

BIGGEST GAME TOMORROW



This week-end could properly be called "football week-end" here on the Campus. All activities are being geared for arousing student support at the football game on Saturday. A pep rally is being planned for Friday night after the basketball game. Dal has had allies before, and we all know the small amount of success with which they have been met. But let's not be pessimistic—for this time we have something to rally for. When you try to work up "college spirit" for the sake of boasting that we have "college spirit", it is no wonder that we have something to get excited about. Dal has not actually won a championship, let alone a football championship, for quite awhile. This team, which has such a good chance of doing just that on Saturday, deserves our support.

For the last two weeks the band and the cheer leaders have been trying to plan and to practice for this championship game. We understand that for the first time this year Drum Majorette McCurdy will march with the band, yes, that's right—the band is going to march, too, (that's another first). All Fall we've heard complaints that we are a "cheerless", spiritless crowd, the bane of any cheer leader's existence. Well, we argued, there is nothing to get excited about. Now, however, there is. This is our chance to vindicate ourselves. Let's show them we can get excited when there is due cause.

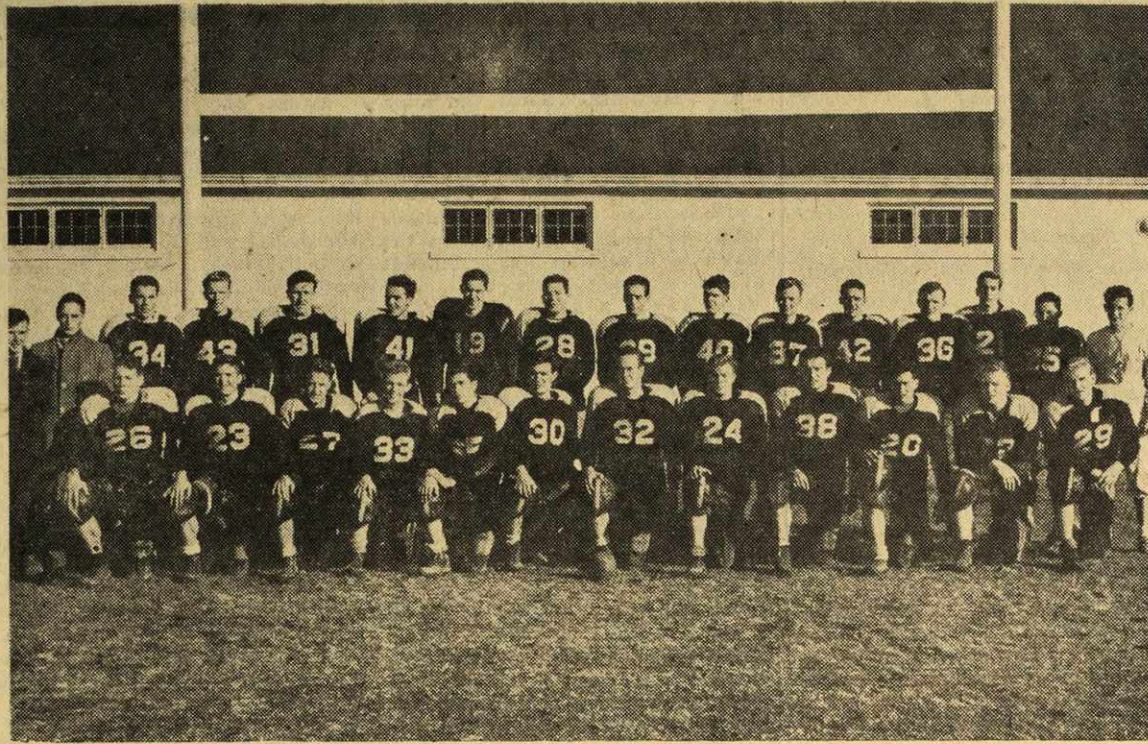
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TIGERS ALL. The Canadian Football team of 1951, seen here with Coach Gabe Vitalone and Managers Ian Sherman and Albro MacKeen, are left to right (back row): Fraser Mooney, Guy MacLean, Rusty MacLean, Garry Watson, Lou Sarka, co-captains Don Goode, and Andy MacKay, Hector MacInnis, Redge Cluney, Scott Henderson, Spence Stewart, Mike MacCulloch, Don Harrison, Coach Vitalone. Front row: Bob Inglis, John Nichols, John Wright, Neil MacKinnon, Chuck Johnson, Bud Gregory Marcel Plourde, Dave Bryson, Ken MacLaren, Bill MacCready, Pete Mingo, Tom Kennedy.

(Photo by Richter)

The swirling snow and the blustery gales of winter swept the field as the Dal football Tigers completed their final week of practise prior to the big game at Studley this Saturday. The numb, red hands could scarcely hold the ball and the snow-covered ground was not as soft as it had been last Saturday in the Tigers muddy scrimmage. The team is intent in bringing a Canadian football trophy to this campus for the first time, and this seems to be the year to do it. "We have come this far. Let's go all the way" are the familiar words of Coach Gabe Vitalone as he rounds his charges into final shape for the BIG GAME.

The members of the team have turned out in their best showing

to practise. Eager to smooth out the wrinkles in their defensive pattern, practises have become more severe as each team member has likened his showing at scrimmage to that of actual playing in a regular game. Hard knocks have been the order of the day and bruised, cold hands and shins have been a common sight in the locker room. It is now, or wait till next year, and some of the boys won't be here next year, so it must be now.

Not many members of this year's squad will be lost, though three of the strongest links in our

forward wall will be leaving the hallowed halls of the little "College by the Sea". Don Goode, co-captain this year, Don Harrison, 'Rusty' McLean and Pete Mingo expect to graduate and will be a definite loss to the squad. Harrison has sparked the team for many years when the going was rough and when it wasn't. His playing in the semi-final against Stad a few years back will always be a sparkling football memory of the fans who saw the game. Pete Mingo, veteran Pete, has played Senior Canadian Football ever since the league was originated. His steady play holding down the centre of the line, playing for almost 60 minutes every game, has been one of the reasons Dal has come this far. Two other good reasons for Dal's success so far is the stellar performances of guard Don Goode and tackle 'Rusty' McLean. Don, in his last year Law, scored his first touchdown this year in the first Cornwallis game. The fans cheered lustily when he did, for Don's line play has always been a sight for the crowd and an inspiration for his teammates. 'Rusty', big 'Rusty' of Pine Hill basketball fame, has kicked all the kick offs and played steady ball in this, his last year in Commerce. Tackling with tenacity and covering large areas of line are some of 'Rusty's' fortes. Many a team has regretted facing the burly-red head from the Island. It is for these boys the team hopes to win, and will with thunderous vocal support of you, the students.

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Sullivan Stars As Tigers Cop Third

Dal Tigers took their third straight win and Barry Sullivan got his first shutout, as Dal downed Melville Cove 4-0 Tuesday evening in a scheduled game of the Northwest Arm Hockey League. The game was fast and rugged throughout and on a number of occasions the referees were forced to intercede when the boys forgot that they were in a hockey rink and not a boxing ring.

Dal opened the scoring late in the first period as Beaver picked up a loose puck and passed to Tremblay who drove it home. Murphy scored Dal's second goal shortly after the opening whistle of the second period on a nice slap shot. Parsons and Scarfe set up the play. The Tigers continued to carry the play but were unable to score again during the period. Then things began to get rough. Sear and Martin went off for "roughing". Shortly after one of the Dal fans saw reason to hold Cruikshanks of the Cove team against the boards. Cruikshanks mistaking the identity of his foe started swinging at Tremblay, and the battle was on. Fortunately the referees broke things up before it developed into a free-for-all. Both Tremblay and Cruikshanks were awarded major penalties.

Both teams went at it hot and heavy again in the third with the Covemen keeping the Tigers hemmed in for the first half of the period. However, they couldn't seem to put the puck in the net and on several occasions they missed sure chances. Then midway through the period Parsons scored on a breakaway to give Dal a 3-0 lead and put the damper on the Cove team. Hopes for a shutout waned when Hessian was awarded a penalty shot, but his shot missed the net and Sullivan was not in serious trouble from then on. MacDonald scored the final goal of the night on a breakaway.

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