

First Shutout In Decades

Frustration, Heartbreak Mark Losing Season For Dal Tigers

For the 1964 edition of the Football Tigers this was a season of frustration and heartbreak finally tempered by the sweet taste of success. After several barren years during which the Bengals were buried deep in the Atlantic Football Conference cellar, the Tigers sprang to life in the latter part of this season's play to give warning that next year and in years to come they are going to have to be reckoned with.

The Bengals opened their season at home against the hopeless Acadia Axemen and after completely dominating play throughout had to settle for a 7-7 tie. This was the first of three games in which the Tigers had victory written their graspe, but were unable to pull it out of the fire. In a harrowing last minute of play, the Tigers had four plays inside the Acadia ten-yard line, but were unable to break the deadlock.

After the Acadia game, it seemed as if the Tigers were going on the path they had followed for two previous seasons as they dropped lop-sided games to Shearwater and the league winning St. Mary's Huskies. The S.M.U. game perhaps gave an inkling of things to come although beaten soundly on the scoreboard, the Tigers played good solid football and only three or four costly Dal mistakes gave the Huskies the margin of victory.

Then came two heart breaking losses for the victory hungry Bengals - who could seemingly do everything right-except win. In a game against the then league leading U.N.B. Red Bombers, the Tigers with victory, at long last within their reach faltered deep in U.N.B. territory to drop a 12-6 decision. Perhaps the most crushing defeat suffered during the entire season was against the Stad Sailors. After leading 13-3 at the 3/4 mark, the Tigers gave up two touchdowns, the second on the last play of the game to drop the contest 17-13. Fate was seemingly dealing the cards from stacked deck, for no matter how well the Tigers played or how hard they fought, victory succeeded in eluding them.

In the second game of a home and home series with Acadia the Tigers took no chances as they steam rolled to 460 yards total offense and a very convincing 32-13 triumph. The Victory was only the second in as many years for Dal, but at least now there were signs of better things to come. We Tigers were on the move and the rest of the league was beginning to take note. Then, to close out the season, the Tigers did what other Dal teams had been

unable to do for almost ten years - they shut out the opposition - St. Dunstan's 21-0 to cap a frustrating season's play. Although the season's standing of two wins, four losses, and one tie was by no means outstanding,

it was hardly indicative of team play. In five of seven games, the Bengals were really in contention and only faltered a last minute action - Indeed Dal was only three plays away from a five win, two loss season. Dal's sprint down the stretch of the season astounded the experts and showed that this team, a team which is bound to improve, will be heard from in future years.

With only two players scheduled to graduate, big things can be expected from the returnees. The crest of Dal's massive rebuilding program appears to be passed and the Tigers seem to

be on the track out of football's wilderness. After the early season tie with Acadia, coach Rutigliano and looking forward to the season (if not the years) ahead commented, "We've got the players, we hit and we're going to hurt someone". The prophecy for 1965 should be no different.

What do you think?

by J.F.R.

STADACONA at St. Fx. - A crucial game which will decide who will share first place with the St. Mary's Huskies. Xavier showed true to past X teams last week in drubbing UNB and should simply overpower Stad. The Sailors playing hot and cold football will have to muster all they have to keep up with the Loneymen. X will show overall superiority and win, going away, X by 2 or 3 Td's.

SHEARWATER at Mt. A. - The Flyers really shifted into high gear last week as they simply annihilated Acadia and should continue to roll in Sackville. The Mounties have been steadily going downhill since some early season successes, losing by 53 points to SMU and 49 points to Stad and should drop still another to the powerful Axemen. Shearwater by 3 touchdowns or more.

SDU at UNB - The Red Bombers should bounce back from a

couple of horrendous defeats to end their season on a winning note - the same way they started. The Saints while playing good football at home have failed to impress on the road - their ground game should fizzle as UNB will win by about 14 points.

Last week - 4 right, 0 wrong. Last season 23 right, 3 wrong, 3 tied.

In the September 25 issue of the Gazette it was predicted in this column that the Tigers would have their first winning season since 1960 and would finish with either a 4 - 3 or 5 - 2 win-loss record. As the season's play showed, our predictions were perhaps a touch optimistic. The Bengals, although playing extremely creditable football, dropped three games on the last second plays to finish with a 2 win 4 loss - tie record. But just three plays from a 5 - 2 record.

Bengals Rap Saints

Varsity Defence Outstanding While Stanish Scores 2 TD's

Winning football games at Dalhousie is a feat in itself - but shutting out the opposition - well they were by far over shadowed that's almost unheard of. Indeed by the defense. It's often said it's been a long time since any "that the offense scores the points Dal Varsity football team blanked the defense wins the game" - the position - almost ten years indeed the old adage was never more true. In holding the Saints to 250 yards offense on only 14 Reg. Cluney and the Dal Tigers led by Phil Thomas, Don Rut-snow covered field at Antigonish to win the Pandy Cup.

On Saturday, November 7, 1964, the Dal Tigers led by Bill Stanish scored a touchdown in the first quarter and added two more in the second half to blank the St. Dunstons Saints 21-0 in a game played at Charlottetown thus posting their second win in as many weeks.

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On the successive plays, the Saints, behind the hard-running

of full back Mike MacPhee moved the ball to the Tiger thirty-five - but got no further. They were held for three plays and gave up the ball on downs. Playing outstanding football in the defensive backfield were Joe O'Leary and Jim Collins who snuffed out the usually potent St. D. passing attack. With close coverage on the long passes, Q. B. Jim Driscoll was forced to go for the short patterns but with little success. Perhaps the outstanding defensive play of the afternoon came when MacPhee broke in the open on his own 25 only to be dropped from behind on the Dal 35 by O'Leary. The defence was indeed the margin of victory.

As in past weeks the offense was led by quarter back Stanish who besides scoring two majors made several outstanding broken field runs while also completing 11 of nineteen passes. Gary Sutor was Stanish's chief target as he gathered in 6 passes including 1 for a 30-yard touchdown. Other two ground gainers for Dal were Cam Trotter, Brian Coleman and Glenn Christoff.

The Tigers' first touchdown came early in the first quarter when they moved smartly from their own territory to the Saints' thirty. From there Stanish uncorked his 30-yard aerial to Sutor in the end zone. Sutor converted and the Bengals led 7-0. The remainder of the first half the Saints went nowhere.

In the third quarter Dal started to march from their own 25-yard line. With second down and eight Stanish broke around right end and with the aid of key blocks rambled 65 yards to the S DU 30. From there the Tigers moved in close with Stanish scoring his first touchdown of the afternoon on a 3-yard keeper. The convert was blocked.

The third Tiger t.d. came in much the same way as the first two with the offence moving for long gains. Starting on their own 30, Stanish hit Sutor with a 30-yard pass and the Dal halfback ran 25 more yards before being downed. After a couple of dives into the line, by Trotter and Coleman, Stanish carried for his second t.d. on a 1-yard quarterback sneak.

One big reason for Dal's offensive was their ability to pick out and work on obvious weaknesses somewhat squatty defensive. The most outstanding flaw and one picked out early by the Bengals was poor pass coverage. Taking full advantage of this plus weaknesses of the middle, Stanish, Sutor and company were able to move for long yardage. The poor pass coverage only showed too clearly on Mike Prendergast's convert as he was completely un-guarded and proved an easy target for the point after.

Much of the credit for the Tigers greatly improved showings in recent games belongs to head coach Joe Rutigliano. After losing games in which his team played good football and came so close to winning spirit never died and the team came back to improve each week. In the final game of the season, the Tigers put on by far the most polished performance. The rining was excellent, the blocks were crisp and the execution of plays greatly improved. The general improvement in team play, especially that of the defence, in no small part to the untiring work of Rutigliano.



1964 TIGERS - Left to right - front row - Head coach Joe Rutigliano, Gary Sutor, Mark Offman, Bill Stanish, Wally Clements, Joe O'Leary, Barry Deville and Jim Collins. Second row: assistant coach, Allan Yarr, Dave Blanchard, Eric Kranz, Mike Prendergast, Brian Milley, Dave Crocker, John Tilley. Third row: assistant coach, Ron Simmonds, Shelley Harrison, John Boyle, Elliot Jacobson, Don Rutledge, Jim Muir, Cam Trotter. Fourth row: Manager, Richard Sanders, Bill Raine, George Markou, Glenn Christoff, Phil Thomas, Brian Coleman.

News, which noted Stanish for his four touchdowns and his superb leadership of the Tigers in their 32-13 victory.

Stanish also counted two more touchdowns in last week's win over St. Dunstan's to give the Toronto native a total of 55 points for the year. In all time Dalhousie records, this puts the

- 6. St. Mary's (6-1)
- 7. Western (1-4-1)
- 8. McMaster *(7-0)
- 9. Toronto (2-4)
- 10. Ottawa (5-2)

*have clinched league championship.

Bengal QB into second place for most points scored in a single season. Peter Corkum, the only Tiger to count more points in a single year scored 60 points back in 1960 and 54 in 1961.

- TOP TEN IN THE NATION
- 1. Edmonton *(5-0)
 - 2. Queen's *(6-0)
 - 3. Manitoba (3-2)
 - 4. St. Francis Xavier (5-1)
 - 5. McGill (2-3-1)

In Senior Intercollegiate Football Queens clinched their second straight championship by downing Western 26-12. Tomorrow they meet McMaster the OIFC winner for the Yates cup. Mac, by virtue of their 30-20 victory over Ottawa will advance to play in the Atlantic Bowl here in Halifax.

Soccer Tigers End Schedule on Road; Tie St. Xavier, 3 - 3

The soccer Tigers ended their season's play in fine fashion last week as they put on a fine performance in tying St. F.X. 3-3, in a game played in Antigonish.

The Tigers played superbly in the first half, scoring a goal by Don Hoopiey on a deflection of a pre-kick by Bill Maycock. The second half saw a vigorous

attack put on by both games as they score five goals in eight minutes with time running out in the second half, X put on an offensive burst, but found Dal goalie, Murray, at his best.

3 More Return To Bolster Hoopsters

HOWIE PARKER
The only real "veteran" of Tiger play on the team, Howie began playing for Dal during the 1962 season. While he saw but limited service last year owing to the pressures of Med School Howie is a definite full timer in '64-'65. The popular performer from Patten, Maine stands 6'1" and will play forward. Few players around the league can match Howie's drive and desire on the court. He well recalls Dal's lean years in basketball and is eagerly looking forward to being part of the '64 success story.

Bud began to develop his skills almost immediately. By March the 6' 5" centre was one of the mainstays of the squad. This year with the pressure of Med School somewhat reduced Bud is expected to solidly fill his position as a genuine star on the Tiger team.

The equalizer was fired by Ivan Ho on a swing pass from MacFarlane. Colin Duerdin climaxed a right side movement putting Dal in the lead once more, but hopes of a win were dashed when X scored again.

The MacFarlane-Chen Yuen Kee power play plus the smooth playing of the forward line of Clive Ali, Bill Maycock, Don Hoopiey and Ivan Ho did yeoman service. Ken Murray's fine performance in the Dal goal, also was outstanding, as he saved the day in seemingly hopeless situations.

MILLER "BUD" MACSWEEN
Bud joined the Tigers after Christmas last season bringing with him a great amount of natural ability and raw talent. Up to this time the New Waterford native had never played any organized basketball. With lots of hard work and good coaching

JIMMY G. SEAMAN
Jim is certainly one of the most popular players ever to wear a Dal uniform. The tall, 6' 3 1/2", good looking center played college ball for the first time last season. Jimmy showed such fine promise that it is expected if he can continue to develop his already proficient ability, this local lad should be one of the big men in the league. His sense of humor and fine sportsmanship go a long way in keeping up the team's spirit and morals. Jimmy's position this year will be the high post.

STIRS POLICE
BIRMINGHAM, England - The police did not have to investigate a suspected call-girl ring recently after a local movie publicity office admitted it had sent letters to 300 businessmen which had said, "My darling, I shall be in Birmingham for the next few weeks. All my love, Sherirma." The film Irma la Douce.

First Game At Dal, Nov. 23

The Dal Varsity Basketball Team open their home schedule on November 23rd when they face the Halifax Schooners in the Dal Gym. This game is being held to enable Dal supporters to get a pre-season look at their highly rated hoop squad. The following weekend the team will journey to Houlton, Maine, to play in a pre-season tournament and this game will serve as a send-off.

At half time, the 1964-65 edition of the Hockey Tigers will be introduced to the fans. In preparation for their home debut against the St. F. X. on November 28th.

The band and cheerleaders will also be in attendance at the game. Starting time is 8 p.m. in the gym.

IN THIS CORNER

by Jamie Richardson

For the second time in as many weeks the chronic imbalance in the Atlantic Football Conference showed itself only too clearly. Last Saturday Shearwater, SMU, and St. F.X ran their scores to astronomical heights in downing Acadia, Mt. A., and UNB. The attempts made in scheduling powerful teams against powerful, and weaker against the weak evidently backfired right in the faces of the AFL executive, who thought that by such a system its imbalance could be reduced to some extent. Seemingly, however, these attempts were to no avail.

different athletic philosophies, and also would bypass the two service teams, teams with no eligibility rules. Players on any of the college teams in the AFC are only allowed by MIAU rules to play four years of intercollegiate sports. Players on Shearwater and Stad teams, however, have no such limitation and consequently go on playing seemingly forever. As one for instance, Bruce Walker of Shearwater "retired" last year, after having toiled for 13 years in the Flyers backfield.

From this corner it would seem that one of the reasons for these fantastic scores in the SMU, X games at least, would be the attempts of these teams to impress the AFL top brass. With the choice for the Atlantic Bowl being made on the overall season performance of the teams, SMU and X, both being in contention would be attempting to impress the executive, and to this end ran their scores to these heights.... ad nauseum. As suggested earlier in this column, the result should have been only too evident to the Bowl Committee.

It has been suggested that such a four-team league, being of a lower calibre than the remaining AFC teams, would be overshadowed by its AFL and therefore would lose fan support. Although the calibre may not presently be equal to X or SMU, in years to come, if such a league was to materialize the balance could just as easily swing the other way as rebuilding programs finally pay off.

The best and only fair way to choose the AFC representative would have been in a Purdy Cup game. This solution was again suggested at a recent executive meeting but as in the past, was defeated.

Another way to solve the imbalance in the AFL, at least from the point of view of the teams who have been taking the brunt of these drubbings... Dal in past seasons and more recently UNB, Acadia, and Mt. A. . . would be, as put forward last week in this column, by having these four schools form a four-team league of their own.

Perhaps the prime advantage of such a setup would be the grouping together of four teams controlled by somewhat similar policies and rules. Indeed, they could avoid playing schools with

As to losing for support - I mean we only have one way to go and that is up. In Dal games with Shearwater and Stad, both games played in the Halifax area, our support was almost nil. The only respectable turnout came when the Tigers played Acadia. This fact alone goes to show that if and when these four teams ever formed a league that fan interest promoted by school rivalries would get a shot in the arm, and increase rather than wain. From the point of view of Dal and the other three schools this league has so many advantages and at least from where I sit so few disadvantages that it would seem to be an ideal solution to the imbalance problem in the present AFC.

OUTSTANDING PLAYER - Quarterback Bill Stanish was selected as the outstanding player in the nation last week for his strong play in the Acadia game. The selection was made by the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic



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