

Dal rugby club off to a flying start

by Bruce Galloway

The Dalhousie Rugby Club opened its 1982 season with a win and loss in action over the weekend.

On Saturday, Dalhousie's 'A' side dumped the visiting Halifax Tars 13-8, while on Sunday the 'B' side dropped a 21-0 decision to a tough Acadia team.

Saturday's game, played under perfect conditions at Studley field, was marred by early season jitters as both teams experienced difficulties in ball handling and tackling. Dalhousie jumped into the lead at the fifteen minute mark of the first half when winger Greg McKinney picked up a loose ball and raced 70 yards to score a picturesque try underneath the posts. Blair Gill added the convert, and then increased Dal's lead to 9 with a drop kick at the 25 minute mark of the first half. The Tars fought back in the final ten minutes of the half and scored a try just as time expired. The convert attempt was wide.

In the second half, Dalhousie's superior conditioning became evident, and only some bad luck prevented them running up the score on the Tars. Dal winger Greg Watson scored what proved to be the winning try on a fine individual effort at the twenty minute mark. The convert attempt from a sharp angle was wide. The Tars rounded off the game's scoring just before full time with a try scored off a set scrum deep in Dal territory. The convert attempt was unsuccessful.

Dal's forwards, despite being smaller than the Tars, were very aggressive and dominated much of loose play. Wing Forward Simon

Maina had a strong game, running the ball well on several occasions

After experiencing some early difficulties, the backs played very well in the second half. Stand-off Blair Gill, along with his strong kicking game, played well, as did outside center Jeff Chad.

On Sunday, Dalhousie's 'B' side ran into difficulties against Acadia down in Wolfville. Last year's 2nd division champs, Acadia played a strong hard hitting game and never allowed the less experienced Dalhousie side to get on track.

Unlike most rep teams at the university, the Dalhousie Rugby Club is a society rather than a sponsored varsity team. The club plays in the Nova Scotia Senior Men's League, competing against other universities and club sides. "We play for fun," explained club president Jeff Chad, "and generally take things a little less seriously than most of the varsity teams."

With the recent gradual decline of collegiate football in the Maritimes, rugby is enjoying an increase in popularity in the last few years. Dalhousie has played a strong role in this revival, having won the university title for the last four years and being overall league champions the last three of four seasons. This season, Chad believes, the league will be very strong, with Pictou and St. F.X. providing Dal with strong competition.

The club practises on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 on the Studley field and on Friday (5:00) at the Commons. "We are always looking for new players," said Chad, stressing that experience is not necessary. The club's next game is on Saturday the 25th at St. F.X.



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the memo concludes.

Jack Chutka, SFU's athletics director and author of the memo, said the jock strap question is raised annually by women who rent the strip and wonder why men get more for their money.

"Women have been paying to support men all these years," said Chutka.

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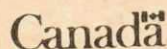
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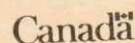
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