

THE GALLOPING GHOSTS

Dominion Champions

1946-1948-1950

Intermediate "A" O.R.F.U. Champions

1938-1946-1948-1950

Intermediate "B" O.R.F.U. Champions

1937-1939-1951-1952



COBOURG GALLOPING GHOSTS REUNION

REUNION COMMITTEE

Audrey Burdick
Bus Edwards
Ken Cooper
Paul Currelly
Bernie Flesch
Jim Redmond
Ireland Quigley
George Watson
Lloyd Austin

Jack Newton
Hawley Hoselton
Art Jones
Ed Haynes
Bill Jarvis
Homer Seale
Polly Edwards
Chub Downey
Ken Medhurst

JUNE 27, 1987



The Cobourg Galloping Ghosts

The most famous club in intermediate O.R.F.U. history was born in the living room of the late Fred Dufton in 1935.

The club that was to win eight Ontario Titles and three Dominion C.R.U. titles between 1935 and 1953 with the war years excluded was the brainchild of "Ferocious" Fred Dufton, very aptly named for his tremendous desire to surmount all obstacles and bring home a winner.

The first officers of the club were, President F.F. Dufton, Secretary, L. Downs: Treasurer, Geo. McIntyre: Executive, Dr. Richards, Dr. James, R.G. Parker, Jack Cook, Robt. Killip, Col. Peterson, T.H. McClelland, A.S. Cooper, and Arthur Cauley.

With a number of good players just out of high school, Dufton decided the time was right to start Intermediate football. With a \$150.00 loan from the bank, and with the Cobourg Collegiate Coach the late T.H. McClelland, Cobourg entered the O.R.F.U. in a league with Lindsay, Belleville, Oshawa and Peterborough. The "Red Raiders" as they were originally called went through the complete season without winning a game, but did establish a core of good backfielders such as Ken Cooper, Chuck Johnston, Joe Dufton and Chuck Henderson, and a line of Spooner, Barton, Schrumm, Pratt and Woods.

In 1936 Chuck Peck of St. Mikes and Queen's fame became coach of the club. As he was attending university at the time, much of the coaching was of necessity done by mail. Players of those days will recall Fred Dufton running onto the practice field, wildly waving the latest dope off the wire from Kingston. This resulted in a lot of publicity in the Toronto papers about the correspondence coach and his mail order football team.

1936 was banner year as the "Red Raiders" scored their first and only win one sunny day

in Belleville. Bus Edwards scored the winning touchdown to give Cobourg their first win, and the start of good times to come.

The year of 1936 saw the local firm of Edwards & Edwards become interested in the team. Their continued interest became one of the greatest factors in the team's success over the years.

By 1937 Bob Lucas was the quarterback with a backfield of Cooper, Edwards, McIlveen and Johnston. Schrumm, Spooner and Pratt anchored the line. However, it was in the kicking department that showed the most improvement. This was due to the acquisition of Graham "Mike" Meikle who had tried out with Balmy Beach, but decided to come to Cobourg and led the Ghosts to their first O.R.F.U. "B" title in a thrilling win over Stratford.

1938 saw the Ghosts go on to bigger and better things. Still coached by Chuck Peck and led by Meikle, the fiery Jack Jacobs and of course Lucas, Cooper, Johnston, Newton and Bagnell, the Ghosts waltzed through Belleville Panthers, Kingston Garrison, Toronto Eastsides and Toronto Oakwoods to finally meet Sarnia Wanderers in the Intermediate "A" Championships which they won 12-7.

In 1939 the Ghosts' fortunes slipped a little. Meikle had gone to Sarnia, several players had already enlisted and the Ghosts had to be content with the "B" Crown with wins over Oakwood Indians 8-2 in the semifinals and Smiths Falls Trojans 27-0 in the finals.

The club disbanded for the war years, returning in 1946 stronger than ever to win their first Dominion Crown. Chuck Peck and Bob Lucas did the coaching. Chub Downey was the quarterback along with Ross Gilbert, Ireland Quigley, Pud Jamieson, Bus Edwards, Chuck Henderson and Chuck Johnston in the backfield. The line of Jim Poynton, Bill Jarvis, Homer Seale, Gord

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Fred Dufton

"One of a Kind"

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by Layton Dodge

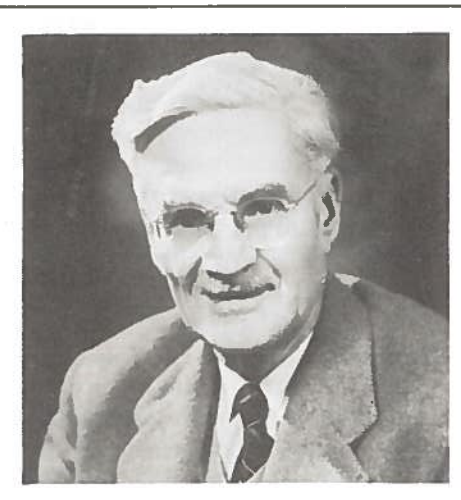
One of the most illustrious and most successful sportsmen this community has ever known is dead. He is Fred Dufton, Cobourg's Mr. Football of a glorious bygone era.

For thirteen years — five before the war and eight after it — Fred was the colorful manager of Cobourg's renowned intermediate clubs which became a legend of the gridiron by winning three Dominion championships and numerous provincial titles.

Roy "Scotty" Black, the excellent trainer of the team from the day it was organized in 1935 as the Red Raiders to the day in 1937 it was renamed the Galloping Ghosts by John Hayden, the present-day CDCI administrator, until that fateful day in 1953 when it folded, reminisced upon hearing of Dufton's death that the deceased was known affectionately as "Ferocious Fred" in his heyday because he was a perfectionist himself and demanded nothing but perfection from his players.

Scotty recalled that the Red Raiders didn't win a single game in their inaugural season but improved greatly in 1936 to earn one victory, that made possible when George 'Bus' Edwards scored the decisive touchdown in Belleville. However, with the hard work of defeat came experience and the club annexed ORFU intermediate 'B' titles in '37 and '39 and an 'A' championship in '38 before the world was turned into a battleground by a German dictator named Hitler.

Seven years later, the club was revived. It was a dynamic, prolific renaissance, making the Ghosts nationally known and a household word locally. They marched to



Dominion championships in 1946 and 1948, losing nary a game in the process, added another in 1950, grabbed provincial runner-up honors in 1947 and 1949 and copped Ontario intermediate 'B' crowns in 1951 and 1952. Scotty swears that the greatest team of them all was the 1950 aggregation. Fred Dufton, who thought likewise, played no small part in achieving this remarkable string of successes. He was, as one admiring player put it, "the whole show."

Home field for the club over the years was at Horseshow Park (later changed to McClelland Park and more recently to Donegan Park) except for 1946. Ghosts won their first Canadian championship on the fifth hole of the Cobourg Golf Club that year.

Galloping Ghosts were known far and wide as the best equipped intermediate football team in Canada. They were the first team in Canada to wear aluminum cleats and the second team in the land to wear white uniforms. Their boots were especially made in Montreal with leather supplied by Edwards and Edwards, the club's financial benefactor. It was a standing rule that players had to be bandaged properly and their shoes shined before they trotted out for each game. Yes, the Ghosts did everything on a first class basis or not at all.

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How Came The Name

by Ed Haynes

from the 1949 program

The Galloping Ghosts. A name synonymous with the very best in football from the time of the immortal "Red Grange" to its present proud standard bearers, the Canadian Intermediate Football champions, the Cobourg Galloping Ghosts. Whenever and wherever pigskin fans come across that name they associate it with the cream of the gridiron crop. And so it is and has been with the Cobourg squad beginning in the pre-war days but more particularly since the war ended. Present day football filberts are more familiar with the achievements of the newer crop of Galloping Ghosts of course, but the glorious trail of victory blazed by the Cobourg team was actually begun in 1937.

It was in that year the name Galloping Ghosts came into being: born the result of two years of trial and tribulation on the part of the then called Cobourg "Red Raiders". Since their formation in 1935 the Red Raiders had suffered through two years of nothing but trouble, both of a financial and playing nature. Gates in those days seldom topped the \$35 mark and victories were even harder to come by. It wasn't until the final game of 1937 following 12 consecutive losses that the team finally managed to win a game.

Deciding that something had to be done to remedy a painful situation before a new season rolled around, Fred Dufton, President and Manager of the team, huddled one Sunday afternoon in the Dufton living room with then club Treasurer, Johnny Hayden. Between the pair of them they hoped to devise some method of improving the sad plight of the luckless Red Raiders.

Something was done alright. They began with changing the name. Johnny suggested the move, expressing his conviction that a complete housecleaning was in order. A turning over of a new leaf, so to speak. The name Galloping Ghost was also a Hayden brainchild and its popularity was instantaneous as it proved to be a good luck omen. From then on the team began to win championships, stopped by nothing, except war.

The first title in '37 was but the first of better things to come however for the club stepped into the "A" ranks in 1938 and once again brought home the bacon to give the old town its second Provincial championship. The team became triple crown winners in 1939 when the third consecutive Ontario title was won by the team. This marked the end of both titles and football for it was of course, in 1939, that the second great war began. With just about every man on the team joining the forces, the team disbanded for the war years.

Reformed in 1946, the postwar edition of the Galloping Ghosts resumed right where they left off by copping not only the Ontario championship but trimming Montreal to win the Dominion Intermediate Football title. This team swept all opposition without the loss of a single game. In 1947, last season, the Ghosts won their group title and gained the Ontario final, losing to Niagara Falls.

The 1948 team, coached by Bob Cooper, was composed almost entirely of town and district athletes, graduates for the most part of district high schools. A fine bunch of fellows who worked hard to give the fans another championship.

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Players such as Chuck Henderson. Archie Spooner, Ken Cooper, Milt Benson, Charlie Schrumm, Tom Brewster, Tommy Bulger, Alec Pratt, Bill Woods, Chuck Johnston, Joe Dufton, George Dufton, Jack Newton, George Galbraith, Hank Haynes, Bob Lucas, Robert Brown, Reg Stuart and Gus Bambridge of the old guard and Bob Cooper, Glen Connor, Eagle Hircock, Homer Seale, Bill Jamieson, Marty McGuire, Gord Burdick, George Campbell, Bill Irvine, Art Jones, Ken Medhurst, Red Alexander, Bob Bevan, Junior Hoselton, Tommy Lewis, Paul Currelly, Jack Jamieson, Bernie Flesch, Darcy Campbell, Jim Irvine, Boyd Hendry, Vern

Lees, Jim Poynton, Chub Downey, Art Brandwood, Rye Holman, Bill Jarvis and Bill Douglas of the post-war regime were just some of the names on the honour roll of Cobourg's most famous sporting fraternity. A few of them are gone now but those who remain must have felt a twinge of nostalgia on learning that Mr. Dufton had crossed the goal line for the last time.

Fred Dufton, a one-time Cobourg intermediate baseball manager; Fred Dufton, a past president of the ORFU; Fred Dufton, a former coach of Cobourg's intermediate hockey team; Fred Dufton, a championship rose grower; Fred Dufton and the Galloping Ghosts, names synonymous with the very best in football, gone now but not forgotten.



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Then in the Ontario Finals, Niagara Falls came to town and this season surprised the Ghosts on a snow covered frozen field 13-6.

1948 was certainly one of the Ghosts most outstanding seasons. First the Central League dismissed Cobourg who had raised their ire by drawing several players out of Peterborough and Oshawa. Not to be denied, Fred Dufton immediately went to work and formed an eastern league with Trenton, Trenton R.C.A.F. and Queens Intermediates.

The team consisted almost entirely of Cobourg and Port Hope players with only Bob Cooper and Rye Holman out of Varsity, Russ Boyd an ex-Argo and Glen Connor being imports. Cooper was an excellent leader and with a backfield of Quigley, Jamieson, Connor, Currelly and Medhurst, and a line of Poynton, Jarvis, Austin, Lees, Brandwood, Douglas and Boyd, the Ghosts roared through the eastern league and into the Ontario semifinals against who else but the Orillia Silver Bombers in what was supposed to be a sudden death game in Orillia. With the Bombers leading 16-5 at the half, it seemed to be all over for the ghosts, but they came back to end regulation time tied at 16. With darkness descending the league officials ordered another game to be played on Wednesday of that week in Peterborough. The injury ridden Ghosts scored early in this one and hung on for a 6-0 win and a berth in the Ontario Finals with London Falcons, who had demolished Niagara Falls 21-2.

The Falcons came to town loaded with ex-Western Mustangs, but it was the Ghosts who prevailed 17-5 after a very tough game.

In the Dominion C.R.U. Final, the Ghosts met Montreal Rocklands, a big hard hitting club featuring the running of Danny Johnston (who went on to the Alouettes) and Jim Chambers (later to the Eskimos), however the Ghosts scored early and surprised the Rocklands 10-0.

Its always hard to repeat and even though

the Ghosts added a number of outstanding players, including Jake Edminston late of the Argo's who also coached the club, Andy McConvey from O.A.C., Bob Bevan, Art Jones and with the return of Homer Seale and Jack Newton things looked promising. The league consisted of Trenton Mustangs, Queens Intermediates and Cobourg. The Ghosts romped through the schedule undefeated and then met the Orillia Silver Bombers in a two game O.R.F.U. Semifinal.

The Ghosts prevailed 29-18, winning 15-6 in Orillia and 14-12 at home. Then it was the Dundas Bombers led by Dutch Holland, Granby and Steeves, the Bombers ousted an injury riddled Ghost crew 15-6 in Cobourg and 8-3 in a very muddy field in Dundas. Dundas were a strong club, but must have peaked against the Ghosts for they lost to Montreal in the C.R.U. Final.

The 1950 Central O.R.F.U. league was extremely strong - Oshawa had Davey West, Burkhart and Art Skidmore, Peterborough had Huntley, Sriver, Beatty and the McGillis brothers, and of course Orillia had Jim Milligan throwing, Mush Bond and Dave Ross running. The Ghosts had their full crew back, plus two excellent lineman in Gord Burdick and Bob McNally, along with Hawkins, Don Smith and a great running back in Ernie Darrah later to go on to the Alouettes.

Jake Edminston was a tower of strength at centre and Brandwood, Lees, Jarvis, Burdick, Seale, Douglas, Holman and Smith gave great protection to quarterback Cooper. The backfield had Medhurst, Bevan, Darrah, McConvey, Currelly, Quigley and Jamieson. This season the Ghosts were loaded with strength. They won the league losing only one game; that to Oshawa, but several games were won in the dying moments in a very exciting season. In the Ontario Semifinals they met their old nemesis, the Dundas Bombers.

The first game in Cobourg was a terrific struggle with the Ghosts winning 3-0 on the strength of three singles by Bob Cooper.



Left to right: Bill Woods, Charley Schrumm, Tucker Brewster, Tom Bulger, Knobby Clarke, and Chuck Henderson

Back in Dundas on another terrible field the game was a defensive struggle. The Ghosts line was outstanding, particularly Don Smith and Bob McNally. Coopers kicking kept Cobourg in the game and late in the fourth quarter led 8-6 on the round even though they trailed 8-3 in the game. With the minute flag up, the bombers kicker Mancini tried a field goal from 20 yards out, however, Ernie Darrah somehow deflected the ball and Cobourg recovered to win the round 8-6.

The O.R.F.U. finals with London Falcons were almost an anticlimax. The Ghosts rolled to a 13-1 win in Cobourg and an 18-11 win in London. However, London did tie the game in the second quarter 11-11 before Art Jones took over and kicked two field goals in the fourth quarter to lock it up.

The Quebec winners this season were the Montreal Lakeshore Flyers featuring a big hard charging line and the running of Danny Johnston, who had given the Ghosts lots of trouble as a member of the Westmounts in '48.

The game, played on the same day as the famous "Mud Bowl" at Varsity Stadium, was dominated by a strong wind which pushed many kicks out of bounds on the west side of the field. With the weather dictating a low scoring ground game the Ghosts line prevailed and with Cooper kicking single points in the third and fourth

quarters, the Ghosts won their third C.R.U. Intermediate Title 2-0.

By 1951 the Central O.R.F.U. League had expanded to include East York Blue Devils, as well as Ryerson, along with Orillia, Peterborough, Oshawa, Queens and Cobourg. Jake Edminston was back as coach. New players included Bernie Flesch, Darce Campbell, Karl Lenahan, Vic Garvin and Joe Kane.

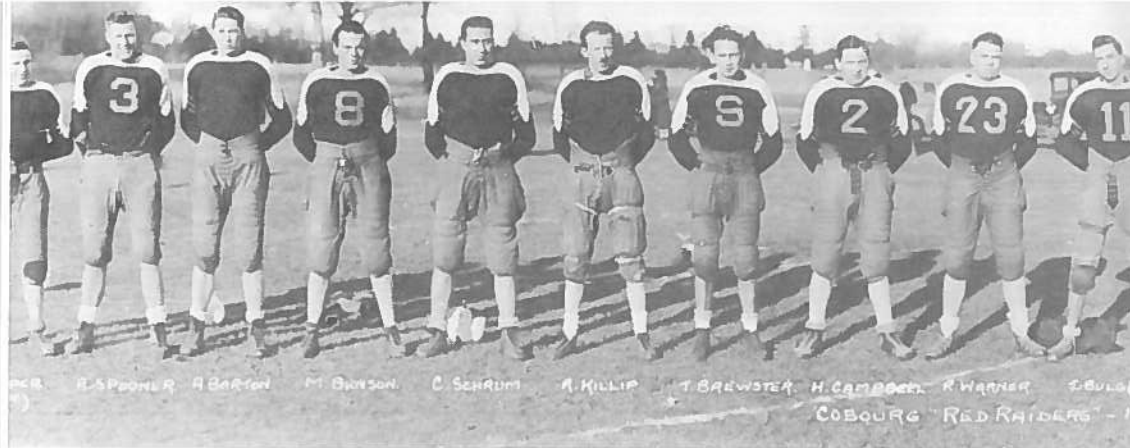
This season saw the Ghosts pick up a lot of key injuries and as a result were nosed out of first place by the Oshawa Red Raiders led by Jim Loreno, Sully Ford and Mel Taylor. However, the Ghosts did grab second place and a berth in the sudden death Intermediate "B" Final with the Sarnia Wildcats.

The Wildcats, led by Reeves brothers Hank and Pete, played well, but in a rough game that saw three players ejected, the Ghosts triumphed 13-0.

1952 saw the League reduced to four teams, Oshawa, Kingston R.C.E.M.E., Cobourg and the Peterborough Orfuns who now included many of the disbanded Orillia Bombers.

With the retirement of several players there was a considerable turnover in personnel. Coming into the Ghosts folds, were first of all a new coach in the person of Art West, the former Argo star who had been coaching at Balmy

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1935 THE RED RAIDERS: Ken Cooper, Archie Spooner, Alfie Barton, Milt Benson, Chas Schrumm, Bob Killip, Tucker Brewster, Harry Campbell, R. Warren, Tom Bulger, Alec Pratt, Bill Woods, Chuck Johnston, Don Clark, Joe Dufton, George Dufton, Chuck Henderson, Scotty Black, Fred Dufton, T. H. McClelland, George McIntyre.

*To The Galloping Ghosts
(A Satyre in Verse)*

Permit me a toast
To the Galloping Ghosts,
The boys with the brain and the brawn;
Be patient and stay
I'll pen you my lay,
Nor let me spy anyone yawn.

The first we'll inspect
Is "Ponderous Peck"
Who's simon legree in the rough,
He's handsome and tall
With no heart at all,
And loves to address us as scruff.

Now close by this "Puff"
You'll find "Doleful Duff,"
Who goes up and down like a ball;
September the first
He forsakes all mirth
And worries the rest of the fall.

These two it is plain
Sure give us boys cain,
This Ponderous, Furious pair —
First "Pop" with his moans,
Then "Chuck" with his groans —
'Tis enough to make anyone swear.

Now out on the end
You'll find "Jake the Snake"
He tackles both halfbacks and skirts;
And when the goings tough
And everyone's rough
He burroughs deep down in the dirt.

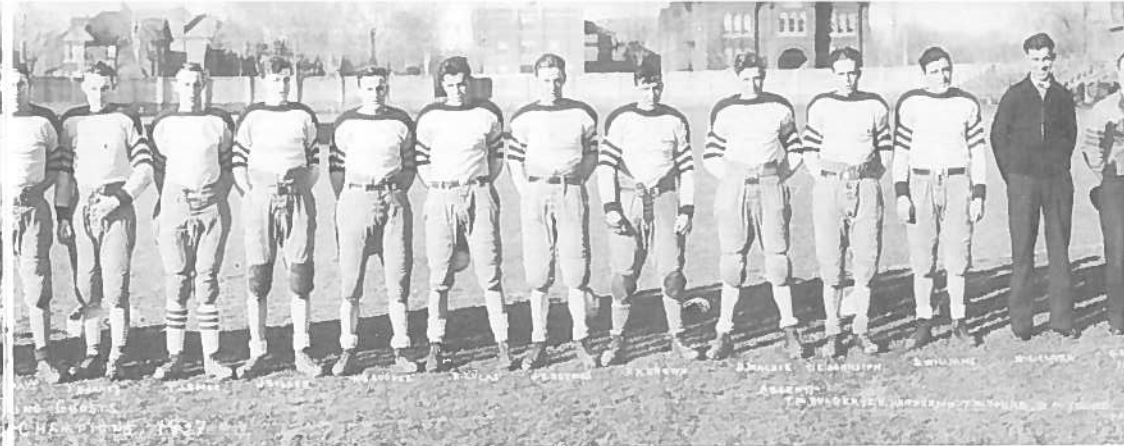
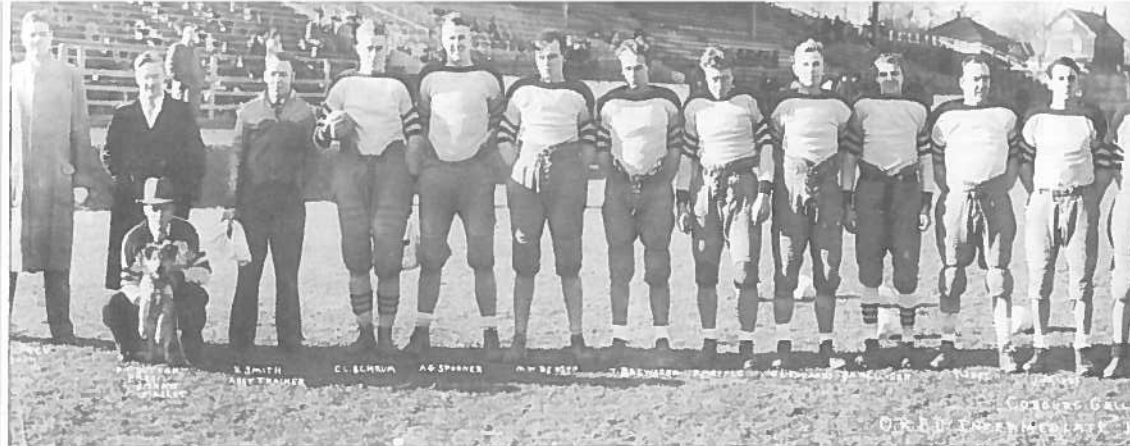
In Belleville, it was
That Jake caught a pass,
And off for a touchdown streaked he —
But stars have their fall
And Jake dropped the ball
When smacked by their tackler three.

But lo, and Behold,
See yonder knave, bold,
No other than "Pascherderm Pratt
He wears a fake nose
Until his own grows
Which make him look quite like a rat.

That miserable wretch,
'Tis the "Pooch" that I mean
Is snap for our motley crew —
He thinks a fake buck
To be counterfeit dough
And asked when the Flying Wing flew.

1936 THE RED RAIDERS: Fred Dufton, Ken Cooper, Jack Reymes, Chuck Henderson, Robert Brown, Charlie Johnston, Tommy Young, Scotty Black, Alec Pratt, Bob Lucas, Don Williams, Jake Jacobs, Don Jones, Wilber Clark, Bus Edwards, Bob Smith, Mike Meikle, Brandy Hie, Tony McIlveen, Archie Spooner, Milt Benson, Tommy Boyce, Tom Bulger, "Toey" Thornton Ibey.





1937 O.R.F.U. INTER. CHAMPS: Chuck Peck (Coach), Fred Dufton (Manager), S. Shaw (Water boy), R. Smith (Asst. Trainer), Charles Schrumm, Archie Spooner, Milton Benson, Tucker Brewster, Mike Meikle, Bus Edwards, Tony McIlveen, Toey Ibey, Jack Jacobs, Alec Pratt, Don Jones, Tommy Boyce, Jim Bulger, Ken Cooper, Bob Lucas, Jack Reymes, R. Brown, D. Mackie, Chuck Johnston, Don Williams, W. Clark, Roy Black (Trainer)

*And then there is Schrumm,
The "Terrible One"
Whose dastardly deeds shock the crowd —
He's really not bad,
But when he gets mad
He up and says "dam" right out loud.*

*So back went our Joe,
His face all aglow —
Duty called — a Begley won't flinch —
With battering blow
He hit the line low
And came up with the ball — for an inch.*

*Then Johnnie the Gate,
The Arbour, I mean,
Though gate may be really quite right.
The way they come through
Makes poor "Duffy" blue
As he urges dear Johnnie to fight.*

*And then there is Alf,
Tall, tapering Alf,
Who can't submarine 'cause he's tall —
If only he could Just think how he would
Be able to reach if he'd crawl.*

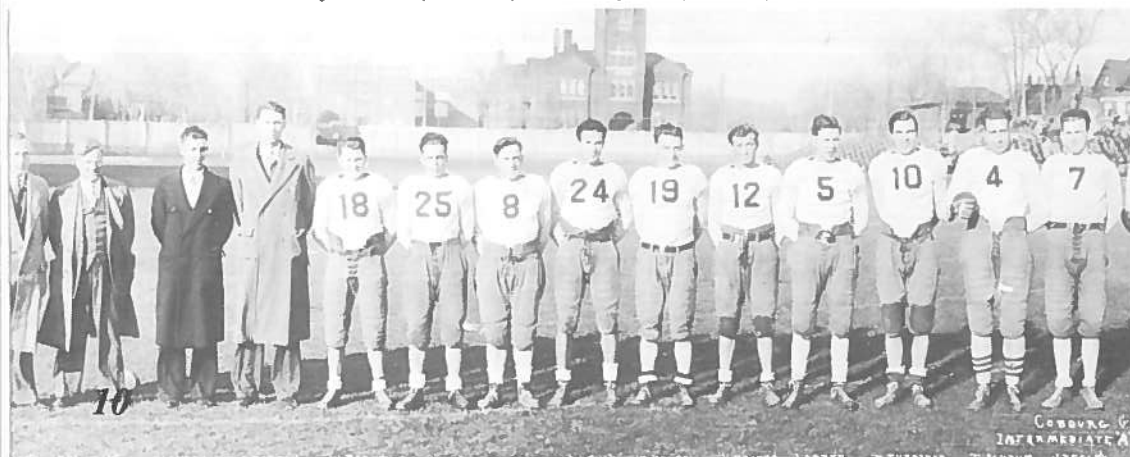
*Now comes dear ol' Joe,
Congenial Joe,
The man with the ironbound brain
With touchdown to go
And third down, you know,
We said — "Here's the ball — run to fame".*

*There's Brownie the Boar,
Who loves to spill gore,
The boisterous, butcher of foes —
He plays with a growl
That's really quite fowl,
spreads havoc wherever he goes.*

*Perhaps you have heard
Of "Battling Bull"
Who struts with the pride of a cock,
Because he laid low
With one mighty blow
Poor Tex, who would fit in his sock.*

*Now Haynes is a lad
Who tackles like mad
And runs with the speed of a deer —
He passes with vim
And kicks just like gin
And foams at the mouth like a beer.*

1938 ONT. INTER. A CHAMPS: Jack Hayden, Fred Dufton, W. Clark (W.B.), Alf. Barton, Bill Bagnell, Chuck Henderson, Robert Courtice, Alec Colville, Don Jones, Hank Haynes, J. Arber, W. Thrasher, Chas. Schrumm, Joe Begley, John Lucas, Jack Newton, Graham Meikle, Robert Lucas, Alec Pratt, Jack Jacobs, Ken Cooper, W. Robison, R. Brown, Chuck Henderson, Tommy Young, Bob Smith (Asst. Trainer), Roy Black (Trainer), Ed Haynes (mascot)





1939 ONT. INTER. A CHAMPS: Bob Smith, Jack Begley, Chas. Schrumm, J. Oliver, Pat. Blaker, Jack Newton, W. Wise (Squib), Hank Haynes, George Galbraith, Alec Pratt, Alec Colville, Bob Lucas, "Deacon" Jones, Ken Cooper, Pat Riccio, Chuck Johnston, R. Courtice, Ross Drew, R. Brown, N. Crossen, Reg Stuart, Bill Bagnell, Gus Bambridge, Chuck Henderson, Fred Dufton, Roy Black

COBOURG GALLOPING GHOSTS REUNION 1987

Friday June 26 - Registration 7-10 p.m., Victoria Room, Cobourg Motor Inn

Saturday June 27 - Registration 9 - 12 noon, Lobby, Cobourg Motor Inn

Saturday June 27 - PARADE Starts five corners 1 p.m.

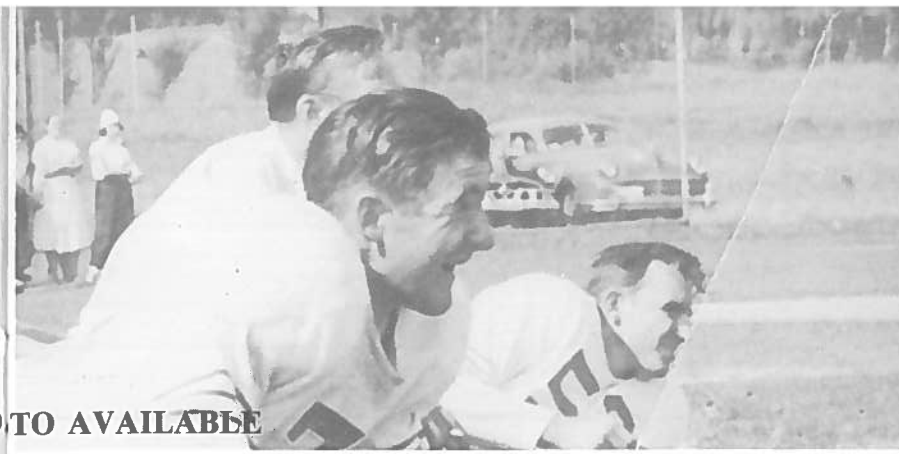
Saturday June 27 - Reception 6:30 p.m., Dinner-Dance 7:30 p.m., Lions Centre

Guest Speaker - Rt. Hon. George Hees, M.P. Minister - Veterans Affairs

Master of Ceremonies - Bob Cooper

1946 DOMINION CHAMPIONS: Jack Newton, Bob Campbell, Bill Douglas, Art Brandwood, Chuck Johnston, Chas. Henderson, Ron Hodson, Roy Black (Trainer), Chuck Peck (Coach), Bob Smith (Ass. Train.), Bus Edwards (Capt.), Reese Hunt, Chub Downey, Geo. Watson, Ireland Quigley, Jack Jamieson, Rus. Sriver, Fred Dufton (Manager), Bob Lucas (Coach), Bill Shadgett, Bill Grady, Homer Seale, Jim Poynton, Bill Jarvis, Joe. Stewart, Rick Jackson, M. Giardino, Gordon Beatty, Ross Gilbert





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1947 DOMINION CHAMPS: Jim Poynton, Bill Jarvis, Homer Seale, Geo. Thrasher, B. Cooper, Bill Douglas, Doug Plunkett, George Watson, Irie Quigley, Eric McIlveen, Jack Jamieson, Marty McGuire, Ron Hodgson, Sid Freeman, Jack Brooks, Ross Gilbert, John Adams, Reese Hunt, Fred McMillan, Art Brandwood, Bus Edwards, Chuck Henderson, Chuck Johnston, Vern Lees, Doug Bullock, Don McGillis, Bob Lucas, Vern Goyer, Don Huycke

*Up in the front rank
There's Curtis the "Tank"
Who loves to play ball in the muck
The reason he states —
'Is 'cause the kind Fates
Have give him feet like a duck."*

*There's Youngie the "Yack"
Who also plays snap,
His aim is as deadly as sin —
but when he gets wild,
He really gets riled,
He couldn't put one in a bin.*

*Now don't forget Tex,
The typhoon who wrecks
Our hopes for a fifty cents line —
He walks over Pratt
'Stho he were a mat
And makes us all feel like a dime.*

*And Nobby, the "Bear",
Each practice he's there
To see that the boys don't go stale —
Some day he shall play
And then he may say —
"Farewell" to the sponge and the pail.*

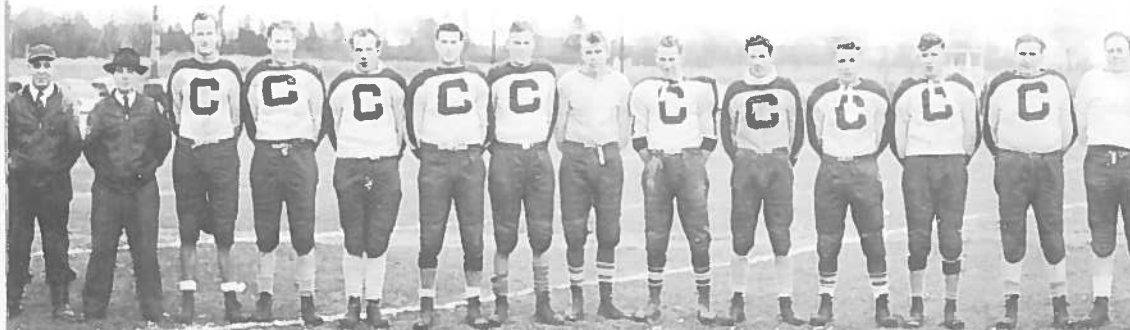
*Enough for the line,
We stalwarts so fine —
And back to the cream of the team
These dopes get the fame
While we sweat and strain
To see that their sweaters stay clean.*

*At one you'll espy
The brains of the pack,
No other than "Quarter-Brain" Luke —
How we rule the realm
With him at the helm
Is known in slang as a "Fluke"*

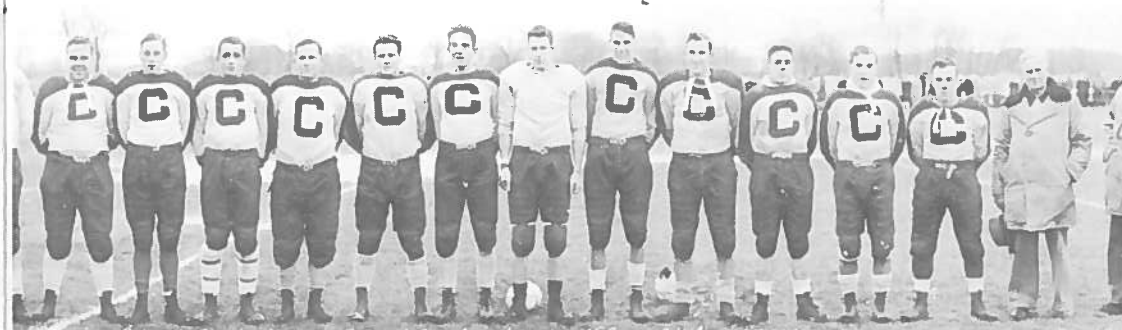
*There's Kenny, the "Goat"
Who butts with delight
And grins after each wicked foul —
He's Indian, I'd say
For he has a way
Of starting each play with a howl.*

*Now gaze you in awe
Asleep on the floor —
Disturb not the slumbering "Meek"
Nor ruffle the hair
He pats down with care —
And let him thus lay for a week.*

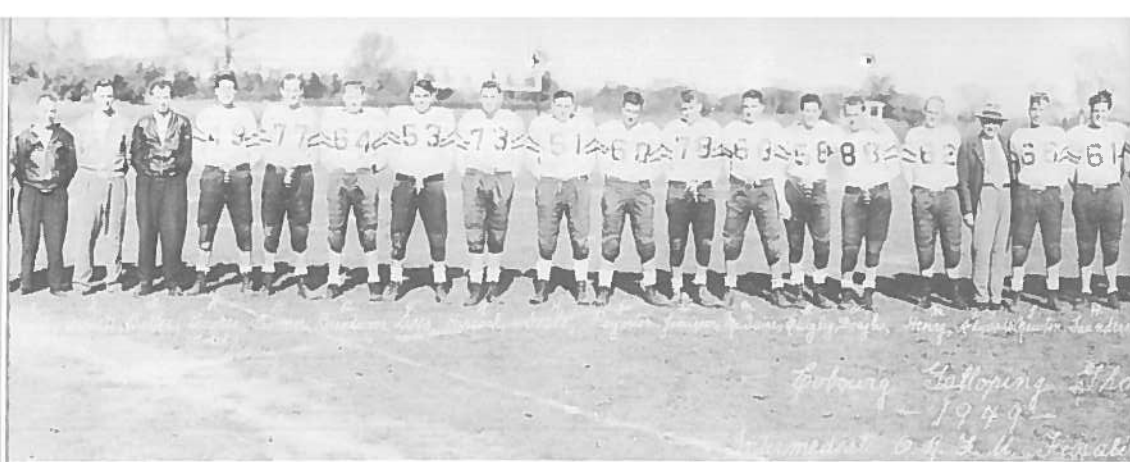
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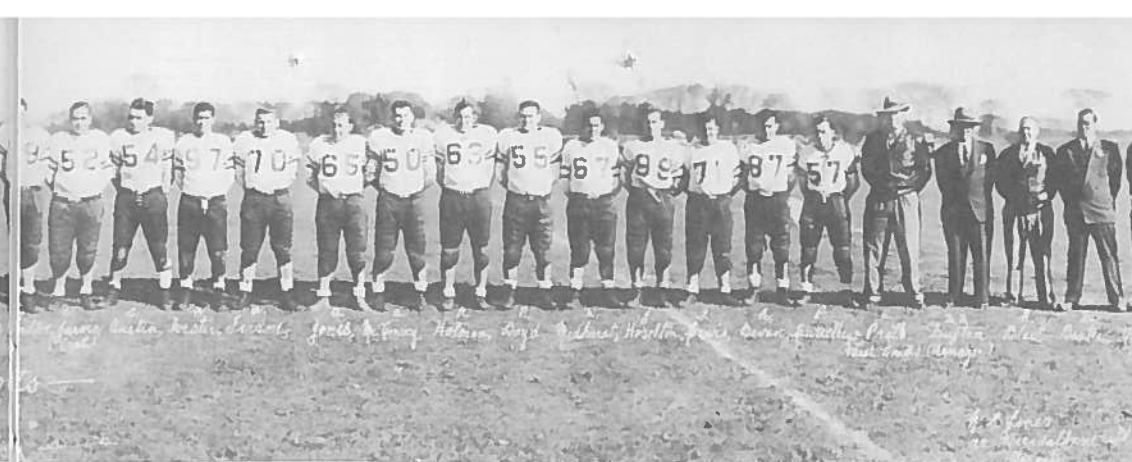
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Bob Smith (Asst. Trainer), Roy Black, (Trainer), Glen Connor, Art Brandwood, E. Butler, Bob Cooper, Don Ball, Bill Jamieson, Bill Douglas, Irie Quigley, Bill Irvine, Sid Freeman, Lloyd Austin, A. Moore, Bill Jarvis (Captain), Paul Smith, Ernie Austin, T. Cann (Bud), R Boyd, Marty McGuire, Jim Poynton, Vern Lees, Rye Holman, Ken Medhurst, Jack Jamieson, Paul Currelly, Fred Dufton (Manager), W. S. Edwards (Pres.).



1949 DOMINION CHAMPS: Johnny New, Bob Smith, Ron Bissett, E. Hircock, Homer Seale, Jim Poynton, W. Jamieson, Marty McGuire, Irene H. Saunders, Jim Hamilton, W. Jarvis (captain), Ernie Austin, Jerry Foster, Boyd, Ken Medhurst, Junior Hoselton, Tom Lewis, Robert Bevan, Paul



Butler, Robert Cooper, Glen Connor, Art Brandwood, Vern Lees, R. and Quigley, Bill Douglas, Micky Henry, W. S. Edwards, Jack Newton, Forster, William Irvine, Art Jones, Andy McConvey, Rye Holman, Russ Currelly, Alec Pratt, Fred Dufton, R. Black, H. Baxter, William Miko

*He dreams of the day
He ran all the way
From goal-line to goal for a score —
He pictures eleven
Beside seventy-seven
'Till Chuck wakes him up with a roar.*

*There's Johnson the Rate
Who's very "not fat"
Yet loves to collide with a tank —
But one of these days
He'll stay in a daze
And return from the game on a plank.*

*Now Henderson too
Is scarce five-foot-two
As gentle and tame as a goat —
He chews upon bricks
Licks dynamite sticks
And weighs ninety-eight in his coat.*

*Now Bagnell the Blimp
Leaves tacklers limp
As he speeds with the case of a deer —
Just so's he can tear
He doesn't care where
But sometimes foretels how to steer.*

*There's Johnnie the chap
Who squirms through the pack
As though he were dancing the Yam
And flicks Mike the ball
With no haste at all
As he heads for the turf with a bang . .*

*At two you'll find "Neut"
Who's really a "beaut"
The way he can dangle is grand —
But why use a ball
That one has to maul
Poor Newton will ne'er understand.*

*He knows every play
Yes, backwards they say —
To this we most surely agree —
at practice the backs
All wish they wore masks
When Jackie goes off on a spree.*

*And now let us don
Our kilties, ma' men'
And sing to the blare of the pipes
To Scotty Black's name
So cluttered with Fame
The victor of many-a-fight.*

1950 DOMINION INTER. CHAMPS: Fred Dufton, Alec Pratt, Bob Cooper, Ken Hawkins, Gordon Burdick, Art Brandwood, Vern Lees, W. Ross, Marty McGuire, Jim Hamilton, D. Smith, E. Martin, Jim Poynton, Homer Seale, Bill Jarvis, Jake Edmiston, H. Sanders, Robert McNally, Bill Douglas, Jerry Forster, Andy McConvey, Rye Holman, Art Jones, Randy Longhurst, Ernie Darragh, Jack Campbell, Ken Medhurst, Robert Bevan, J. Jamieson, Terry Lewis, William McMinn, Paul Currelly, Ireland Quigley, Johnny New, Bob Smith, Syd Aldridge, Roy Black, J. Thompson, Roy Hempstead



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1935: Harry Campbell, Knobby Clark, Archie Spooner, Alf Barton, Milton Benson and Alec Pratt

1951 ONT. INTER. B CHAMPS: Jake Edmiston, (Coach), Andy McConvey, Bill Jarvis, Homer Seale, Jack Bradden, Bob McNally, Randy Longhurst, Tom Lewis, Jim Poynton, Rye Holman, Allan Black, Bill Douglas, Zeke Saunders, George Watson, Ed Link, Art Brandwood, Bob Cooper (Coach), Vic Garvin, Joe Kane, Art Jones, Jerry Forster, Chub McIvor, Vern Lees, Ken Medhurst, Bernie Flesch, Darcy Campbell, Paul Currelly, Karl Lenahan, Bill Ross, Jack Wilcox, Gord Hoselton, Fred McMillan, Bev Roberts, Chub McIvor

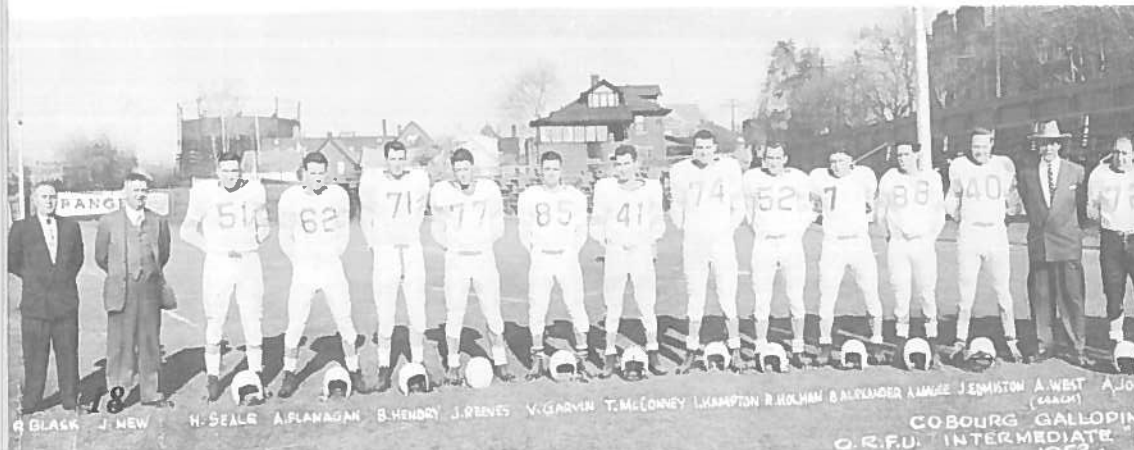
*"BLACK WATCH" comes the cry
As full time draws nigh
And Scotty entices us to score —
For he knows there'll be
No beer after tea
Unless we can chalk up one more.*

*And now last of all
Myself, I must call
Condemned for but one faulty pass —
No fame could erase
No game e'er efface
For e'er I'm the dunce of this class.*

*Now Smity's the gent
Who's time is well spent
With bandage and tape and such things —
He thinks Iodine
Will fix all things fine
And laughs as we squirm as it stings —*

"DEACON"

1952 ONT. INTER. B CHAMPS: Homer Seale, Ambrose Flanagan, Boyd Hendry, Jack Reeves, Vic Garvin, Andy McConvey, Ian Hampton, Rye Holman, Bruce Alexander, Aubrey McGee, Jake Edmiston, Art West, Art Jones, Tony Horvath, Jim Conlin, Bernie Flesch, J. Campbell, John Brodie, Bill Douglas, Robert McNally, Cec. Armstrong, William Jarvis, Paul Currelly, Don Hatt, F. Dufton, Jim Shaw (Trainer), Roy Hempstead, Bob Smith.



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1953 ONT. INTER. B CHAMPS: Art West (Coach), Cec. Armstrong, John Brodie, Jim Campbell, Ralph Larue, Bob McNally, Bobby Miller, John Stirling, Tom Lewis, Aubrey McGee, Bruce Duckworth, Russ Dunn, Roy Hircock, John Spragge, Jimmy Sellers, Brian Meikle, Gordon Burdick, Murray Hatt, Peck Harrison, Warren Dunlop, Mel Taylor, Don Hatt, Boyd Hendry, Don Walker, Bruce "Red" Alexander, Jack Smith, Marsh Glassford, Ian Hampton, Jack Reeves, Jim Irvine



Galloping Ghosts (deceased)

Aldridge, Sid	Cobourg	Ibey, Toey	Cobourg
Begley, Joe	Lindsay	Irvine, Bill	Cobourg
Benson, Milton	Cobourg	Jacobs, Jack	Toronto
Black, Roy	Cobourg	Jamieson, Jack	Cobourg
Blow, Harold G.	Cobourg	Johnston, Chuck	Cobourg
Boyce, Tommy	Cobourg	Kirby, Ron	Cobourg
Brewster, Tucker	Cobourg	Koyl, Jack E.	Victoria, B.C.
Brown, Robert	Cobourg	Lucas, Harry	Cobourg
Burdick, Gord	Cobourg	Martin, Ted	
Burnett, J.D.	Cobourg	Mathews, Gordon	Peterborough
Carlson, Bob	Cobourg	McCallum, "Butch"	Toronto
Castle, Bill	Cobourg	McClelland, T.H.	Cobourg
Colville, Alec	Bowmanville	McCrum, Ernie	Cobourg
Colville, Sandy	Bowmanville	McGillis, Don	Peterborough
Cooey, Hubert	Cobourg	McIlveen, Tony	Oshawa
Crabbe, Dr. J.O.	Cobourg	McIntyre, George	Cobourg
Downey, Erv. M.	Port Hope	Moore, A.	Cobourg
Dufton, Fred	Cobourg	Murney, Harold	Cobourg
Dufton, Joe	Cobourg	New, Johnny	Toronto
Dufton, Russell	Cobourg	Peck, Charlie	Cobourg
Dunlop, Warren	Toronto	Pratt, Alec	Cobourg
Edwards, W.S.	Cobourg	Richards, Dr. A.R.	Cobourg
Galbraith, Geo.	Cobourg	Rogers, Jack	Cobourg
Giardino, Maurice	Peterborough	Sellers, Jimmy	Toronto
Glassford, Marsh	Toronto	Spooner, Archie	Cobourg
Gordon, Murray	Cobourg	Stuart, Reg	Cobourg
Grady, Bill	Peterborough	Tripp, Dr. Jack	Cobourg
Greaves, Len	Cobourg	Wheler, Goldie	Cobourg
Hamilton, Dr. F.G.	Cobourg	Wilcox, Jack	Cobourg
Harden, Burpee	Cobourg	Williams, Don	Bowmanville
Hayden, Jack	Cobourg	Wilson, Cec.	Cobourg
Hempstead, Fred	Cobourg	Wise, Squib	Oshawa
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Beach. With him came players such as Red Alexander, Don Hatt, Magee, Hendry and Horvath, along with Jack Reeves from O.A.C., Mel Taylor, Armstrong and Brodie who defected from Oshawa. This gave the Ghosts a potent crew, but as the season wore on it was evident something was missing. Injuries again were instrumental in the Ghosts finishing second to the Peterborough Orfuns-Bombers combination.

This put them into the Intermediate "B" two game final, with the Kitchener-Waterloo Rams and Carl Totzke. The Ghosts won the first game in Kitchener 17-12, but in the second game in Cobourg the score was 6-1 for Kitchener at the end of regulation time and it took two periods of overtime before the Ghosts led by Red Alexander, scored to win the "B" Title 24-18.

That title would turn out to be the last the

Ghosts would ever win. Even though they operated in 1953, most of the local stalwarts had retired. The club consisted almost entirely of out of town players which unfortunately did not make the playoffs. With attendance dwindling and costs spiralling, it became evident to Fred Dufton and the Ghosts executive, that it would be impossible to continue.

The Galloping Ghosts were, and still are the most famous of all teams in Cobourg's sports history. To play for, or even to be associated with the Ghosts, left one with a sense of pride and a never to be forgotten desire to perform to the best of one's ability. In Fred Dufton, the Ghosts had a leader who proved that there is no supplement for hard work and determination. With a record of eight Ontario titles and thirteen years of operation, very few clubs could ever challenge the record of the Cobourg Galloping Ghosts.