

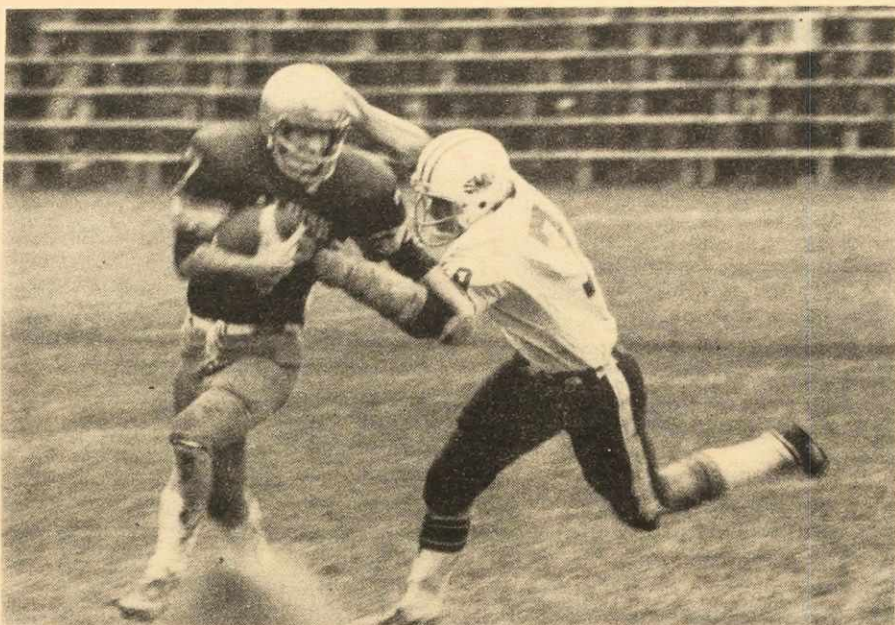
# Football Tigers' "pride" still intact

by Joel Fournier

Even though the Huskies handed the Tigers their third consecutive setback last Saturday by a 32-0 score the game wasn't really that one sided. The Dal team that took to the field against S.M.U. bore little resemblance to the same group who, in their previous two games looked like they had forgotten that football was a hitting game.

St. Mary's, ranked fourth in the nation, had their running game virtually shut off by an inspired Dal defense who consistently came up with big plays, limiting their arch-rivals to only two offensive touchdowns and three field goals. The big difference was the Huskie's passing attack which put them in good field position on several occasions and generally won the game for them.

Dal's offense meanwhile had very little success in the first half and found the wind and rain did little to help their cause. In the second half when they did start to move the ball, a couple of well-executed interceptions and several costly fumbles snuffed out any chances the team had of getting on the scoreboard. Two bright spots offensively were the running exploits of Tommy Coolen and Tommy Murtaugh. Both of these backs made some excellent runs and were just a step away from breaking free for long touchdown runs.



There's no doubt that many observers will credit the relatively low score of the game to the adverse weather conditions, but believe me that was not the case. Running conditions, in spite of the rain were still good and in any event judging by the way the S.M.U. quarterbacks threw the ball the elements didn't have much affect on their passing game either. The type of weather experienced on Saturday would naturally favour the heavier team (that's not Dal) so with that in mind and looking at previous scores in the

conference you can readily appreciate the really great game the Tiger defense came up with.

This sets the stage for Dal's final two games of the season against P.E.I. on Sunday at S.M.U. Stadium and the following Saturday against U.N.B. in Fredericton. After the games against Acadia and St. F.X. I had grave doubts that the Tigers could win against either of these two teams but after Saturday's contest I'm looking for Dal to win both.

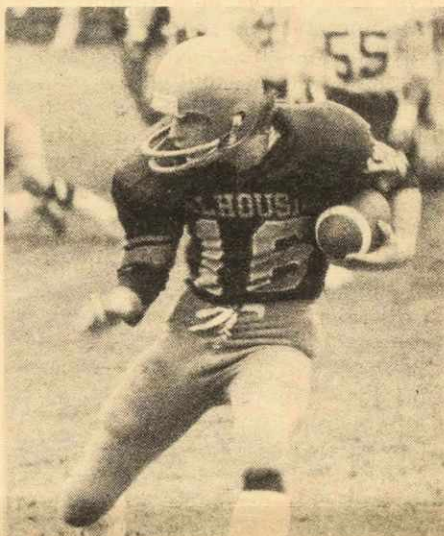
You're probably asking yourself how a 32-0 loss could make me feel so enthusiastic and these is no doubt that that is a legitimate question. Well, the answer is pretty simple and, it's all rolled up into one word, that says everything and that's "pride". Any team that can get beaten as badly as Dal did by Acadia and St. F.X. and then come back and play the king of game they did against S.M.U. who had

both "A" and "B" team unbeaten in regular league play. "A" team have played 8 won 8 lost 0. Goals for - 24 goals against - 3. It is about

defeated both of the other teams has got to have something going for it. That something is pride.

If the Tigers can come up with two big wins, it will make them even for the season-not too bad a record for rookie head coach Bob Thayer and his boys. No one knows for sure what will be happening at Dal in the next year or so concerning football but you can rest assured that if there is still only one conference and if Bob Thayer comes back as head coach and if he can get two or three key players, it will be a whole new ball game. That's a lot of "ifs", but stranger things have happened.

Meanwhile, getting back to things at hand, don't forget to come out to the game on Sunday and bring a friend. There's still no charge even though the game is being played at S.M.U. Many thanks to those souls who found their way to the last game, the support is encouraging for players and coaches.



Watch out

time that the other writers in the media picked up this information and give the Soccer Tigers the recognition they deserve.

## Soccer still victorious

There are three weeks of soccer to report. As usual the Tigers are still undefeated. The weekend of 11th and 12th October saw the Tigers on their first road trip of the year. Saturday's game against Mount Allison was physically demanding. With the poor officiating the Mounties were allowed to take no prisoners. In fact we lost Ken Leeson with torn ligaments because of a poor tackle. However, Kevin Mayo was able to take a very good goal. During the remainder of the game the Tigers managed to keep out of trouble and leave Sackville with two more points (and many more pints!)

Sunday the club played on the Island. The game was as different as light and dark. The PEI PANTHERS gave no real opposition

and the Tigers showed how the game should be played. The opening goal came from Jeff Dahn followed by a pair each from Kevin Mayo and Bob Moss. The 5-0 won produced another two points which has given the Soccer Tigers their best season so far with a 7 and 0 record.

Last weekend the mean machine travelled to Antigonish. The conditions were ridiculous to say the least. Very heavy rain through both "A" and "B" games made the field a mud bowl. However, both teams showed their superior fitness by beating the X-men 4-2 and 4-1. The 4-1 win for the "A" team was another notch in their unbeaten season. Again Mayo and Moss picked up a pair of goals each.

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## New wrestling faces

Two new faces that will be members of the Dal Wrestling Team are George Fieber and Tom Murtagh of Ontario.

George, a native of Thunder Bay Ontario is an outstanding wrestler. George at 6' 3" and 225 lbs is the HWT. Wrestler that Coach Thayer has been looking for. George was North Western Ontario high school champion, represented N.W.O. in the Junior Canadian championships and competed for Canada in the recent tour of the U.S.

Tom Murtagh, a new addition in the 158 lbs. class comes to Halifax from Ottawa. Tom, an outstanding football player as well, was the Most Valuable Athlete at Rideau High School. Tom was 2 time All Ottawa Valley Champion and this past season finished 2nd in the All-Ontario High School Championships. With Fieber and Murtagh combining with several other outstanding rookies Dal should be the team to beat in the AUAA.

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## Mayo is Tiger of the week

This award goes to a player of two weeks. He managed to score five goals in three games. His contribution in each game has been very significant. Kevin Mayo had a poor start to the season missing a couple of games through injury. In fact it looked very much as though the

club would be without his services for the whole season. He made a speedy recovery and has gradually been getting better all season. If this improvement continues he could be extremely valuable in the Play-offs.

Congratulations Kevin - Tiger of the week.

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