



SPORT REPORT

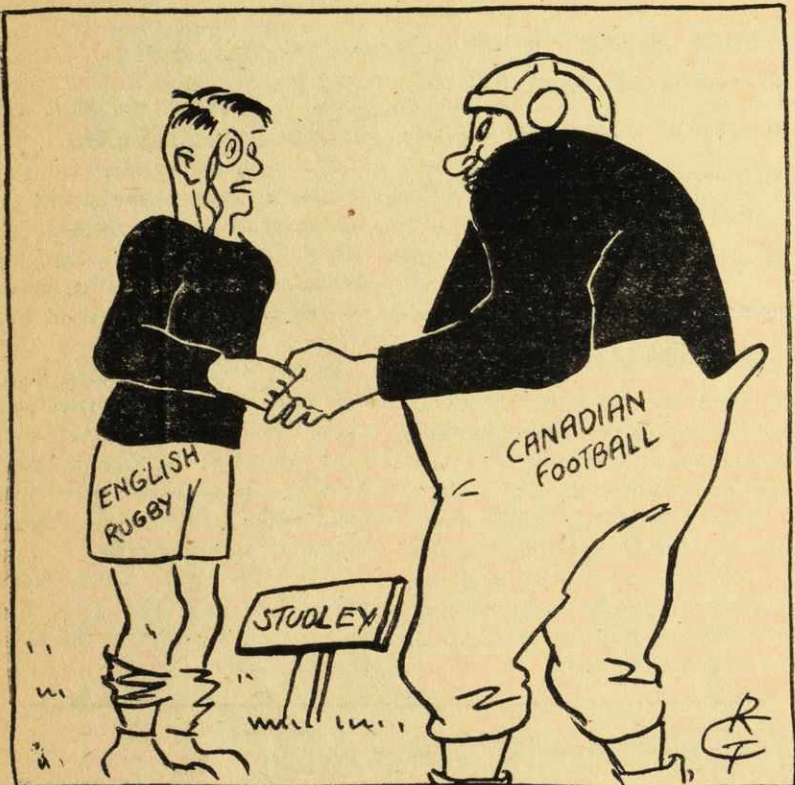
BY BOB TUCK

Canadian football got off to a good start in its initial season at Dal with the home team taking a 9-7 win over the favored St. Mary's aggregation. The most important aspect was not necessarily that it was Dalhousie's first Canadian football game, but that it was the first time in many years that a Dal team demonstrated such effective team play and fighting spirit in the season's initial game. Their play may have been a little rusty at times, but on the whole their standard of play was higher than their most optimistic supporter could have dared to hope.

And if they still have their appetite for English rugby they can go watch the English rugby team when it swings into action. If there is a good enough turnout and good enough material the team will go senior, if not, intermediate.

Elsewhere on this page appears a poll conducted with the idea of determining what the opinion concerning the switch in football games is among Dalhousians. Various characters were approached indiscriminately and quizzed as to their feelings on the subject. The girls generally seem to favour the old game and the most emphatic opinion received ("It irks me") expressed one co-ed reaction to Canadian football. Among others of the old guard the opinion seemed to be that the march of progress made the adoption of Canadian football inevitable, but as far as their personal opinion was concerned, they were sure that English rugby was the better game. A good half of those asked were Canadian rugbyists from way back, and these were the ones that offered the bulk of technical criticisms and comments. We found one English rugbyist that had been converted to the new game, and one former Canadian footballer who had come "down east" and been converted to the old.

The team itself was quite pleased with its achievement although some of them were a bit hazy as to how they had accomplished it. Bob McQuinn, as he was peeling off his armour commented that he "wasn't quite sure what it was all about, people running about, talking about four downs and yards and yelling numbers, but I guess it was all right." It certainly was all right. With the polish and experience that time and practice will bring, Dal will have a sound football team. Already they have beaten the team favoured to win the League championship.



It is this resurgence of spirit for football at Dal that the new game has been designed to introduce. And judging by the performance of the Tigers on Saturday afternoon, there can be nothing but optimism that the old spirit will come back. The team itself, however, cannot do it all. It is for the whole of Dalhousie to get behind the team and match its spirit and foster its growth. This spirit on the part of Dalhousians was no more in evidence than usually on Saturday, but it is too early to make a judgement. Most of the crowd on the Dal section of the bleachers felt like the horse dealer that went to the auto show. Once they become used to and acquainted with the new game they will find it quite easy to transfer their affections, and root for Dal just as energetically as before.

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Canadian Football Rules

The object is to advance the ball 10 yards in 3 plays or "downs". This distance is measured by two officials on the sidelines with a chain. If the 10 yards are gained the team retains possession of the ball, and the process is repeated until that team moves the ball over the opponent's goal line for a touchdown. If the team loses the ball on a fumble, or a kick, or by failure to gain the 10 yards in the 3 downs, the opponents take over the ball and start their march for the other's goal line.

The ball is put in play by the kick-off. This takes place at the beginning of the game, at the beginning of the second half, and after every touchdown.

The men in the backfield may be placed in any position or formation, but the teams must have five men on the line at all times. The ball is put into play by the snapback by means of snapping the ball between his legs to one of the backfield men. The offensive team may now (a) Forward pass; (b) Lateral pass; (c) Pass backward; (d) Punt; (e) Run the ball.

A player attempting to secure possession of a kicked ball must be given 5 yards by opponents who attempt to tackle.

No player on either side shall encircle in any degree any opponent with the arm or arms except in making a tackle of the ball carrier.

Players of the attacking side may use their hands and arms for the purpose of breaking through to follow down on a kick.

Players of the defending side may use their hands and arms to get at the ball or the player carrying it.

Penalties are imposed for off-side, illegal interference, rough play, illegal use of hands, etc.

The general penalty against the team with the ball is loss of one down; for some offenses they may also lose an additional 10 yards. The general penalty against the team without the ball is loss of 10 yards.

The common penalty is for "offside". The players of the team with the ball must remain behind the ball until it is put into play. The opponents must stand one yard from the team with the ball.

English Rugger Schedule

At a meeting held in the Wanderers Clubhouse Tuesday a schedule was drawn up for the City Intermedittes English Rugby League. The league opens on Saturday Oct. 4 with Acadia meeting King's at Studley.

The Schedule:

1. Acadia at King's Oct. 4
2. Services at Dal Oct. 8
3. Services at Acadia Oct. 11
4. Dal at King's Oct. 11
5. Services at Acadia Oct. 13
6. King's at Dal Oct. 13
7. Services at King's Oct. 18
8. Acadia at Dal Oct. 18
9. Dal at Acadia Oct. 25
10. King's at Services Oct. 25
11. King's at Acadia Nov. 1
12. Dal at Services Nov. 1

There will be no play-offs held. The team holding first place at the end of the regular schedule will be declared League Champions.

SCORING

Touchdown — 5 points

A touchdown is awarded to the team which carries the ball over the opponent's goal line.

Convert — 1 point

The teams scoring a touchdown automatically makes a play for an extra point, either by place kick or forward pass.

Safety Touch — 2 points

When a player with the ball is tackled fairly behind his own line a safety Touch worth 2 points is awarded the side making the tackle.

Placement Kick — 3 points

The ball is passed out from the scrimmage and is held to the ground by the receiver and the kicker then attempts to kick it between the bars and above the cross-bar of the goal posts.

Rouge — 1 point

1 point is awarded the team kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line into the dead zone behind it.

Interference: Certain players of the team with the ball may block their opponents in an area 10 yards in advance of the spot from which the ball was put into play.

QUESTION: "After watching the game at Studley Field Saturday what is your opinion of Canadian football?"

R. E. JEFFREY — "I have seen a great deal of football in Ontario and Quebec and I believe that the principal difficulty in the introduction of Canadian football in the Maritimes in the lack of proper grandstand facilities. The accumulation of gate receipts will in time provide funds to remedy the situation. I believe that the game will get more popular too."

G. A. GREGOR — "As an American I am already prejudiced to Canadian football. As for the game Saturday, it was a good game, not out of the ordinary, and showed plenty room for improvement."

D. NEISH — "The game Saturday was loosely played; I prefer the English game. There's nothing to equal a three-quarter line rush."

A. HARE — "Canadian football is more interesting to watch, and I believe that the Canadian football player is better off. I can appreciate that because I have played English rugby. The game is more scientific."

A. HARRIS — "I saw my first English rugby game last year and together with three friends agreed that it was a better game than Canadian football. But to switch to Canadian football is the sensible thing to do because the rest of Canada plays it."

R. McEWAN — "Canadian football is the interesting game from the spectators point of view; it will definitely replace English rugby. Personally I prefer the old game."

D. BETTS — "The Canadian game is better than the English, and I believe that each game at Dal will get better."

Zelda McKINNON — "I prefer English rugby; the new game is too slow."

Marg O'NEIL — "Canadian rugby is easier to follow and understand than the English game."

Laurie BROWN — "Canadian football? It irks me!"

S. ROBISON — "The new game promises to be better than English rugby. The last ten minutes of the game on Saturday were good, and the play will definitely improve."

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