae 5-0, Loyola 6-1.

Record: 6-7-0

Four players left team for "disciplinary reasons" [i.e., drinking before a game].

1976 *Campus*

Bishop's hosts Women's Invitational Hockey Tournament. Abbott wins over UNB Red Blazers 3-2. BU beats Dawson Blues in second OT period for third place.

1977 *Campus*

No mention at all of Polar Bears, except report of stats. Played 15 games:

4-9-2 GF: 44 GA: 59 Two shutouts.

21(24) players.

Women's intramural hockey still played in 1974, but gone by 1978.

1978 *Quad*

First year in Montreal Women's Hockey League (1977-78), with Concordia, John Abbott, and the Concordia Grads. Also play the Caledon Queens from Inglewood, Ontario [goalie for Caledon is Olympic skier Laurie Graham], CEGEP de Sherbrooke, Lennoxville Bantam boys, and BCS boy's team.

Record: 5-10-2. Against Concordia: a loss, tie at Con., win in 3rd OT period of a playoff game, but didn't make finals.

1979 *Campus*

Apparently, a pretty bad year. Lose one game to Abbott by allowing 20 goals. Lots of player changes, disagreement with Al Ansell, internal animosity. Record: 3-13-0. Most penalty minutes in a season record set. Got new sweaters this year and never won a game in them.

Tournament in Huntingdon.

Victory over a team from Arnprior.

1980 *Quad*

Record of 2-12-1. Finish last behind Abbott, Concordia, McGill (0-12-0 in league play).

Eight players from Champlain, seven from Bishop's. Play a game against the Staff (Faculty): 7-5 loss.

Huntingdon tournament.

1981 *Quad*

Tournaments at U de S and Huntingdon. Team at U de Sherbrooke. Beat Abbott in one semi-final playoff game 3-2 (OT--not sudden death), but later get bounced by Abbott 6-

2.

Huntingdon Tournament includes BU, Concordia, Massena, N.Y., Potsdam N.Y., Cornwall, Abbott, Huntingdon, and Riverside (from Montreal). No wins for PB's. Two New York teams headed for US Nationals; Concordia wins QUAA title this year.
Record: 7-17-0

1982-87 No coverage at all of team in *The Campus*, except for a short article in 1984, reporting on a losing season. It seems that as soon as men's varsity hockey goes ('82), so does all other interest as well. [No *Quad* photos for '85, '86, '91.]
Oct. 9, 1986 Campus: All funding for McGill team cut: McGill became the first Canadian university to have a women's hockey team in 1984. Previous year's budget: \$5,530 (men: \$40,686). Total sports budget: men: \$116,685; women: \$51,210.

1982 *Quad*
Defeated by Univ. of Ottawa in two exhibition games. Finished third in League behind Concordia and Abbott. Eliminated by Abbott in semi-finals.

1983 *Quad*
Miss playoffs for first time in four years. Eight rookies. Opened with win against McGill in league play, but no further wins. Laurie Schoolcraft finally retires (third on all time scoring list behind Willie Mitchell and Ron Perowne).

1985 Monique Berard Outstanding Female Athlete (University); fourth place in league scoring.

1987 *Campus*
Lost in league finals.

1988 *Campus*
Play Laval ("perennial rivals"). Lose 5-3, 1-0. First year for Marie-Claude Roy. League (QWIHL) includes Concordia, Laval, BU, Abbott, UQTR, McGill. BU third in January (4-4-0). Thérèse Brisson leading scorer in league.
November 1987: Dartmouth (home/away).

1988-91 *Campus*
No coverage at all.
Finished in third place in 1990-91.

1989 *Quad*
Concordia defeats BU to win league championship.
Undefeated at preseason QWIHL round robin tournament. Played 31 games. Major defence: Marie-Claude Roy, Helen Wellman, Nancy Humphrey.

1990 *Quad*

Nine veterans and eight rookies. Undefeated at preseason QWIHL tournament. 6-5-4 in League play, finishing third. Beaten by Laval in best-of-three semi-finals. Played an exhibition game at the Forum.

1992 *Campus*

Short introductory article. Helen Wellman a 5th year player. Jeff Cathcart head coach. Defeat UQTR 2-1 in opening game.

31 Oct, 1991: Report on intramurals: 278 people registered to play hockey, inc. 2 women.

1992-95 *Campus*

No coverage.

Varsity

1915-19

(1920's?)

1930-40

1972→

Divines

1915-1959

Intramural

1952-58

1965-mid 70's

WIN/LOSS RECORDS:

1932	2-2-0	1973	3-1-4	1985	
1933		1974	8-2-3	1986	
1934	2-6-0	1975	6-7-0	1987	
1935	2-6-0	1976		1988	
1936	2-1-0 ?	1977	4-9-2	1989	
1937	1-4-1	1978	5-10-2	1990	6-5-4 [league only]
1938	1-1-1 ?	1979	3-13-0	1991	
1939		1980	2-12-1	1992	
1940	1-4-1	1981	7-17-0	1993	
		1982		1994	
		1983	1-?	1995	
		1984		1996	5-13-0

1997 7-12-2

Winning seasons: 1936 (?), 1973, 1974, (1987, 1989), 1990 (?)