



DALHOUSIE

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TIGERS ROAR TO TOP OF N.S.F.L.

Initial Debut Successful As Dal Trips Shearwater

By DAVE BRYSON

The Dal Tigers survived a first quarter of jitters and went on to defeat the Shearwater Flyers 23 to 8 in their first encounter of the year last Saturday.

Led by a driving line, the Tigers were never headed after Bob Goss intercepted a poor Shearwater lateral and raced the distance to score the first Dal t.d. of the year. Earlier in the game the Flyers had scored a safety which was very sloppy playing on the part of the Tigers gave the sailors a two point present. By the end of the first quarter the Bengal line seemed to have tightened considerably and from that time on most of the play was dominated by the collegians.

The third quarter did not produce any points but one of the features of the play was the driving ground attack of the Dal Tigers that seemed to be stopped by the Flyers every time their goal line was approached; and this happened time and time again.

It was during the final quarter of the game that most of the scoring took place and the contest was wrapped up for the Tigers. After Dal end Chuck Johnson had set the stage for the Dal second t.d. by blocking the kick and dribbling the ball down the field, Nip Theakston steamed around left end to score standing up, following a series of bucks by McConnell and Bryson. Chuck McKenzie booted the extra point. Two minutes later Bob Goss had little trouble in kicking a long one that was good for a single point. At this time Shearwater started to roll and kept the pressure on until they scored a converted major, making the score 12 to 8 and putting the Flyers right back in the game. The Tigers, realizing that they were not out of the fire by a long shot, marched straight down the field after Q.B. Cluney had intercepted a very poor pass. It was during this victory march that Nip Theakston brought the crowd to their feet with a fantastic exhibition of broken field running, by zig-zagging 65 yards to pay-dirt. Unfortunately the play was called back. Gordie McConnell scored his first t.d. of the year by running 22 yards around right end. Again Chuck McKenzie put the ball between the two posts. On the last play of the game, Shearwater, realizing that the game was lost, did their best to end the scoring by heaving a pass, but Porky MacKinnon, who was johnny-on-the-spot, snared the ball and sped for home.

One of the main criticisms of Dal football games in the past several years has been the inability of the coach to make adequate material for the forwalk walk. Those who witnessed the Saturday game should now realize that this year Dalhousie has solved these problems. Our line is reasonably large as lines go and is definitely good, and with this protection there is little wonder that the Dal backs get their names in the paper as often as they do. However, there are obvious criticisms to be made. There is altogether too much illegal blocking and far too many off-sides. There is little doubt in the minds of those who know what they are talking about that Referee Bob Coe called them as he saw them and that on all occasions he was in every respect correct. If a long Tiger game was annulled because somebody used a stranglehold, Dal fans have no right to claim that they did not deserve the resulting penalty; and generally speaking this was the reason for most of the Dal penalties. Remember that there are two sides to every story. However, this time the decisions were correct.

In spite of this there were many encouraging facts brought to light by the first game. In the first place, the heavies showed that they could move more quickly than the opposing heavies. Tiger linemen were consistently good in defence and there was very little that the Flyers could do when the Tigers had possession of the ball. On numerous occasions the sailors were nabbed behind their own line by driving Dal linemen and two or three times the Flyers quarterback was nailed before he even got rid of the ball. They blocked a few kicks and one, of all things, stored a touchdown. Several linemen stood out for their strong performances. Ken McLaren and Don

Mounties Eke Out 4-3 Win Over Varsity Tigers Sat.

The first game of the English rugby got under way on Saturday at Studley, when Dal met the highly rated Mt. A. team.

From beginning to end it was a fast and hard fought game. Up to half time neither team had scored, although both threatened to do so a number of times.

After three minutes of play in the second half, Les Davies of the Mt. A. team picked the ball out of a scramble in front of the Dal goal and made a drop kick of 35 yards, thus giving Mt. A. a field goal good for two points.

A few minutes later Toney Yearwood intercepted a Mt. A. pass on the 75 yard line and made a long run to score a try for Dalhousie. The convert was not good and thus Dal led by a score of 3-2.

With only four minutes of play left Les Davies scored another drop kick to make the score 4-3 for Mt. Allison. Dalhousie tried hard in the dying minutes of the game to score but were unable. The final score Mt. A. 4, Dal 3.

The Dal scrum was working very well and outscored the Mt. A. squad. The backfield made some good runs and many good tackles preventing Mt. A. from scoring a single try.

Rory Lantz, the Dal stand-off, played a hard fought game and made many good punts. Another outstanding player for the Dal squad was Ted Marshall, who made a number of good tackles.

It was a very close game, as the score indicates, and one which provided many thrills for the 200 spectators.

SATURDAY'S GAME

Well, the Dal Tigers really showed the N.S.F.L. what a Dal team can do when it comes to Canadian football. The two victories over the weekend gave Dalhousie its fastest start in the Canadian Football League. This coming Saturday, football fever will hit its highest tone as the Black and Gold will go against Stadacona, who incidentally also appear to favor the Black and Gold uniform. Stadacona have been a power in football circles since the begin-

ning of Canadian football in Nova Scotia, but for the last four years, they have been given their strongest opposition by Dalhousie. Football at Dal seems to have really gone over with a bang and this year's team is no exception. Saturday, Dal will meet their old foes and the following week the two teams will meet again. Win or lose, this series will produce good ball, and who will say at the present time that the Tigers are a weak team.

Lyons played their usual strong game and Pat Porter appears to be just as ferocious as he was last year. On one occasion he really belted Tom Scanlon ten yards behind the line of scrimmage. Needless to say, the pass he was attempting to throw didn't go anywhere.

One of the most satisfying features of the game was the fact that the boys in their first year of ball went out and did a bang-up job. Larry Marshall and Don Smith played like veterans and consequently should make topnotch linemen. Seventeen-year-old end Pete Adams showed great promise in his first senior game and Steve Harper, Dal's second string centre, appears headed for a good season. Last year he was at Q.E.H. along with Pete Adams. It was good to see Bayne Henderson and Roger Greer stopping the Flyer backs.

The big test of the year will be the game that will take place at the Dal field next Saturday with the Tigers pitted against the Stadacona sailors, whose line is bigger, whose backs are just as fast, and who have a good coach. It should be the game of the year.

In closing, it might be said that the support given to the team by the students was tremendous and no sermons are necessary on the topic of student apathy. The cheer leaders looked better than ever and the pipe band made a noble effort.

Tigers Maul Cougars 42-11; Take Second Win of Year

By GEORGE TRAVIS, Sports Editor

Dalhousie University's football Tigers took the field at Studley, Thanksgiving Monday, and by the time the game was over, the Tigers were entrenched in a first place draw for the N.S.F.L. championship. Dal overpowered H.M.C.S. Cornwallis to the thumping score of 42-11, thus following up Saturday's victory and moving into a tie for first place with Stadacona. Before the game, a minute's silence was observed in memory of Neil MacKinnon, an inspiring player for the Dalhousie team over the past seasons, who passed away during the summer holidays.

Dalhousie opened their scoring in the first minute of play. MacKenzie booted the ten and Cornwallis ran the ball back to their twenty-five yard stripe, only to fumble and have the ball recovered by the Tigers. Successive plunges by Bryson and MacConnell brought the ball closer to the goal line and on the fifth play of the game.

MacConnell raced across the line for Dal's first major. Charlie MacKenzie, the place-kicking and running star of the game, converted the first of seven converted touch-downs. Minutes later after the Tigers took over the ball at the 50-yard line, David Bryson ripped through the navy defense and ran broken-field to score the Tigers second major. Again MacKenzie booted the ball through the uprights and the Bengals forged ahead 12-0. The final Dal score of the first quarter came as Cluney jump-passed to Johnson and MacKenzie bucked to the five-yard line, from where Bryson again raced to paydirt. The t.d. was converted and the quarter score read 18-0 in favor of the Gold and Black.

In the second quarter, the Deep Brook gridders steadied and managed to rip through the Dal defense. Rushton passed complete to MacIvor and the tars converted making the score 18-6. The Cornwallis attack continued as Dal rushed on first string players. Nevertheless the Cornwallis team again hit from the air on an unconverted touch-down, and Dal's lead was cut to seven points at half time.

The second half was a repetition of the first quarter as far as the Bengals were concerned. The Tigers roared to the attack and brought the ball to the 10 yard line, from where dependable Dave Bryson raced wide to the right and squeezed across the line for his third major of the day. MacKenzie again booted the convert and the Tigers were on their way again. The attack was once again brought deep into Cornwallis territory, and from the four-yard line, Cluney passed his first aerial touch-down of the season as he spotted flying wing Fitch behind the goal-line on the far right hand side of the field. On the convert attempt, Dal made one of the prettiest runs of the game. The ball was snapped over MacKenzie's reach and the starry kicker was forced to race back eight yards to retrieve the ball. Never giving up, big Chuck raced down the touch-line all the way in order to make the convert attempt. That play, more than any other of the day, picked up the Tiger spirit.

In the fourth quarter, the Tigers mauled the Cougars almost at will. MacKenzie hit the line and drove all the way to the three-yard line, from where the spirited Dal back again bucked the line, this time for Dal's sixth t.d. The convert attempt was again good and the score soared to 36-11. Play steadied down for a few minutes, but soon the Tigers were back roaring. Goss booted from Cornwallis' 50-yard line and the ball was caught on the three-yard line where the tackling Tigers upset the Cornwallis back and recovered a fumble. Substitute quarter Lovett, quarter-sneaked across for the final major of the day. MacKenzie booted his seventh convert and placed the Dalhousie score at 42-11.

Dalhousie served notice promptly that they were something with which to reckon. Their tackling, as in Saturday's game was excellent and the strong Dal line stopped most of Cornwallis' plays cold. Down field tackling, however, was where the Dal team shone. Coach King gave his big guns a good rest and rookies played an important part in the Dal play.

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