

# TIGER SQUADS TRAINING FOR FOOTBALL SERIES

## ON THE SIDELINES

by FARQUHAR and MINGO

Watching a practice from the bleachers the other day, we were struck with the large representation of first and second year men turning out for positions on the senior team. Of course, the fact that there will be no intermediate league this season has something to do with it: to play any football at all students must secure berths on the top aggregation. Only three of last year's players are out, possibly five, two med students being undecided as yet, and at that two of them are sophomores.

Once upon a time, three or four winters ago, very few able sophs only saw active service in the senior field, and for freshies this privilege was practically unknown. Well, it is not unknown now.

Coach Bernie Ralston will have to forget experience and individual brilliance in building the current edition of the Tigers. Some of the positions will go to men who have never played in an organized English Rugby match before—and rely upon team play and spirit. Fortunately, he has plenty of both; the spirit of the boys in particular has never been better, their youthfulness not yet permitting them to lose their old sense of school loyalty in the cosmopolitan atmosphere of our university.

In fact we don't envy him in his task of selecting thirteen, or is it fifteen, players from the hordes of kids that have been swarming the campus in rugger boots and shorts every noon hour. There is little to choose between the most of them.

Looking over the other teams in the league, we find them in no better position than ourselves. The squad that improves the most from now on is certain to be the one to watch. Enthusiasm, not experience, will be the keynote of this year's play.

Speaking of the league, at the time of going to press no definite schedule has been drawn up, although a meeting of the officials is called for tonight for this purpose. Should the Navy and the Fleet Air Arm submit entries, making it a five team league, there will probably be two matches on the Dal campus every Saturday afternoon for five weeks beginning October 14. Apparently the Navy League Recreation Center, instituted for the use of all services, will be restricted to Canadian football this fall and, consequently, even the two naval teams will not be allowed to play there.

The Navy, incidentally, are willing to field a team provided some other service does so but refuse to play in a strictly civilian league. The F.A.A. will, provided they are able to complete their present arrangements. All these questions should be cleared up at the meeting tonight.

We are sorely disappointed that Acadia, Dal's age-long rival in football has withdrawn from the City League play; the problem of transportation curtailing the Acadia team's usual participation in N. S. football. However, it has been assured that the competition between Dalhousie and the Axemen will be carried on this year, since a two-games, home-and-home series, is being arranged. Dal students looking forward to the annual trip to Wolfville with the Bengals will not be disappointed.

Already Prof. Mercer has banded together several tennis enthusiasts and a tournament against the Waegwoltic Club is scheduled for Saturday afternoon. There is a wealth of Tennis material at Dal this year including Blair Dunlop, Alf Cunningham, Gordon Feron, Adam Smith and Bill Pope.



# SPORT



## Enthusiastic Turnout

### League or Union?

At recent meetings of the Halifax Services Rugby-Football League there has been some indecision on whether Union or League rules are to be followed during the current year. Although both produce English football there are considerable differences between the two systems, differences not generally understood by the common lot. The time being the beginning of the season, there could be no better occasion for clearing up some of these misunderstandings.

To begin with, Rugby League rules, customarily used by professional clubs, call for the fielding of a thirteen man team, six in the scrum and seven in the backfield. Rugby Union, patronized naturally, by the amateurs, demands fifteen men, seven or eight in the scrum, depending upon what formation the coach prefers, with the remainder in the backfield. The smaller scrum, incidentally, lessens the opportunity for off-sides. 'Kicking to touch', propelling the ball over the side lines with the foot, is permitted in Union but forbidden in League and is penalized by calling a scrum where the ball was kicked. An exception is made when the ball bounces before going outside; then, at the spot where it crossed the line the unoffending team throws it in. Again, when the ball carrier is tackled he must, under Union release the ball and play it only with his feet. Under League he has to regain his feet and drop the ball between his tackler and himself, playing it only with his feet while the remaining players retire to a five-yard distance from their respective team mates. Also, after a touch for safety, Union allows the defending team to take the ball out to the twenty-five yard line for the kick, League holding it at the goal line. Finally, a try is scored as three points and the following kick for goal as two by both systems; a field goal and a penalty kick is worth four points and three points respectively under Union, only two and two under League.

Parents who are an example to their children, don't have to make an example of them.

This season's edition of the Dalhousie Tiger's football squad promises to do honor to the name of the College. With three of last year's varsity player's certain to be back, and two others not yet heard from, and a wealth of new material, Burnie Ralston has hopes of copping the City title.

Returning from last year's team are: Bob Wade, fullback; Alex Farquhar, three quarters; Art Burgess, who plays either in the backfield or the Scrum. Kev Carton and Nate Epstein, two of last year's performers are expected to turn out shortly.

Many of our last year's players have joined the services. Dick Currie, who was regarded as one of the smoothest backfields in intercollegiate circles, is in the Air Force. Eric Jardine, Alex. (Sandy) Keith, Andy Anderson, Gordie Hart and Lawrence McIvor are all members of the Armed Forces. Art Marshall and Es. Barry are at different colleges while Ray Giberson and Ken McLennan who were stellar backfield players are in Med. School and due to injuries suffered last season are unable to turn out.

The loss of these players leaves some big shoes to fill and the Coach is looking to those left from last year's intermediates and new students to make up for the loss. From last year's fighting Cubs several are back at the University; Eric MacKenzie, picking quarter, Jim MacDonald, backfielder; Bob MacDonald, backfielder; Pete Flynn, backfielder; Alan Ernst, scrum; Don Dunlop, scrum; and Mike Waterfield, scrum.

New material comes chiefly from Queen Elizabeth High School, although there are some from other points. From Q.E.H.S. comes big Cyril Morgan who looks like a good prospect for the scrum; also Lew Ball, an aspirant for the backfield who has both speed and size. Bryce Burgess looks like a good recruit for the half line as does Art Lightfoot. Ralph Cooley has the ability to kick and looks like a sure prospect.

Alf Cunningham is showing up well in the practice and should find a place on one of the teams. From Rothsay Collegiate hails Adam Smith who shows lots of speed and a thorough knowledge of the game. He is after the flying half position.

Also turning out is Julian Bloomer, a senior at the University who played on the Intermediate team two years ago. Carl Giffen and

### Discuss Plans

An important meeting of the Halifax City Services Rugby-Football League was held on Monday evening at the Y.M.C.A. with the following executive appointed; Hon. President, Major J. W. Logan; President, B. A. Ralston; Vice-President, Sergt. Geo. MacNeil; Secty.-Treasurer, A. Allen. A possible five-team league may be formed, including Dalhousie, St. Mary's, N. S. Technical College, Navy and Fleet Air Arm. Those present representing the various teams were: Sgt. Thackeray of the Fleet Air Arm; John MacCarthy, ex Calelonia coach; Doug Clark and Burnie Ralston both of Dal; Andy Eisenhauer and C. Tracy of Tech; Andy Chartren, Navy; and Father McCarthy from St. Mary's.

The executive of the League had decided to use the Rugby League Rules but now for three reasons they are undecided on which rules will be used. (1) There is an acute shortage of Rule Books; (2) It is difficult to get referees to act, since few know the Rugby League Rules; (3) If the winner of the Halifax League played other teams in N. S. and N. B. they would have to change to Union Rules.

The Maritime Rugby Union will not call a meeting until after the war, to decide on the rules for the Maritime provinces.

Plans for the opening of the League and a league schedule will not be drawn up until next Friday night when another meeting will be held.

Blair Dunlop, both sophomores are out this year and both are scrum men.

It looks as if Dal will field a well balanced team, having a good, heavy scrum and a light fast backfield.

Other newcomers to the University include Don Kerr from Q.E.H.S. John Meakin, Ted LeBlanc, and Lund who has had previous experience with Mt. Allison and Aldershot

### Attention Please

Doug Clark, President of D.A.A.C. has announced that positions are available as Manager of the Hockey team and also the Student Badminton. Any applications for either would be gratefully accepted by Doug himself or left at the Gazette office.

### Soccer Plans

Possibilities that a Dalhousie soccer Eleven might participate in a proposed Halifax Soccer League are being discussed by Burnie Ralston, D.A.A.C. prexie Doug Clark and campus exponents of the sport.

Recruits are being rounded up from Studley and Forrest with a view to getting practice periods underway as soon as possible.

If the formation of a local league is not forthcoming, the plan is to encourage exhibition play with service squads.

### Cricket Revived At Dalhousie During Summer

With Studley campus as its centre of operations and a group of Dalhousians as the nucleus of its playing personnel, the long-dormant sport of cricket was revived in Halifax during the summer months with the formation of the Studley Cricket Club—first permanent organization of cricketers here in over a decade.

It all began with radio appeals and press notices urging local enthusiasts to come out of hiding and to contribute themselves and their cricket gear to a worthwhile cause. The immediate result was an accumulation of sundry bats, pads, stumps etc., all through donations, and the formation of a cricket club with some 25 members. Headquarters were established in the Dal Gazette office while practice and playing pitches were rolled on the football field.

Eventual outcome of this activity was the organization of a Halifax Cricket League comprising three squads, Studley, H.M.S. Seaborne and Fleet Air Arm.

Meanwhile, this cricket regeneration had aroused the interest of British navy men stationed in Halifax and led to a series of exhibition encounters on the Studley oval.

Dalhousie members of the Studley aggregation included Professors Charles Walmsley and "Sandy" Mowat, Dr. C. H. Saunders, Carl Hosen, Philip Samuel and Jim McLaren, who was president of the club.

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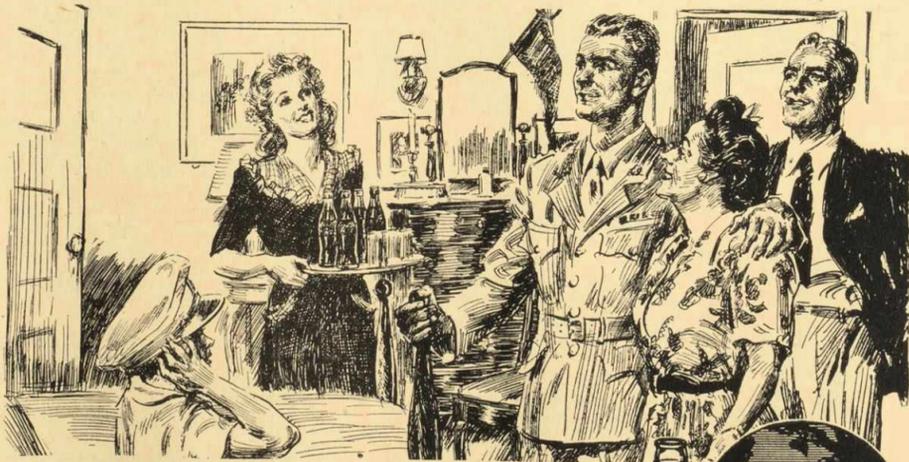
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