

# ALWAYS THE BRIDESMAID — NEVER THE BRIDE

## BEAT STAD FINISH SECOND

By MIKE NOBLE

The Dalhousie Tigers, neatly and almost effortlessly cleared their last hurdle of the regular schedule as they pounded out an 18-9 decision over the hustling, but outplayed Stadacona Sailors. Few fans braved the elements to witness a routine, but well played contest at Redland, as wind and rain turned the turf into a mudder's gridiron and sent the few diehard supporters scurrying for cover.

The early minutes saw Stadacona take possession on a pass interception off a Wickwire heave and march to the Dal 23 from where Johnson split the uprights and the Tigers were down 3-0. Dalhousie backfielders were thrown for heavy losses on the collegian's next series of plays, and the diehard Stadacona supporters saw hopes of an upset. However, with quarterback Wickwire mixing his plays like a mastermind, Corkum and Noonan went through gaping holes opened by the hard charging linemen time and time again. There was no defence that would stop this strategical assault as the Black and Gold ground out 74 yards in 10 plays to score on a Wickwire to Corkum pass pattern.

Dal's second major was set up when Silliphant intercepted a Stad aerial and five plays later Auld gathered in the Tigers' second touchdown pass to give the Bengals a 12-3 lead. The Sailors kept the pressure on the Dal defence before MacLeod jumped over from the one to cut the lead to 12-9.

### First TD

With the minute flag up to signify the end of the second stanza Wickwire hit Tomes on a left sideline pass, and Tomes eluded his defender on the Dal 50 and scampered unmolested for the final score of the game. It was Tomes' first touchdown reception in NSFL play after many seasons as a top flight end for the Tigers.

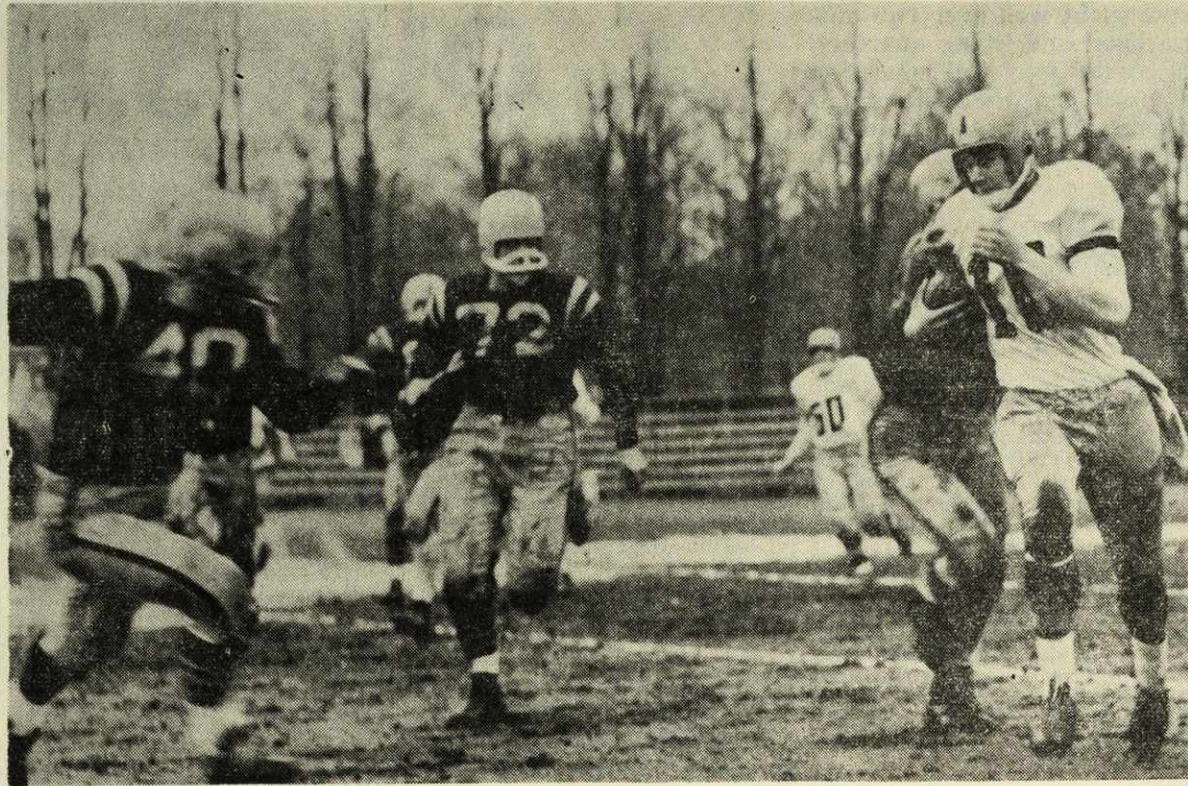
The second half saw little in offensive scoring threats, as both defensive squads with the aid of a wet field bottled up any large ground plays. A statistical analysis shows no great edge in the play as the Bengals ground out 200 yards in 42 attempts for a 4.8 average. The Sailors managed no better on a slippery field as they slithered for 259 yards in 55 plays for a 4.7 average. The difference seemed quite evident in the battle to call the right play at the right time as Wickwire passed six times successfully in ten attempts, but three were for the all important TD.

### Little Blocking

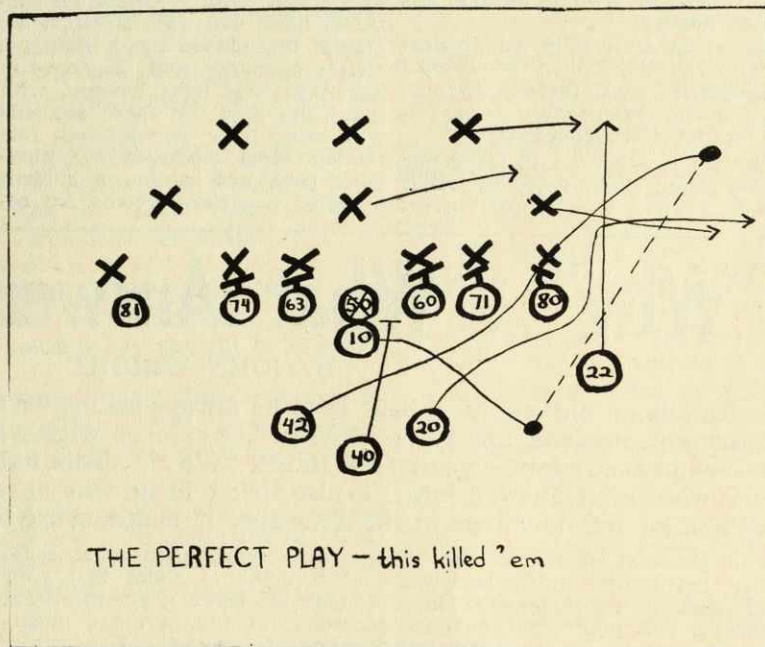
The offensive team's backfielders saw little protection around the ends as Corkum, Noonan, and Auld seemed to be left to their own ability out in the flats. Someone should inform the players on the line that the NSFL allows unlimited blocking on running plays.

Tomes and Rankin, Dal's defensive corner linebackers played standout games, as they slipped their blocks with apparent ease to nail Stadacona's speedster Barry Glover every time.

The game has its amusing moments despite the hard fought struggle. Radio station CHNS contacted Don Lilley of the Flyers to get his opinion of the outcome. Asked whether Coach McCowell and Coach Mills were running the teams through daily workouts in the case that the Tigers dropped a 67 point deficit at the Tars, (which would mean a playoff between Shearwater and Stadacona), he replied, "I'm



ANOTHER FIRST DOWN—Ted Wickwire (10) carries the ball on an option play around left end. The Dal QB carried 8 times for 62 yards. Six of the rushes resulted in first downs.



Ted Wickwire has one of his most successful passing days in the NSFL last Saturday against Stadacona. He completed six out of ten tosses, three heaves going for touchdowns. Two of the three touchdowns worked off this pattern.

The first major was a short pass (12 yards) in to the end zone to Pete Corkum. The play, diagrammed above, is developed from the Tigers T formation. Wickwire (10) fakes a handoff to Brian Noonan, who blocks at the line of scrimmage. Corkum (42) and Brewer Auld (20) both go toward the right corner of the end zone, with Corkum penetrating just a bit deeper. Auld has drawn away the left corner line-

backer and Dave Logan (22) "streaks" straight downfield drawing the defensive left halfback with him. Wickwire, after faking his handoff, moves off to his right and sees Corkum uncovered. The only defensive man who could possibly get Corkum would be the middle linebacker but he can't travel as fast as the ball and the Tigers have a major.

The play is called T-right 25 drive pass. Wickwire called the same play to the left side in the second quarter, this time pitching to Auld in the end zone. Corkum did not get past the line of scrimmage on that play as he appeared to be tripped up by the Stad defenders. Wickwire hesitated before throwing the pass as he expected to see Corkum waiting in the end zone. optimistic, but I'm not that optimistic."

Yesterday afternoon, as the "press box celebrities" and the radio stations were getting settled to carry out their duties, two teams appeared on the rain-soaked gridiron, both clad in white jerseys. After a hectic sense of confusion passed through the minds of the radio broadcasters and other officials, the Stadacona team eased the frantic tension as they reappeared, this time attired in dark blue. Finally, at one point in the game, it looked as if the sky might clear, and the PA announcer, anxious to cheer the bone-chilled, and soaked fans if at all possible by requesting, "don't go away, it's

going to stop raining." That's right, it poured!

### Hard Luck Story

A player sits on the bench, eager to show his stuff and prove his worth, to give the first stringer a needed and well deserved rest. He finally gets the nod, but his first play in his last. This was the unfortunate circumstances of a certain Moe Edwards who suffered a broken bone at the base of the ankle. We know all will wish him well and one can be sure that he'll be yelling loudest for the Tabbies in their Purdy Cup bid.

## DOWN KINGS FINISH SECOND

By BASIL COOPER

Dalhousie's second successive victory over King's on Wednesday night at Studley was a convincing one, as the Tigers shut out the Kingsmen 3-0, and ended the Nova Scotia Intercollegiate soccer season in fine style. Frank Sim, inside left, booted two goals in the King's net, while co-captain Cyril White, right half, recorded the 3rd for the Bengals.

The Tigers dominated the spectacular play throughout the entire game, and early in the first half, White made their first tally. Dal's Harold Brogan, playing his last game in Tiger livery, turned in a stellar performance that King's Rolie Lines, Bob Fowler, and Jim Shortt could not penetrate the Dal defence.

In the 2nd half, Frank Sim tallied twice for the Bengals. The first was headed beautifully into the King's net and the second was tipped into the corner of the net to the left of King's goalie Dave Knickle.

Brilliant goal-tending by Trinidadian Tallim Ibrahim enabled him to record another shut-out for the Dal squad. Kenrick Chow, left wing, and Don Sheehan, inside right, were outstanding in the Tigers attack, while Dick Kempe centre half, Fern Wentzell, left fullback, Sandy MacDonald, right fullback and Garth Christie, right half, fought the Tigers off, desperately.

The win placed Dal (4-2) in 2nd position behind Acadia (4-1-1) Intercollegiate. The Kingsmen wound up 3rd with three wins and three losses.

## Interfac Scoring

	TD	C	R	S	Pts.
MacGillivray—Med	5	1	0	0	31
Beaton—A&S	4	1	0	1	27
Simon—Med	4	1	0	0	25
White—Law	3	0	0	0	18
Carson—Law	2	1	0	0	13
Matheson—Law	2	0	0	0	12
Clement—Eng.	2	0	0	0	12
DeRobbio—Med	1	1	0	0	7
Robertson—A&S	1	0	1	0	7
Moore—Comm.	1	0	1	0	7

# DAL SPORTS

## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

by Joel Jacobson

### SOCCER SEASON COMES TO CLOSE

The Dalhousie soccer season has come to a close and were it not for two hard-to-take defeats in the first two games of the season, our Tigers would again be at the top of the heap in the Intercollegiate League. These losses were suffered at the hands of the new champions, Acadia. The downfall in the Valley town was particularly tough, as the Bengals lost the game on three direct penalty kicks on which the goaltender has very little, or no, chance.

The Tigers, possibly at a low morale ebb, came back here three days' later and again were defeated. Then things began to pop. Dal played four straight games on the friendly confines of Studley Field (although the "crowds" were microscopic) and won all four. Two of these were over neighborly rivals, Kings' and the other two were over bitter rivals, St. F.X. The title was lost, however due to those losses to the Axemen.

Congratulations are in order to Coach Dargie and the team for coming up with clutch victories in those last four games, each one played with the knowledge that defeat would mathematically eliminate them.

WINTER SPORTS APPEARING ON THE HORIZON  
Over the weekend, all Halifax trees were stripped of their leaves. If the cold air was not enough to convince the people that winter was on the way, this latest sign surely did.

The slap of the stick against the puck and the thud-thud-thud of the basketball on the floor are welcome sounds to the winter sports aficionados. Dalhousie's hockey team has been out loosening up rusty leg muscles with heavy skating drills. The opening game of the season is November 28th against Acadia at the Dal rink.

The Bengal basketball squad has not been out in full force due to Coach Shaw's being completely enveloped with football at this play-off time of year.

A press release from St. Mary's however, shows that they are training with tenacity for their league opener and a look at their roster shows they are aiming their sights at a league championship. Of their 12 man roster, six are from New Hampshire, two from Massachusetts, two from Maine, TWO FROM NOVA SCOTIA. This is not sour grapes from the Gazette but we are looking at this issue in an objective way. We are not angry but just a bit curious as to how this situation arises. We are not saying that the Santamarians are giving athletic scholarships but it appears that they are attempting to outdo St. F.X. One question came to mind after perusing the press release. Why would an All-State from New Hampshire come to Saint Mary's? If he is All-State, surely he is good enough to get "offers" from American universities.