

GO DALGO

Tigers Fall Just Short of Upset

The Shearwater Flyers took a slim 4 point lead in the first game of a two game, home and home, total point series last Saturday afternoon at Studley when they defeated the Dalhousie Tigers 19-15. Starting slow in the first half, the Tigers came to life and held the powerful Flyers to no points, while scoring 15 themselves in the second. This was not enough for the Navy team had wracked up 19 points.

Dal showed its running power early in the game when Dave Bryson picked up two first downs, then his injured leg was aggravated and he had to leave the game. This was an exchange of kicks with Dal ending up with the ball on their own 25. Wickwire

tried to go through the right side but he fumbled and Shearwater recovered. On the next play Hayes went through the left side of the line, was touched by about six players, but evaded any solid tackles until he was over where Gordie Rankin finally stopped him. Hayes left the game after that play and was not seen again. Taylor made the convert good.

Taylor climaxed a Shearwater drive later on in the first quarter when he barrelled through the right side from the six. His convert was wide.

In the second quarter Bruce Walker, on a series of plays, moved the ball to the 2 and Taylor just plowed over. This made the score 19-0 for Shearwater and things looked pretty dim for the Tiger supporters.

A new team came on the field in the second half. From the opening play one could sense something different. They held the Flyers and after receiving the kick they marched over 80 yards to pay dirt. Don Nicholson did most of the carrying, but it was "Nipper" Theakston who took a pitch out and went around right

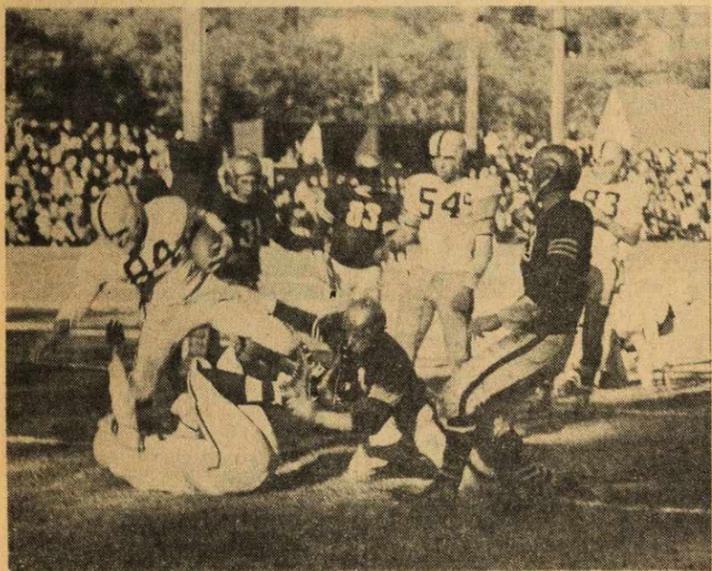
end for Dal first six points.

Dal got another drive going but it stalled on the Shearwater 35. The airmen got a clipping penalty on the first running play, so with 25 yds. to go, Lilley tried a forward pass. Steve Thompson intercepted it on the Shearwater 40 and ran it to the 12. Nicholson took it to the 3. A penalty put it on the 1 1/2 yd. line, and Mike MacCulloch was pushed over on a quarter back sneak. Tomes convert drew Dal within 5 points of the Flyers 19-14.

The Flyers got nowhere against the solid Dal line and they kicked

to the Dal 17. On the first running play Steve Thompson ran it to 40 yds. to the Shearwater 47. After another first down Dal again were held so Thompson kicked to the end zone. The Flyers conceded the point. Score 19-15.

The excitement did not end here. Shearwater were on the go when they fumbled on the Dal 30. With Taylor and Walker doing the carrying, they go to the Dal 35. Then on the last play of the game, Lilley hit Harper on the Dal 20. He was hit on the 10 but lateralled off to Thomas who got to the 3. He tried to spin around Ted Wickwire, but Wickwire got him around the legs, and Thomas fell to the ground, a yard short of a T.D.



PHOTOS

UPPER LEFT — The Stad ball-carrier steps on the head of his teammate while his partner concentrates on sticking his cleats in the Dal tackler's face.

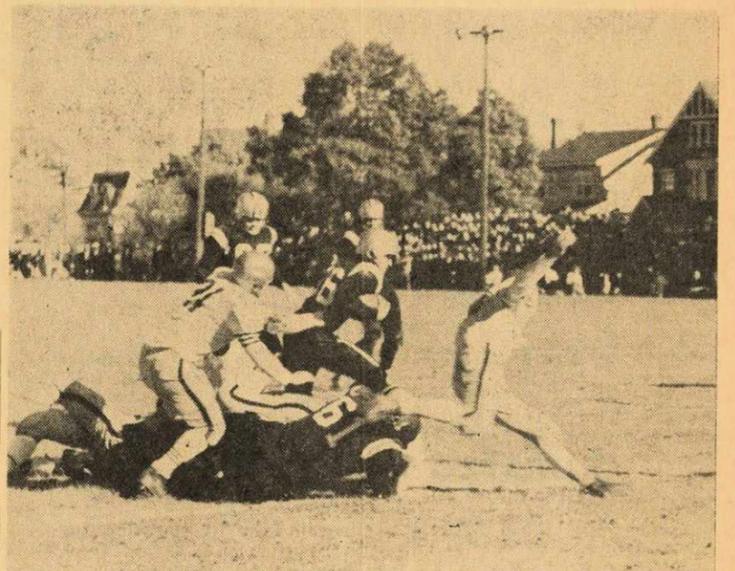
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LOWER LEFT—Lindley of St. FX walks into a Gary Watson (10) and Tom Dobson (81) trap and it looks like Dobson means business.

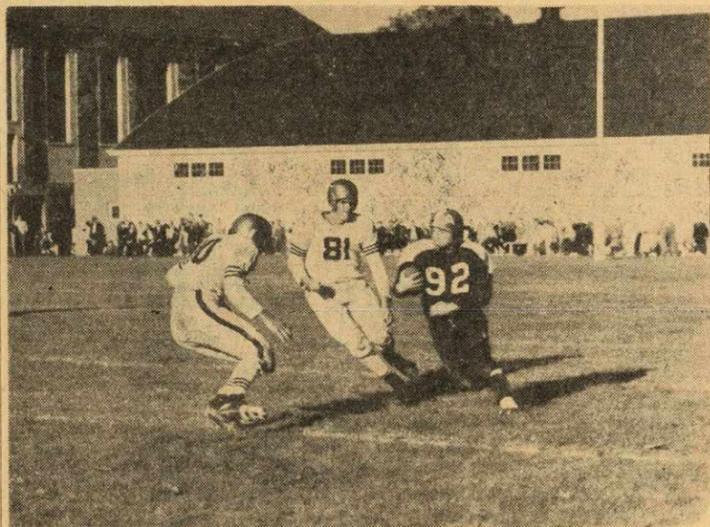
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UPPER RIGHT — Shearwater No. 61 seems to be having a hard time as Bryson No. 21 climbs over one and the other Dal tackler makes like a gazelle as he avoids the fallen Flyer's head.

(Photo by Thomas.)



- 11—Ted Wickwire HB
- 20—Steve Thompson HB
- 23—Dave Theakston HB
- 30—Don Nicholson HB
- 31—Brewer Auld HB
- 40—Bill O'Neill HB
- 41—Stu McInnes HB
- 42—Pat MacDonald E
- 50—Gord Rankin C
- Bill Mason C
- 51—Ron Simmonds T
- 10—Mike McCulloch QB
- 54—Dave Wetmore E



- 61—Ted Bringloe G
- 62—Ted Marshall G
- 63—Mel Young G
- 64—Otto Horrelt G
- 70—Brian Conrad T
- 71—Spud Chandler T
- 74—Dave Thomas G
- 80—Don Tomes E
- 82—Dave Gardner T
- 83—Charlie Brown E
- 64—Nigel Gray G
- 72—Muir T
- 73—Elmer MacKay

WHY FOOTBALL

One blonde bright little thing questioned her escort at the last Dalhousie game at Studley field, "Why don't they give both sides a ball?"

And that is the crux of the query. Who do twelve grown men face another dozen such chaps and fight over an inflated (if you will pardon the expression) bladder? Football has often been described as the game in which one side of the stadium wants to see twelve men killed and the other side of the stadium wants to see twelve men killed. No mention is made of those officiating.

The position of the Dalhousie Canadian football team brings to mind the question asked a coach after a disastrous season, "How about your team? Are they good losers?" The coach bluntly responded, "Good? Hell, they're perfect."

The game of Canadian football has been played on the Dalhousie University campus for just short of a decade, and during that time the Dalhousie Tigers have won the Purdy Cup twice, once in 1951 and once again in 1954. This year in the quarter-final game Thursday night they will be playing their second game under lights. The last time the Tiger team played under lights was in 1952 when the Dartmouth Arrows beat the Dalhousie Tigers 16-4 in Little Brooklyn, the present home of the Shearwater Flyers. Hope this is not an evil omen.

The Dalhousie Tigers have to win this game Thursday to reach the semi-finals. The Tigers will have to answer the question asked the young player by his girl, "Did you ever get hurt when you were on the twelve?" "No!, he replied candidly, "It was while the twelve were on me." Facing the Shearwater Flyer twelve for the third time the Tigers have met the Flyers in final or semi-final play every year since their inception in the league. The position of

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New Look; Rookies Pay Off; Bengals Explode

Dalhousie University's new-look Tigers will pit their brains and brawn against Don Loney's well-dressed Shearwater Flyers tonight at the Wanderers' Grounds under the lights in the final game of a two-game total point NSSCFL quarter-final. Shearwater eked out the first by the narrow margin of 19-15.

Dalhousie supporters give the Bengals a better than even chance to break into the win column for the first time this year. Hampered by the worst rash of injuries ever to plague a Dalhousie Canadian football team, by an uneven schedule drawn up by the NSSCFL officials and by a bumper crop of untrained rookies, the Tigers did not start to roll until the final game of an abbreviated schedule, a mere five weeks after their initial contest. This game involved the Shearwater Flyers, as one might expect, and the Loney men were called upon to use every trick in the book, legitimate or otherwise, to stop the ill-prepared Tigers.

But last Saturday was a horse of a different color. The rookies had learned how and where to charge and the veteran lineman appeared in top physical shape. The Shearwater Flyers were fortunate to get off to a fast start by piling up a 19-point bulge in the first half. Then it started. Those hours of practice in June, July, August and September could count for so much only;

team spirit at an all-time high and with the return of many of the injured players, the Tigers are ready to growl. On the other side of the fence, the Shearwater Flyers sustained a brutal beating at the hands of the Bengal lineman in the first game. As a matter of fact, Flyers were assisted from the coldness of the University's Studley Campus turf, left, right and centre during the second-half of last Saturday's game. However, the bruises and sprains have disappeared and the Flyers will once again provide a physically intact unit. But this time they will face a collection of very hungry Dalhousie Tigers, not only physically intact, but for the first time, mentally intact. Whether Shearwater Flyers will be able to hold the Tigers is a question only time will tell.

NEW FACES OF '56

Tiger supporters will be surprised to learn that no less than eighteen players who have donned the gold and black this season stepped into senior football for the first time. Such a number will impress upon even the most skeptical the gargantuan task which

faced Coach Alan Thomas at the inauguration of the 1956 football season. To say that this task has finally been completed would only repeat the obvious; spectators at the Bengals last several outings will verify this fact.

Med students have turned out in full force for the first time in many years and their presence has enabled the Tigers to present a lineup with interest to both camps. Fullbacks Brewer Auld and Vince Derobbio and linemen Spud Chandler, Ike Fried, Bill Mason and Otto Horrelt are all in their first year as Tiger footballers. Former Acadia rugger and basketball, Bunty Forde, a dentistry student, had his first year in Canadian football cut short with back injuries suffered during the second Greenwood game.

Guard Ted Bringloe came to Dalhousie via SMU Juniors while end Charlie Brown hails from south of the border and Acadia. Brown is a post-grad student in science. Lineman Nigel Grey, a bona fide Englishman and convert from the grand old game, put in his two cents worth for the first time against Shearwater on Saturday last.

Backs Steve Thompson, Ted Wickwire, Ron Simmonds and Deke Piers and linemen Dave Wetmore, Colin Campbell and Ken Muir are all former players with QEHs.