



Many Varsity Pucksters Out For First Practice of Season



on the Sidelines

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● TWO LOOMING items on the sports menu this week seem to be the campus-wide controversy of the relative merits of English Rugby and our hockey prospects of the coming season. First we might give a few words of commentary on the football question. From both the spectator and player viewpoint I remain an all-out supporter of the English game.

I am the first to admit that the older game can be improved and suggest that before we think of introducing an absolutely new variation, we innovate some changes in the English game. The number of players used could be cut down as was done in the season of 1944 in the City Senior League. Some of the laws of the game, such as the knock-on rule could be repealed and the sport speeded up considerably — even though according to present rules, the English type is much faster than Canadian Football.

Old-Fashioned?

Some people think that because Upper Canadians play Canadian rugby they are far ahead of us in this respect and we should change so as not to be old-fashioned. It might be old-fashioned but it is still the better game.

And don't think that we are the only people in the world that stick to the older game. Needless to say it is one of the most prominent and popular sports in England; it more than holds its own with Canadian rugby in British Columbia; and in California, producer of Rose Bowl teams in American football (closely akin to the Canadian game), English rugger is surprisingly popular. However, we may talk for hours and still not convince the cohorts of Canadian Football of the attributes of English Rugger. But then we can rest securely with the fact that they shall never convince us that Canadian Football is really the game.

Hockey Prospects

And to turn our thoughts from the gridiron to the ice-lands, we

notice that two score aspirants donned the blades last Monday to whirl around a few times. Several former Varsity luminaries were present in the persons of Bob Wade, Dick Currie, Ken Wilson, Zen Graves and others, while numerous stars from High School Ranks and other colleges demonstrated their abilities. From all reports, prospects are promising that Dalhousie will present a strong team in the Intercollegiate League. A coach has yet to be named but the D.A.A.C. are sparing no efforts to procure a competent one.

Basketballers Win

Last Wednesday evening the Intermediate basketball team wound up their pre-Christmas schedule with a surprise win over the South End Athletic Club. The South Enders boasted five of last year's senior Y.M.C.A. squad which defeated Dalhousie in the Nova Scotia finals and went on to Montreal to play off for the Eastern Canadian title. Judging from this showing, the Intermediates have an abundance of material with lots of basketball moxy. After Christmas, the Tiger Seniors swing into action and Coach Keith Matthews asserts that several of the Intermediate Cubs will find berths on the Senior squad.

Creighton Leads In Interfaculty Scoring

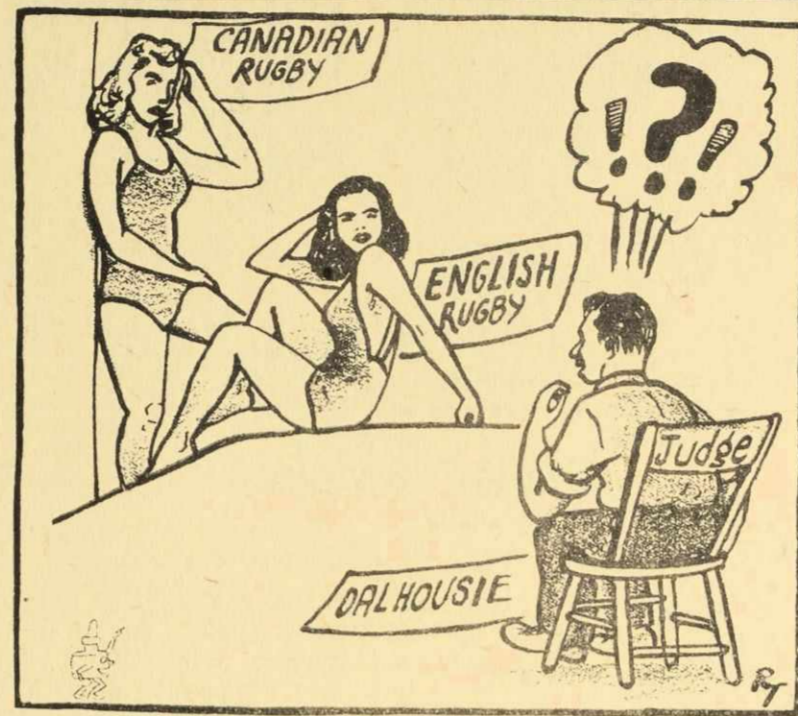
● SCORING FIGURES in the Interfaculty basketball league have been released and show the Lawyers, Engineers and Commerce men tied for first place in the team standing. High individual scorer is diminutive Berney Creighton of the Commerce team with 32 points. He is closely followed by teammate Blair Dunlop, who has garnered 30 markers. Lou Bell with 23 points rounds out the Big Three.

Cub Hoopers Whip South End 34-29

● COMING FROM behind four times, Dalhousie Cubs put on a masterly demonstration of basketball Wednesday evening to top the strong South End Athletic Club 34-29 in a closely contested game. The game was in doubt from start to finish, although the Tigers showed decided improvement over their last week's below-par performance.

South-End Start Fast

On the opening whistle South End rushed the ball into Tiger territory and were able to hold it there for the first five minutes, scoring eight successive points. However, Dal overcame this deficit on baskets by Blakeney, Knight, Farquhar and E. Rogers, to take the lead 9-8. Where the game had been quite fast, it now slowed down



Results of Gazette Rugby Poll Show Opinions Differ

● CARTOONIST Bob Tuck has pictured exactly the situation of Canadian and English Football in the eyes of Dalhousie students. Lately there has been much controversy on the relative merits of the two games and the possibility of its innovation to Dalhousie and even to the Maritime Intercollegiate League. To several students interviewed at random, members of the Gazette Sports staff have posed the question, "Do you approve of Canadian Football replacing English Football in Maritime Intercollegiate play?"

Here are some of the replies:

"BUGS" MACKENZIE: In favor of English rugby since the Canadian game takes "too much time", and costs too much.

VERN WALLACE: "I approve of the Canadian game since it is more spectacular and more scientific".

DON ROGERS: "Because of the protective pads in the Canadian game the number of injuries would decrease . . . much more fun playing Canadian".

ART HARTLING: "A better game to watch is Canadian football. The cost can be paid off in a few years and if other colleges can find time to practice so can Dal".

JIM McLAREN: "The English game is preferable, requiring speed and skill rather than weight and brute strength. It is more open, calls for more teamwork—thus more spectacular from every standpoint.

RALPH COOLEY: "I approve of the Canadian game because it is more thrilling and spectacular. There is continuity of play which is not found in the English game".

KEN McLENNAN: "I approve of Canadian taking over in time, but there are several reasons why we can not rush into it. (1) the initial outlay of approximately \$70 per man; (2) other colleges than Dalhousie will not change immediately and thus the Intercollegiate spirit which now is on the upgrade will decrease."

CARL GIFFIN: "Yes, I approve, but only from the grandstands point of view. In actual playing Canadian football is not as fast or exciting as English rugger."

MIKE WATERFIELD: "No, not enough time to practice or to learn the game"

HARVEY McKEOUGH: "Yes, since Canadian is more spectacular it attracts more spectators, although English Rugby requires more skill and speed on the part of the players".

HEC POTHIER: "Stick to English Rugby since it is better and more enjoyable from the players' angle. Each player has a chance to handle the ball and get in the actual play".

JIM BELL: "Personally I favour the English game. We can pride ourselves in being the only province or provinces that still play the English game, but until we can develop a brand of that football to a standard pleasing to the public we are fighting a losing battle."

"STINKY" MORRISON: "I favour Canadian Football because it features more players and from the spectators point of view it is a better game to watch."

"SHORTY" FAULKNER: "I favour English rugby because it is a far better game to watch. Canadian Football costs too much."

DICK CURRIE: "No, for three reasons, (1) Spectators don't understand Canadian football. (2) Inability to procure good coaches. (3) Expense in buying and keeping equipment in good shape.

considerably, with the Bengals loosening up and not checking too closely. Garnie Wooden, the big gun for the losers, demonstrated his uncanny accuracy many times to give South End a slight margin for the period which ended 19-14.

Dal Overcomes Lead

The Matthew-coached quintet really played basketball in the final frame. The South End hoopsters were not able to follow the Tigers who had superiority in everything but shooting. On baskets by Dunlop and Farquhar, Dal took the lead only to have it cut again by Theriault. With seven minutes to go, the score stood 25-24 for the Tigers. The teams exchanged point for point till the score was 29-28 for the Cubs opponents, then in a last minute drive, Dunlop and

Rogers scored field goals, followed shortly afterwards by Farquhar, who scored on a breakaway, to put the game on ice. As the final whistle blew, the Cubs were the victors, 34-29.

Many Fouls

Referee J. Eccles called 30 fouls in the struggle, sixteen to South End and 14 to Dal. The South End crew garnered nine free shots and the Bengals eight. Eddie Rogers, ex-Acadia star was a tower of strength for the Cubs, using his height and speed to advantage. Blakeney and Knight starred defensively. Farquhar was high scorer with seven points.

Lineup: Blakeney 5, Knight 2, Kenty, D. Rogers, E. Rogers 5, Farquhar 7, Pothier, Robinson 3, Creighton 3, Mitchell 3, Dunlop 6.

Former Varsity Stars Show Wares; Wealth Of New Material Unearthed

The hockey season at Dalhousie started with a bang last Tuesday, when the first practice session was held at the Arena. Instead of the usual turnout, there were enough to make up nearly three teams.

Former Varsity teams were well represented by: Dick Currie, Dave Churchill-Smith, Bob Wade, Zen Graves, Doug Clarke, Ed Crowell, Ken Wilson and Art Lightfoot.

Unlike football, there was a sizeable group of ex-servicemen trying for the team. On the ice we also noticed many former high school stars, such as George Hanrahan and Gerald O'Shaughnessy.

Other aspirants present included: Bill Snuggs, Art Hartling, Norm Ferguson, Paul Lee, J. Beck, Al Kenty, B. Creighton, J. Harris, J. Cregan, G. Naugle, D. Leverman, C. Morgan, W. Morris, Lamont, Steeves, Barrett, Bob Mumford, Don Innor, S. Brown, Murray Green, Campbell, Jim Mont, Bob McQuinn, Kent, LeBlanc, Blakeney, B. Lyle, C. Rice, C. Piggott. No longer can Dal sport enthusiasts raise the old cry of "too little and too late."

The only position with too few competitors is that of goal. It would help considerably if some of those who have had experience in this position would come to the next practice.

Lineups: Arts & Science—Farquhar 12, Robinson 2, Pearson, Knight 4, Mosher 6, Blakeney 8, MacKay, Best.

Engineers: Duff 4, Faulkner, Chapman 6, Lamont 2, Bell 17, G. Smith 2, Eisenberg, D. Clarke, Bauld 3, MacWilliams.

Frosh: MacKenzie 4, Simpson 4, Hannington 6, Henderson 2, Morrow 8, Kent 2.

Commerce: Cooley 6, Rogers 8, Creighton 20, Kent 2, James 2, Dunlop 16, Mont 4.

Engineers, Commerce Win To Tie For First Place With Lawyers

● COMMERCE AND Engineers worked into a first place tie with Law last Thursday evening when Engineers topped Arts & Science 34-32, and Commerce swamped Frosh 58-30.

Engineers 34; Arts & Science 32. The initial contest featured speed and few openings for scoring. Lew Bell sparked the Draughtsmen by using his height to great advantage, to help the Engineers take quite a lead in the first period, which ended 17-8.

Arts & Science found the hoop in the second frame and soon tied the score with the Engineers. With one minute to go the score was evened at 32 all, when Lew Bell hooped another shot which proved to be the winning basket. Thus the game ended 34-32.

Bell and MacWilliams starred offensively and defensively for Engineers, Bell with 17 points. Farquhar and Blakeney sparked Arts and Science.

Commerce 58; Frosh 30

The second game was very one-sided, Commerce having a great advantage in the play. In the first half the Millionnaires worked hard to build up a large margin between the two teams.

Creighton and Dunlop were the springs for the Commerce offensive garnering 20 and 16 points respectively, while Morrow and Hannington kept up the Frosh effort.

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