

# **St. Andrew's captures the Cannon and tackles hunger**

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Under an overcast Saturday sky before a crowd of fervent red-clad fans, the St. Andrew's football squad defeated Tatnall School 15-11 to regain possession of the Cannon trophy and finish the season with a winning record. In addition to cheering the gridiron warriors, the community also rallied to collect canned food for the Delaware Food Bank.

On the field, the combat was fierce. Tatnall was first to put points on the scoreboard in the second quarter, with a touchdown and 2-point conversion. Five plays later, St. Andrew's responded, tying the game at 8-8. The Cardinals mount a strong defense, but Tatnall managed to squeeze in a field goal just before the end of the first half. As the teams retreated to the locker rooms with St. Andrew's trailing 8-11, members of the Pipes and Drums and a Color Guard took the empty field to rouse the crowd of spectators with Scottish battle music and twirling red, white and black flags.

As the teams returned to the field, a pass from quarterback Khary Dennis '12 to Jerome Wright '11 in the end zone and Connor Gerstley's extra point kick in the third quarter put St. Andrew's up 15-11. A hard-fought fourth quarter kept the score in St. Andrew's favor, and the Cannon was wrested from Tatnall hands and returned to Founders Hall for the 23rd time in the 48 years of this rivalry.

The sidelines were the battlefield for a different sort of contest. Members of the School's dorms, other fall athletic teams and afternoon activities used the occasion of the Cannon Game to hold a canned food drive for the Delaware Food Bank. The "Tackle a Ton" Challenge pitted teams and groups to outperform each other in a good cause. As the afternoon wore on, the final tally proved the endeavor successful, as 2,011 lbs. of nonperishable food filled a box truck from DFB and gave testament to the community spirit at St. Andrew's. When the individual team tallies were assessed, it was the Organic Gardeners who emerged victorious in the challenge.