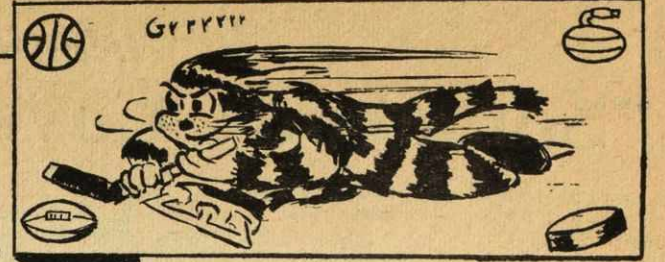
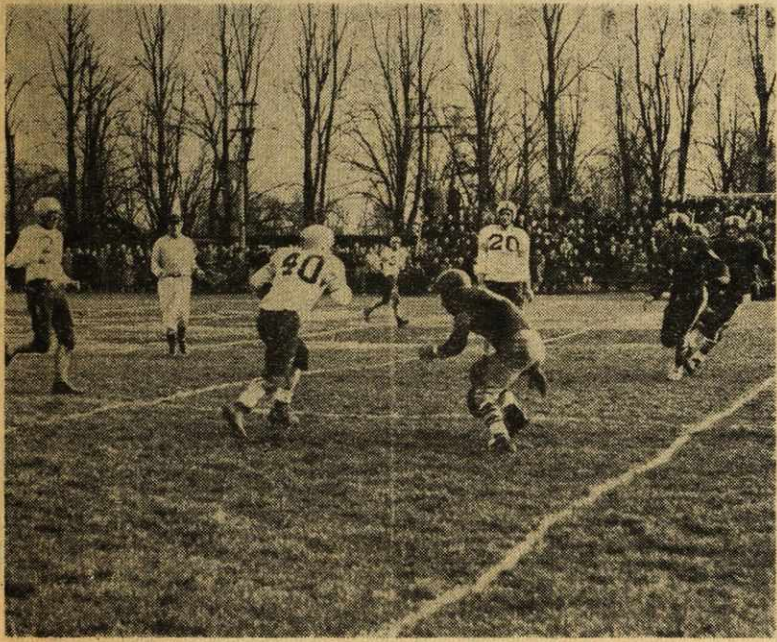


DALHOUSIE Gazette SPORTS



PUCKSTERS TAKE SECOND VICTORY

Fitch on a Runback



REPRINT FROM THE GEORGIAN So This is College Football

Any spectator will tell you there are certain benefits connected with playing college football—learning fair play, having character built, travelling to different colleges, and being glorious. But these benefits are grossly exaggerated. I believe that most of the enormous amount of time spent on the gridiron is wasted.

One of the most harmful aspects of college football having become "big time" is that the spontaneity has been taken out of the sport. In professional athletics the player expects to devote his whole person to his game because his livelihood depends upon "professional" performance. But the college athlete is primarily a student, not a professional, and when he is forced into the overorganization and overperfection which the big time game demands, he can no longer decide for himself whether he should study or play football.

Few freshmen who try out for the team realize how much of their time will be exacted—about 28 hours more or less a week. Additional hours go into watching movies of next weeks opponents, making trips to other schools, lying under heat lamps in the training room.

Reason now tells me that football is only a single, minor part of a college education and should not be more important than other parts—for example: six courses, each requiring an average of two hours of study for each hour in class. Over four years, totalling 810 hours—about half of the time devoted to football.

Big-time coaches—and I want to point out that it is not the individual but their position with which I find fault—are aware that, if studies come first, second-rate teams are likely to result. You are darkly frowned upon if you miss practice for the sake of study.

At college fair play and sportsmanship are fine, but to win is of the utmost importance. "When the college loses, someone has to pay." I have heard this illogical catch phrase repeated with dogged monotony after many college losses. This slogan symbolizes the perversion of the sporting spirit which has come with big-time football. To players the brass-tack meaning is simply that college prestige and stadium gate receipts depend upon a spectacular winning record, a lost game must be counteracted—at the expense of next weeks opponents.

Camera Club To Meet Monday, November 30

On Monday last, no members other than the executive of the Club gathered themselves to attend the meeting at 8:00 p.m. As a result, a special general meeting has been called for Monday November 30 at 8:00 p.m. to determine whether the members really desire to have a club, and intend to support it or not.

This unreasonable emphases on winning is bound to lead to unsportsmanlike conduct. Virtually all are clean players, but the atmosphere of big football often turns team spirit into mob spirit when the group as a whole accepts actions which to the individual would seem unsportsmanlike. The feeling that it is necessary to win is so strong, and the resultant feeling of relief after having won a game is so pronounced, that if any questionable tactics were used by men during a game they are laughed off.

There is said to be something wonderful about being part of the "team spirit" found in big name teams. But the increasing specialization demanded by big-time football does little towards engendering "esprit de corps". The compulsion to win generated by the games big-business aspect demands that the player become precise and accurate in their various specialties to a degree unnatural to college athletics. The ends, backs, and linemen spend much of their time in separate corners of the field, performing their various specialties with grim, monotonous repetition. This is necessary to produce a winning team, but it is not much fun.

The importance of winning makes it absolutely necessary to field the best team possible on important Saturdays regardless of injuries. No matter how many times a player proves himself in battle, the first time he decides that an injury should keep him off the playing field he is given the raised eyebrow and accusingly stared at by the coaches, the trainer, and even some of his teammates. This is part of the "character building" on which the football world places so much emphasis. Big-time football has no respect for either the individual's word or his body.

The perverted bigness of football has produced overzealous alumni with a perverted interest in the sport. Many of the football alumni I met have no real interest in the players as individuals but only in their reputations as halfbacks or tackles, their ability to perpetuate the school's winning record. It is this sort of person who exerts the pressure which fires coaches when the team has not won enough games to satisfy the alumni's collective ego. These are the men who are interested in promoting among young boys a distorted idea of what it really means to play football; these are the ones who think that football and it is often better for the job players will have no trouble finding jobs because everyone is glad to hire a football player.

Concerning the finding of jobs, it would be my guess that largely because of wide spread recruiting practices the term football player has become synonymous with ape, applicant to omit mention of his gridiron until after he has the job.

I have decided that big-time football is a poor bargain for the boys who play the game BUT I AM STILL AN AVID SPECTATOR AND FAN.

Rough Play Features Match

Thursday night Dal played their second game in the Halifax Inter Collegiate Hockey schedule and turned in their second victory over Saint Mary's. Coach Gillis changed his forward lines slightly for this game, replacing Dewis by Craig on the third line and teaming Dewis with MacDonald and Green.

Dal opened the scoring early in the first period when Woodford scored, the assist going to Sim. Just after the midway mark of the period, Bailly, assisted by Chaisson, tied the score for Saint Mary's. Four minutes later, Muise tipped in a pass from Warner to put Saint Mary's ahead. Penalties in the first period were to Warner and Reardon of Saint Mary's and MacLeod and Perry of Dal.

Near the end of the first period Bill Janes, the Dal goaltender was hit on the left side of the forehead by a screened shot from the right wing. Fortunately, however, the injury was not serious and he returned to the nets after the between period break, which was taken immediately after the incident.

At 8:36 of the second period Craig picked up a loose puck in front of the net and tied the score for Dalhousie. The assist went to Garagan. At the 17:56 mark Perry of Dalhousie broke his stick and continued to play. He was then given a penalty for "PLAYING WITHOUT A STICK". This is contrary to hockey rules. The book states "A player without a stick may participate in the game. A player whose stick is broken may participate in the game provided he drops the broken portion". The referee should be more careful and follow the rule book. While Perry was serving his penalty, Reardon, Saint Mary's coach was given his second penalty for the night.

Roland Perry, ex-QEH star, played a beautiful game on defense for Dal. He checked hard at all times and hit his former teammate Tom Muise very hard in the second period.

Several times, with the score tied 2-2, Dal missed chances on going ahead. Twice the puck was on a Dalhousie stick in front of Saint Mary's net, but each time the shot missed the net.

Craig provided humor in the third period, when three times at successive faceoffs outside the Saint Mary's blue line, he shot the puck into the crowd.

Dalhousie went ahead 3-2, when Craig banged home a pass from Garagan at the four minute mark. Saint Mary's tied the score while short handed—Warner from Chaisson. Muise assisted by Brion put Saint Mary's ahead. Dewis, with a beautiful play, tied the score one minute later on a pass from Beck.

At 11:50 Garagan and Latter were given penalties. It appears evident that the scrappy little Garagan cannot keep out of fights. It was his second in two games.

As the third period was drawing to a close most of the large crowd were preparing for overtime in a game that was very well played and provided great excitement, but to the enjoyment of the Dalhousie fans "Andy" Sim won the game for Dal with an unassisted goal at 18:30.

- First Period**
 1—Dal, Woodford (Sim) 7:25
 2—St. Mary's, Bailly (Chaisson) 11:26
 3—St. Mary's, Muise (Warner) 15:41
- Penalties:**
 Warner (tripping) 7:00
 Reardon (elbow) 7:10
 MacLeod (interference) 17:28
 Perry (slashing) 18:14
- Second Period**
 4—Dal, Craig (Garagan) 8:36
- Penalties:**
 Perry (playing without a stick) 17:56
 Reardon (falling on puck) 18:46
- Third Period**
 5—Dal, Craig (Garagan) 4:00
 6—St. Mary's, Warner (Chaisson) 7:15
 7—St. Mary's, Muise (Brion) 9:43
 8—Dal, Dewis (Beck) 10:50
 9—Dal, Sim (unassisted) 18:30
- Penalties:**
 Reardon (cross checking) 6:27
 Latter (fighting) 11:50
 Garagan (fighting) 11:50
- Referees—Flinn and MacVicar

D.G.A.C.

DGAC will hold a class night on Tuesday, December 1. This will be the last DGAC night before the Xmas exams. There will be a trophy for the winning class. The trophy will be awarded on a point system, with each participant winning one point for her class. Basketball and volleyball will be the sports on December 1. Don't forget—DGAC Class Night on December 1.

Tiger Prowl

The Dal Senior Varsity hockey team will see no further action until after Christmas, but the team has shown enough thus far to rate a fair chance of coping Maritime honors. Last season Dal had a dismal hockey season. The team lacked spirit and drive in most of its games as the boys did not seem to be interested in winning. This year Coach Angus Gillis has got his charges playing for all they are worth and, with the addition of a few promising freshmen, the team has improved 100%. It just goes to show what a little enthusiasm and drive can do. However, the team is by no means perfect. One criticism is the lack of passing, especially in the opposition's scoring zone, but this fault can be eliminated by practise. The crowds at the games have also picked up considerably, due no doubt to the superior hockey being played by Dal. Give Dal supporters something to cheer about and they usually show themselves in full force.

This season the Varsity Hockey team is entered in two leagues. It is, along with Nova Scotia Technical College and Saint Mary's University, an entrant in the newly formed City Intercollegiate League. The squad is also entered in the MIAU Intercollegiate League in competition with Acadia and St. F.X.

Belated congratulations are due the Engineers for winning the Inter-fac Cross-Country Race and to little Hugh Boyd of Arts and Science for leading the field across the finish line. Basketball and hockey will come to the front in Inter-Fac sports after Christmas. The hockey squads have been practising weekly for some time now.

After tomorrow the football season will be over for another year. Even though they did not win the Purdy Cup and at times their playing was a little wobbly, the Dalhousie Tigers were the drawing card of the league. The caliber of football is improving each year and Dal should be better than ever next season.

Coming Events

- Sat., Nov. 28, Football — Dal vs U.N.B. at Studley.
- Mon., Nov. 30, Basketball — Dal vs King's at Dal gym.

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