

Rugby squad off to strong start

By LIONEL D. WILD

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS opened their Nova Scotia Rugby Union schedule on the right note, defeating the Charlottetown Abbies 20-0 in action Saturday on Studley Field.

Cool weather and a dry field enabled both teams, particularly Dalhousie, to exhibit skillful ball handling and hard running, much to the delight of the many spectators.

"The win shows good things for Dalhousie rugby this year," said Dal winger Tom Kovacs. "It should really give us a lift going into next weekend's game against Acadia."

Tigers' coach Rolland Smith was similarly ecstatic about Saturday's result. "It was a great all-round effort," he said. "The scrum played very well together, and the backs were strong both with the ball and in their tackling."

Dal led only 8-0 at the half, despite controlling the ball in Charlottetown's end of the field for most of the first 40 minutes. Second row forward Mark Piesanen and outside center Chris Carter each scored one try. Both tries were unconverted.

The Tigers pulled away in the second half, and some intimidating play from their forwards resulted in three more tries. Scrum half Lionel Wild with two and Kovacs with one accounted for the scoring. Again, none of the conversion attempts were successful.

"Obviously, we need to find a consistent kicker," said Smith. "But that should come along as we practice our kicking game."

Charlottetown's penchant for using a quick line-out to throw the ball over the back end of the scrum unsettled Dalhousie early in the match. However, the Dal forwards adjusted by ensuring that the Abbies' forward at the end of the line-out did not run away unmarked.

"All I had to do was keep an eye on my opposite number," said wing forward Bob Wortmans. "When he started to run back, I knew the ball was going long."

Piesanen's try was the result of solid rucking by the Dal forwards. Number eight man Mike Vernon bulled his way to near the goal-line, neatly posted the ball, and Piesanen scooped it up to score.

Five minutes later, at about the 15 minute mark, inside center Ian MacLeod led Carter with a pass that enabled the burly back to ramble 50 yards into the end zone.

Wild's tries were scored in similar fashion in the early part of the second half. The Tigers' eight-man push in the set scrums drove the Charlottetown forwards back into their end zone, where Wild fell on the ball.

"Surprisingly, our pack pushed Charlottetown around," said Kovacs. "At least, when you consider that we've only been together for a week and were up against a team that's been playing all summer."

the ball in a line-out, the scrum neatly fed the ball out to the backs. The ball was relayed down the line to Kovacs, who scored in the corner of the end zone.

The victory was particularly exciting for Dalhousie team captain MacLeod and other club veterans. "The Tigers didn't win a league game last year," said MacLeod.

The quality ball that the Dal forwards provided for their backs was evident in the Tigers' final try. After winning possession of

Tinkham places second

NORMAN TINKHAM, A fifth year student at Dalhousie University, placed second in a national 10 km race in Calgary on Sunday, September 15th.

Tinkham, a native of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, ran a personal best time of 30:05 in finishing behind Vancouver

native Peter Butler. Butler's time was 29:55.

Third place went to another Vancouver resident, Richard Lee.

Tinkham, who has had an outstanding career at Dal, will begin his final season as a varsity athlete this Saturday, when the Tigers travel to UNB for the first AUA Invitational of the season.

Cross Country team set for season opener

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS men's and women's cross country teams will be off and running this weekend when they travel to the University of New Brunswick for the first AUA Invitational of the season on Saturday.

The men Tigers will be led by veteran Norman Tinkham, who will be looking to lead the Tigers to the AUA title that they last won in 1983.

The women Tigers will be led by Annick de Gooyer. DeGooyer had an outstanding season last year and she will lead a veteran Tiger squad in search of an AUA title.

Both the Tigers teams placed second in the AUA last year. The Tigers will host an AUA Invitational at Point Pleasant Park on Saturday, October 5th.

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