



# DALHOUSIE Gazette SPORTS



## TIGERS IN SEMI-FINAL TILT SAT.

### Dal Hockey Team Strong, Fast, and Ferocious

The Dalhousie University Hockey Tigers made their initial debut last evening as the Halifax City Inter-Collegiate Hockey League opened its schedule for the '53 season. Unfortunately, deadline for the Gazette was before game time and as a result, the game will not be reported in this issue. At that time, Saint Mary's were the Tigers' opposition. Coach Gillis thinks that this could well be the Tigers' year. The practices have been very successful to date and after a few more skirmishes and games, the Dal team should be in top show.

The team looks fast, with defence being a strong factor in the Tiger practices to date. Freshmen and first year students to Dalhousie seem to be the mainstay of the defence.

New players are expected to turn-out after the football season ends, and as a result, the Tigers are expected to ice a powerhouse this season. The forwards are flying into high gear and already some signs of passing plays can be found in the team. In short, it looks as though the old Tigers of yesterday will yield to the strength of new Tigers and the name of Dalhousie will once again thunder through the Inter-Collegiate circles on the ice lanes.

### CHAMPIONS



Pictured above is the Law Rugger team, champions of the Dal Inter-Fac Rugby Competition for '53. Law defeated Meds 2-0 last Wednesday to win the league from last year's champs.

### Flyers Trip Dal; Dal Fumbles Prove Costly

H.M.C.S. Shearwater marched to a 19-6 victory over Dalhousie University Armistice Day as the final game of the Nova Scotia Senior Canadian Football League came to a close. The win moved Shearwater into a second place tie with the Dal Tigers, but due to the larger point spread of the Shearwater team, the win also gave them home field in the semi-final contest to be played Saturday at Wanderers'.

The game was mostly a lack lustre affair with only a few real highlights occurring. When the highlights did occur, however, they had the game's 2500 spectators in an uproar. Dalhousie opened the scoring early in the first quarter as the Dal lined charged and blocked like they never had before. Dal recovered a fumble on the Shearwater 38-yd. line and from here the Tiger backs roared back into high gear. After four plays, Dave Bryson ripped across for the major. "Choo Choo" MacKenzie booted the convert, his 19th in succession. At this point, it looked as though Dal were going to make a run-away of the game, but after four quarter's of ball, Dal had only the one converted major.

Shearwater bulled through the Dal line for their first score midway in the initial quarter, as the Flyers recovered one of the many Dal fumbles on the nine yard line. Minutes later, a 45-yd. field goal sent them into the lead 8-6.

### Basketball Practices Called for Next Week

Basketball at Dalhousie will enter its initial stages next week. Both boys' and girls' teams will begin practices on Monday and Tuesday. The boys' team will practice in the gym on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1.00 to 2.30 and on Tuesday and Thursday from 6.00-7.00 and 7.00-9.00 respectively. This practice schedule is only until after football season. At that time a new schedule will be announced. For further information see the bulletin board.

The girls' basketball team opens practices on Tuesday. Practices have been called for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12.30-2.00. Miss Rowley asks that Shirriff Hall girls contact Sue Palmer for arrangements concerning dinner at 12. The Dal girls have had strong teams in past years, and many girls are expected to turn out at practices next week.

### Tiger Curlers Elect Officers for Season

The Dalhousie curlers elected officers for the following term last Thursday at a scheduled meeting of the Dalhousie Curling Club. Elected as president was Al Campbell from P.E.I. Bill McCurdy was elected vice-president. The meeting was told that an increase in fees seemed necessary and that the Students' Council would no longer pay 50% of the curlers dues. The tentative date for opening play is set for Nov. 24th, however, this date has not yet been confirmed. A large and enthusiastic group of curlers attended both meetings last week. The curlers hope that this will be the best season in Dal's long and illustrious curling career.

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### SEMI-FINAL FOOTBALL SAT. DAL -vs- SHEARWATER

The second quarter was all Dalhousie's as the Tigers raced down the field only to fumble or stall within the ten-yard line. Fumbles were the downfall of the Tigers. Once they even fumbled on the Shearwater one-yard line. The Shearwater team, however, rolled with the attack and the half time score read 8-6 in favor of Shearwater.

In the second half, Dal's line caved in and blocks became a thing of the past. The Dal backfield were stopped whenever they were in scoring range, while Shearwater romped through the Tigers to gain yardage but no score. In the final quarter, the Flyers added two majors and converted one to drive the score up to 19-6. Dal attempted a rally, as auxiliary quarter Lovett threw two beautiful 20-yd. passes to move the sticks to the Shearwater five-yard line. On the last play of the game, Shearwater broke through the line to throw Dal for a loss and hand the Dal boys their third loss of the season.

Outstanding for Dal was John Nichols, who averaged more than six yards a plunge. Lovett's passing in the dying minutes was also a sight to behold, as was the music of the Dal band to the ears. Next game is at Wanderers' Saturday when Dalhousie will have to roar.

### Salute to Ground Hockey

The Dalhousie girls have completed a successful season in ground hockey. The team has played four games this year and were top scorers in all.

The first game was played at Studley Field against Acadia Axettes. Dal came out on top with a score of 3-0. The following week our team journeyed to Acadia to complete their series. For this game they were minus one of their star players, Manager Mary Ann Lohnes; however, her place was capably filled by Ann Rayworth. Again the Dal girls won with a score of 4-1.

A series with King's was also played. The weather for both of these games was more suitable for ice hockey, however, the girls were good sports and played. The team kept up their winning streak and won both games with scores of 5-0 and 2-0.

Two exhibition games are to be played with Edgehill, before the season officially closes. The first game is scheduled to be played Saturday morning at Studley Field.

### Aquatic Tigers Practice For Meets

Swimming at Dalhousie is in full swing. To date, however, only a few aquatic students have been turning out for practices. The Phys-Ed departments want more swimmers and want them soon. This year, practices are being held at the YMCA pool on South Park St. on Tuesdays and Fridays; at 10.00-12.00 on Tues-

days and 11.00-12.00 on Fridays. The Maritime Inter-Collegiate Swim Meets are to be held at the University of New Brunswick in the last week of February or the early stages of March. Practices for the team will start soon, with a definite training programme being followed. If you want to swim for Dal, see the Phys-Ed department as soon as possible.

### Dal Rink . . . Sharpest In Maritimes

Once again the hockey season at Dalhousie draws near. The schedule opened Thursday, November 12th. At this time the rink will have a new appearance. The rink is decorated this year with black and gold. The roof of the rink is pale green, while the seats are painted in the Dalhousie colors. Extending along the side of the ice and hanging from the rafters are black and gold pennants. All this should tend to increase the Dal spirit at hockey games. Incidentally the seating capacity of the rink is 1,700 and the size of the ice surface is 200 by 85 ft. It is the second largest in the Maritimes—only Moncton is larger.

The skating sessions in the rink for Dal students are Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8 o'clock until 10.30 and on Saturday from 4 o'clock until 6. For admission you must present your council card. Inter-Fac times are as follows: Monday to Friday, 12-2; Saturdays, 2-4; Monday night, 7-9; Wednesday, 6-7. The rink is closed on Sundays.

### Tiger Prowl

#### DAL TIGERS ADVANCE TO MOST CRUCIAL GAME IN NSFL

The football season is rapidly drawing to a close, and playoff time is here once again. The football fever, which hit Dalhousie in early October is back. The reason is simple. The Dalhousie Tigers have advanced to the semi-finals against H.M.C.S. Shearwater. From here on in, the fate of the football Tigers will hinge on Saturday's game. A defeat will shove the Black and Gold out of the finals for the second year in a row; while a victory will just as quickly shove them into the finals with Stadacona. The big game for the moment is the semi-final contest with Shearwater. Dal are confident they can overcome the Flyers, but they realize they will be up against the toughest Shearwater team seen this year. For the past two weeks, the Tigers have been practicing hard, throwing blocks and tackling. The results of their practice will be seen Saturday. Watching practice the other night, I would say that Dal will be at their best Saturday afternoon. The team has regained their confidence and has added a lot more spirit. If they yell and hustle like they have been doing in practice, any team will find the Tigers hard.

#### AN OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF THE FOOTBALL SCENE

There comes a time in everybody's life when optimism and predictions come to the fore. Everybody who thinks he knows anything about sport, will at sometime venture predictions. As editor of the Sports Department, I feel that my time has finally come, (to venture predictions, that is). And so here is the prediction of the N.S.F.L. football champions.

Dal has a fast team, a powerful backfield, and a great spirit. The fans have not seen these three elements together this year. To say that Dal has played good ball in all their games this year is a mistake. However, to say that Dal will play good ball in the semi-finals and finals, is not a mistake. The Dal boys realize to a man that the only way to win against Stad is to hustle, tackle hard, and play smart ball. They realize what the single wing formation has in store for them as a defensive team. They also realize that, three quarter's of Stad's power lies in Hayes, a power that has rocked the whole league. If Dal reaches the finals, Hayes will be a marked man. And who knows when Dal's pass offence will click. At any rate, the motto for the Tigers will be "hustle, tackle and block". It's about time Dal really scored. This writer says hear them in the finals. From this point of view, Dal should upset Stad and thus become champs in '53.

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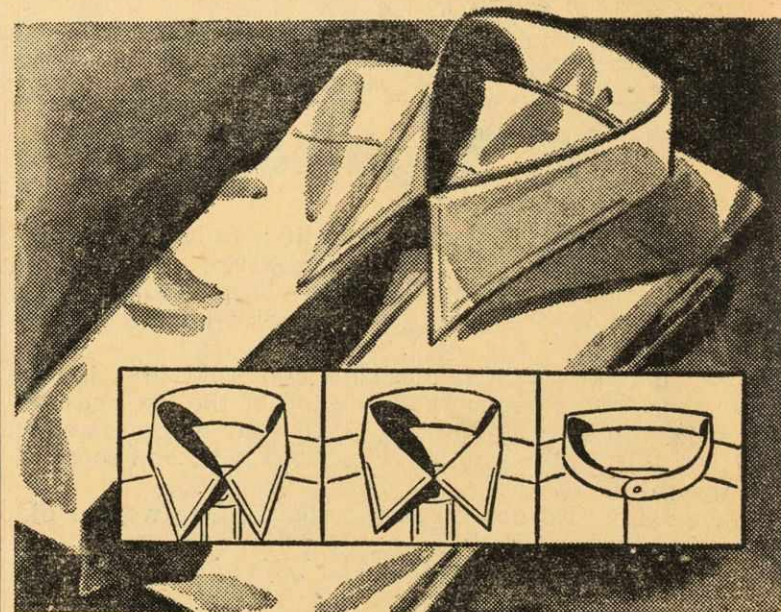
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