

## Dal Wins Provincial Championship



photo by Peter Cook

The winning team

by Andrew Sinclair

For the second year in a row, the Dalhousie Rugby Club has proved that it is the best team in the province, as it defeated the Halifax Tars 12-6 to win the Provincial Rugby Championship last Saturday afternoon.

In a regular season encounter between the two teams, won narrowly by the Tars, it was the aggressive and determined play of the Halifax forwards that kept the Dal team off balance and

help of props Brian Oliphant and Bob Sheppard, won all of Dalhousie's ball and a fair bit of the Tars' as well. The pack was no less effective in the loose play, winning a lot of the rucks and mauls with number eight, Trevor Probyn, showing his smooth running style on several occasions and wing forwards Lloyd Gaskil and Paddy Whelan tackling with their usual ferocity.

The Dal backs too played a fine game, not only running the ball well, but effectively

player, but not before the Tars had taken advantage of their extra man to run the ball into the end zone. For the rest of the game Dal played tight defense, with both wingers Jeff Chad and Greg McKenney making some big tackles, and Graham Jones playing his usual flawless game at full-back. Despite good passing, some fine running by Danny Cyr, and several determined blind side charges by Graham Johnson, however, they were unable to score a try, and



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Boucher boots one of four goals

prevented them from playing their game. In the match that counted, however, the Dalhousie pack came up big. Jumpers John Stairs and Rick Pearson dominated the line-outs, while in the set scrums hooker Jim Gordon, with the

containing the hard-running opposition. The only lapse came in the second half when center Mark Williamson broke his nose making a try-saving tackle and had to be taken off the field. Speedy Rick Nelson came on to replace the injured

once again the kicking game proved to be the difference, as captain Steve Boucher kicked three penalty goals in the first half and one in the second to account for all of Dalhousie's scoring.

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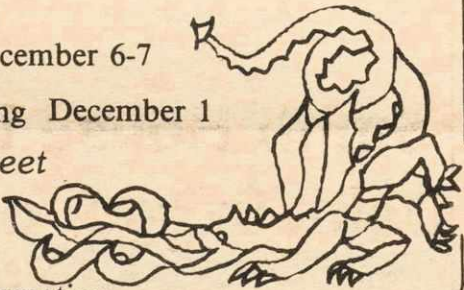
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