

TIGERS CRUSH WANDERERS 27 - 0



SPORT REPORT

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Down at the Wanderers Grounds Saturday, the football team displayed a will to win and fight that we haven't seen the equal of in many a day, and it was matched all the way by the enthusiasm of the large Dal crowd that thoroughly cheered and supported their team all afternoon. Instead of being merely spectators, Dalhousie turned out as supporters of the team, and the cheering and all round enthusiasm on the part of the bleachers sped the Tigers on to their lop-sided victory.

And up at Studley the English rugby Tigers demonstrated a similar determination as they fought off a desperate King's team, and won going away. After scoring a touchdown early in the game, the Dal team was backed right up, and forced to hang on until half-time. At the intermission King's looked like a good bet. But with the memory of a 28-0 defeat last year, Dalhousie fought right back and completely dominated the final half, and at the end King's was a thoroughly beaten outfit.

Everywhere you look, Dalhousie is racking up victories. In fact, at the time of writing, the Gold and Black has not a loss to mar its perfect record. And with each success, the various Dalhousieteams move closer to championships. Of course it's too early to say in the football category, but the way the teams are flying, the trophies gained already by the tennis team are going to be matched on the mantle by others with equal glitter.

The new spirit at Dal was typified to our mind by the strains of "Glory, Glory for Dalhousie" which emanated from the truck carrying the team back from the Wanderers Grounds Saturday. The Tigers and indeed the whole of Dalhousie, have got the winning spirit. And it's winning spirit that produces championships more than anything else.

As things are now shaping up the two biggest events remaining on the Fall sports program are a contemplated game with McGill, and the game with Navy in the local Canadian Football loop. There is also a distinct likelihood of important English rugby matches. The McGill game is not a certainty as yet, but it should be a good indication, if it is held, of the calibre of play in the local loop. The Navy game, rescheduled for the coming Wednesday, may well prove to be a battle for the supremacy of the City League. Navy, on Thanksgiving day, romped to a win over a light St. Mary's team which had lost the season opener to Dal 9-7. But the Dal line has added weight, and the whole team has added experience. It shapes up as the game of the year.

Our friend from the Valley has once again had something to say concerning Dalhousie football policy, and has reiterated the "gullible Haligonian" epithet he hurled down from his apple tree last week. He makes the statement that it will take five years before Canadian football in this city has attained an acceptable standard. He quotes Dal's 9-7 win over St. Mary's, and St. Mary's 1-0 victory over Wanderers as examples of the poor play to be expected for the next five years. He says these contests were poor because several Dal students told him they were. Whether he considers his Dal friends gullible or not we don't know, but if he includes them in his twice-declared "gullible Haligonians" statement, it makes him look pretty unwise himself. The play of the two games quite possibly was not of the best or most inspiring standard, and we won't answer his contentions on the merits of these matches. We will just point out to him the demonstration of inspiring football at the Wanderers Grounds Saturday that had Dalhousians whooping and cheering and enjoying themselves as never before at a football game. And this was all the more remarkable because it was a lopsided game and, under ordinary circumstances, unexciting because of that. The answer is that Dal had a well drilled, spirited outfit, that kept the crowd on its toes with a colorful, skillful attack.

Of course, this rebirth of football enthusiasm is not restricted to Canadian rugby alone. Anyone who was at the Dal-King's game on Tuesday, and there were a good many, now realize that Dal spirit is second to none; All the old excuses concerning lack of residences and urban situation are now pretty well forgotten. Dalhousians can carry their collective heads higher than ever before, because they are well on the way towards achieving a supremacy in the field of student endeavours that will match the "University's" pre-eminence in matters scholastic.

DALHOUSIE TEAM IMPRESSIVE IN LOPSIDED WIN

The DAL Tigers chalked up their second victory in as many starts in the Halifax Canadian Football League last Saturday afternoon when they crushed the Wanderers, 27-0, at the Redmen's Park. The big, charging Dal line consistently smothered the opposition's ground attack and opened the way for the backfield aces to rip off long gains. Although they fought hard all the way, the Wanderers were completely outclassed and thoroughly beaten at the finish.

In the first three minutes of play Dal broke the scoring ice when Pete Feron, a brilliant performer all afternoon, kicked a 33 yard field goal, after he had taken a lateral from Bob MacDonald and gone 38 yards around left end to set up the play.

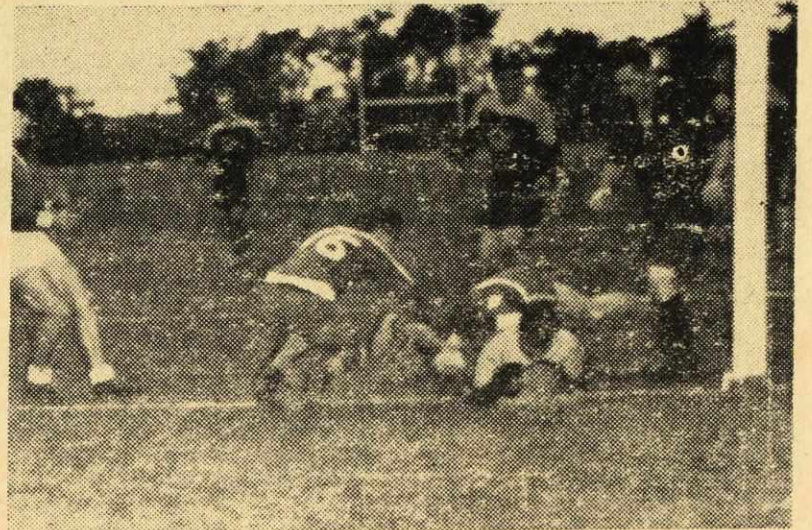
With Feron, Don Woodward, and Bob Wilson, the Tigers' driving halfback, sparking the advance, the Gold and Black marched 80 yards to score their first touchdown of the day midway through the second quarter. A spectacular three man lateral, with Feron on the scoring end, ate up the last 27 yards of the drive. As Feron's attempted conversion was wide, Dal led at the half, 8-0.

Continuing their stellar play in the second half, the Tigers scored in the third period on Kenny Reardon's 16 yard end run and conversion, and picked up thirteen points in the final quarter. After scoring a rouge on the second play of the fourth period, Paul Lee returned a punt to the Wanderers' 22 yard line, and then on third down, and from 18 yards out, Wilson rapped through left middle for the 5-pointer. Feron converted this score and later-notched his second, and the Tigers' fourth, touchdown. Reardon's sensational 40 yard dash from the midfield stripe and his 11 yard plunge to the paved way for Feron's tally. Reardon converted the final point.

Wilson and Reardon, a strong second half performer, broke off the longest single gains for the Tigers, but Feron, Lee, Woodward, MacDonald and Blair Dunlop, all played steady football, helped immeasurably by the powerful line play up front. Now that Woodwad has recovered from his early season injuries, a stronger overhead game can be expected each week from the Tigers.

For the Wanderers, Dick Currie and Eric Temple were the brightest stars of the game -- a game marred again to some extent by successive penalties.

The St. F. X. English Rugby machine showed that it has lost none of its stature of recent years, by decisively defeating Tech at the Wanderers Grounds Wednesday. The score was 16-3.



Dal picking-quarter Robertson is shown above scoring Dalhousie's second touchdown against King's at Studley Saturday. The Tigers won 6-0. An unidentified King's man has brought Robertson down, but just a split second too late to prevent the score. Gordie Campbell (16) makes a desperate lunge, while team mate Ferg Fergusson comes up to help out. Dal linesman Mac Cochran follows up the play (behind Campbell). The score came on the last play of the game.

In a ragged but exciting contest, the Dalhousie English Rugby Tigers swept to their second straight win at Studley Field Saturday as they overcame King's 6-0. The game was hard fought and clean, and both sides took command of the play for long periods at a time.

Shortly after the game opened, Dalhousie's Rosie MacMillan ran the ball over the King's line to give the Tigers a 3-0 lead. However the King's team quickly recovered and pressed strongly into the Dal end. For the remainder of the half King's controlled the play and missed scoring chances several times. Tackling by both sides was poor and neither team was hitting its top stride. Scrum work in this half was about even, and the King's backfield was showing to better advantage than their Dalhousie counterparts.

The second half was all Dal's. As King's had hemmed the Tigers in during most of the first half, so the Gold and Black restricted the Kingsmen to their own end of the field. King's had only one good scoring chance but it was gone before they could go over as Dal capitalized on a fumble. The Dal scrum and backfield showed improvement, but the King's defence held tight until the last play of the game. Robertson plunged through for a touchdown just before time was up, boosting the score to 6-0. Hart missed the convert from point-blank range.

Both teams fought hard, but it was the Dal comeback in the second half that ensured the game. Up until then they had been fading badly and the 3-0 lead looked all but secure. For Dal Quigley, MacEwan and MacMillan were outstanding, while Fergusson, Frazee and Conter were the pick of the King's team.

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