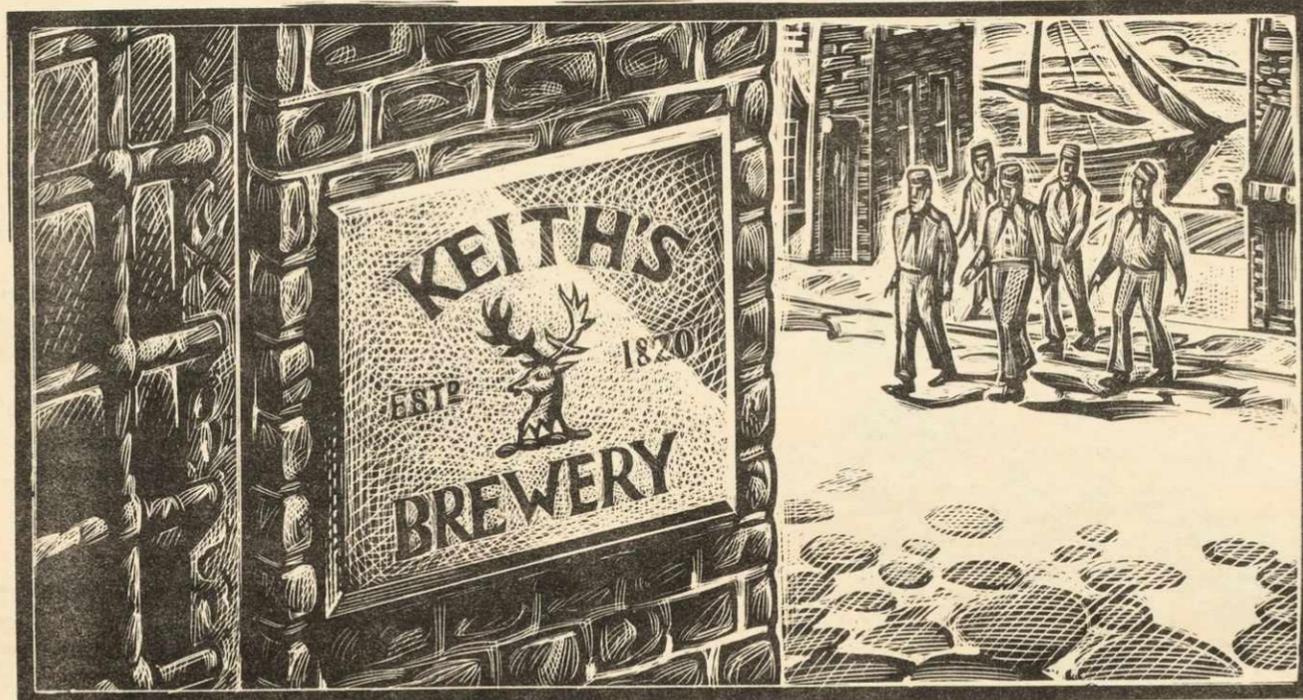


Dal soccer in contention

by Angel Figueroa



In 1820, the British navy discovered a new reason to take shore leave in Halifax.

When Alexander Keith arrived in Halifax, he found a bustling seaport town full of longshoremen, garrison officers and sailors who shared a taste for quality ale.

In his own careful fashion, he began to look for a suitable home for his new brewery. It was a search that occupied the better part of five years, for it was not part of Alexander's character to make any decision until the time was right.

Finally there came a day when Alexander knew that he had found what he wanted. He settled on several acres on Water Street, a site that afforded his new business plenty of room to grow.

The brewery was built with walls of local quarystone and cut granite. Under the cobblestone courtyards, cool vaults provided

temporary storage for his fine ale.

It was an impressive structure that soon became the central topic of discussion at the nearby waterfront taverns. Indeed, word of Alexander's efforts quickly spread throughout the port and even aboard the ships that came and went.

For in his new brewery Alexander was instructing his employees to work slowly and carefully, taking the time to get things right. The merits of this philosophy were confirmed by the taste of his India Pale Ale.

The longshoremen, the garrison officers, even the sailors in the British navy came to understand that Alexander's name on a bottle of ale was assurance of a quality brew.

Today, we still brew Alexander Keith's India Pale Ale his way.

After a two week recess of play which marked the midpoint of the season, the women's soccer team was smashed 5-0 by defending champions Acadia last week while the men's contingent went undefeated against Cape Breton (6-0) and St. Francis Xavier (3-0).

However, despite their shutout victories they still find themselves in fierce contention for the two playoff berths open in the Atlantic East Division. Joining them in the thick of the fray are St. Mary's and Acadia.

Ironically, the men's squad has suffered only one loss all season. That was an unlucky squeaker against Acadia (0-1) in the opening game. They have since gone undefeated, but their unwanted 1-1 draw against PEI has cost them dearly in the overall standings. (SMU def. PEI 4-1 and Acadia defeated PEI 3-1). With a 6-1-2 record their play has warranted a 9th place ranking in the CIAU. Incidentally, Acadia is unranked, (although they hold first place in the division) while SMU is ranked second in the country. But if Dal's draw with SMU (0-0) on Sept. 23 is any indication, then it is quite likely that Nova Scotia will witness some blockbuster soccer before the Atlantic championships on November 3.

Dal hosts Acadia on Oct. 16 (score unavailable at press time), a game that will be extremely crucial to the fate of both teams as it may well prove to be the deciding factor in the race for the division title, if not for home field advantage.

Following this titanic game, Dal hosts Mt. Allison on Oct. 20 at 3 p.m. and then New Brunswick on Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. Both opponents are themselves competing for the Atlantic West title, and you can be sure that they won't be arriving in Halifax for some sight-seeing tour. The season is sure to wrap up with a bang at the finale against SMU on Oct. 27 at 2 p.m.

In the women's division, it is a case of mere domination. Acadia sits on top with an immaculate record of 8-0-0, while Dal (6-2-1) takes a close second over Mt. Allison (6-2-0).

Both losses were at the hands of Acadia, and their draw was against St. Francis Xavier. Plagued with injuries to crucial players throughout the season, the women have still been able to play well despite mishaps. Their most important win of the season proves to have been their upset over SMU (3-2) on Sept. 16, which has left the Huskies staggering in the standings. What remains of their seasons are two very tough away games. First, they play against this year's upstarts, Mt. Allison on Oct. 19, followed by the finale against SMU on Oct. 26.



THOSE WHO LIKE IT, LIKE IT A LOT



SEE STATS
PREVIOUS PAGE