

Tuc Talk

By BOB TUCKER
Gazette Sports Editor

I suppose that if the Dartmouth Vikings were to play that Sackville team I would have something to say. Meanwhile, that most venerable of all questionmarks, the Dal Tabble Football Squadron is undergoing what someone has undoubtedly called "radical changes". Whether they win, or more probably lose, it is a pleasure to see a fresh Tiger team back on the fields again this fall.

There are two new additions to the coaching staff this year in the persons of Mr. Scott (UBC) and Mr. Bellemare (McGill). Mr. Walford has moved up to the position of head hockey coach and Mr. Yarr retains his major task of trying to co-ordinate a bundle of potential into basketball's giant killers. Last week, Coach Bellemare was quoted as saying that he hoped to combine winning ball and enjoyment of the game. This statement typifies the new spirit in the athletic department and this agent praises such an attitude. There are always going to be teams who will be out solely for the wins. Dalhousie, however, has always concentrated more heavily on their academic progress than on athletic prowess. As a result we definitely lack the talent that other schools have. Some fool told another the other day that hard work can overcome the greatest handicaps. Fortunately, each one of our coaches seems to realize that there is more to a "good" team than talent or work alone. What this column wants to say is that Dal should have a student body and a team and a spirit which is one. To do this the coaches must believe in a word which I call fun. Team spirit and enjoyment and wins are a wonderful combination when witnessed as they were last year with several teams. Coach Al Yarr's basketball squad is perhaps the best example of this. Every player becomes responsible to himself and that is probably why already this year a student can go visit the new track and see one or two or several players from the b-ball team conditioning themselves for a sport that will not become a reality for two months. Gerry Walford coached a winning soccer team and a J.V. hockey team last year whose members can recall many good moments and not just the drudgery of practice. The two new football coaches have both just left positions with winning teams and have taken risks in joining to coach one of the Maritimes' most infamous teams but still profess to be "amateurs" of the sport.

Heavens knows that this column is not going to make any promises of Dalhousie being or becoming an athletic powerhouse, but it is suggesting that this may be the beginning of a new era in which first-class coaching will meet enthusiasm and potential half way to produce something exciting at Dal. If that doesn't draw the fans then perhaps we could import cheerleaders and do without the teams.

Varsity grid line-up '66

Name	No.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
Ash, Steve	36	LB	5'8"	195	Sorrel, Quebec
Apold, Bill	77	G	6'0"	180	Halifax
Black, Barry	72	E	6'0"	180	Halifax
Blanchette, Bob	9	HB	5'11"	160	Denver, Mass.
Boyle, John	64	T	5'10"	190	Halifax
Bayne, Tom	67	G	6'0"	185	Fredericton
Cameron, Hugh	5	WB	6'0"	190	Halifax
Collins, Jim	22	HB	5'5"	140	Toronto, Ont.
Daigle, Bob	4	HB	5'11"	160	Pascoab, R. I.
DeVille, Barry	26	HB	5'9"	180	Halifax
Dockrille, Chris	71	E	6'2"	190	Halifax
Doe, Keith	3	WB	6'0"	175	Dartmouth
Emery, Benny	34	FB	5'11"	200	Old Orchard Beach, Me.
Fort, Steve	44	LB	6'0"	175	Halifax
Fulton, Bob	69	T	6'2"	195	Truro, N. S.
Haley, Daryll	56	G	6'1"	200	Halifax
Holt, Gary	68	T	6'4"	265	Middletown
Kingsbury, Keith	55	G	6'1"	200	Wayland, Mass.
Kranz, Eric	2	HB	5'8"	160	West Hampstead, N.Y.
Leslie, Bill	73	T	6'1"	180	Sydney, N. S.
Masland, Guy	8	HB	5'11"	170	Chester, N. S.
McKenzie, Tom	12	HB	5'8"	150	Dartmouth
McKenzie, George	65	G	6'0"	200	Dartmouth
McLellan, Dave	24	E	5'11"	180	Truro, N. S.
Quakenbush, Doug	10	QB	6'3"	195	Halifax
Ritcey, Mel	78	E	6'1"	175	Halifax
Routledge, Don	58	LB	5'11"	185	Halifax
Stutt, Ed	54	G	6'2"	200	Moncton, N. B.
Stanish, Bill	7	QB	5'9"	178	Toronto, Ont.
Thompson, Walter	48	C	6'1"	195	Halifax
Tilly, John	52	G	6'0"	185	Montreal, Que.
Trotter, Cam	50	LB	5'9"	180	Sarnia, Ont.
Vining, Clark	40	LB	6'1"	180	Dartmouth
Webber, Henry	66	T	6'1"	202	Halifax



Tiger End Mel Ritcey receives pass during Saturday's game against Mount Allison. Game was played in Truro. (Gazette Photo - DON RUSSELL).

Top Dal athlete

Marg Muir chosen to play in national hockey final

By JANET GUILDFORD
WOMEN'S ATHLETICS EDITOR
Margaret Muir, Dalhousie's outstanding female athlete of 1965 has been named to the Eastern Canadian Field Hockey Team. As defensive reserve, Marg travels to Toronto on October 8, to compete in the Canadian Championships and the International team Selections.

The M.W.I.A.A.U. defending field hockey champions began practices last week. With eleven

of last year's thirteen players returning and twenty-five other hopefuls working out, Coach Carol MacLean is predicting a strong finish. Dalhousie opens its season October 1st at St. Lewis Field against a vastly improved King's College eleven. Game time is 11:00.

The Maritime Women's Field Hockey Association will conduct an Officials Clinic on October 15 at Dalhousie University. All officials must write the rules ex-

amination on October 3 at 7:00 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Tryouts for girls volleyball and field hockey start on Monday. Volleyball from 9 till 10 p.m., and field hockey at 8.

A tennis tournament is scheduled for October 1, and any girls interested can sign up at the Athletic Department.

To be held October 1, is a volleyball rating clinic, starting at 9 a.m.

Tigers open season

Offense starts slowly; lose to Mounties, 27-0

What is that saying? Oh Yes! "The Mounties always get their man!"

By DENNIS PERLIN
Gazette Sports Staff

He said that the major problem to be worked out on defense was a better pass rush, which is the key to stunting-type of defense.

Well, on Saturday last, the Mounties certainly got their men, our Tigers. When the final gun sounded our Tigers had been captured, locked up and the key thrown away as they were soundly defeated by the Mount Allison Mounties 27/0.

Emery. While he made no big gains, any gains which he did make were solely due to his determination as the blockers continually missed their assignments. He also caught one of the rare completions for nine yards.

Speaking to Coach Bellemare, he felt that the main problem with the offense was that it was not getting the right plays to the right people at the right time. He felt that the pass protection had to be improved, that fumbling at very inopportune times had to cease, that blocking on rushing had to get sharper. He felt that the personnel was good and that the offense would learn from its mistakes.

The main reason for the loss has to lie with the offense. All afternoon the offense just could not seem to get going. They got 13 first downs but 8 of these were on penalties to Mt. A. So the offense managed only five first downs and only one of these was made by Dal's supposedly greatest weapon, the pass. Quarterback Quackenbush threw 13 passes and completed only 2 for a total of five yards. He had two intercepted. Bill Stanish threw eight passes completing two for 24 yards. He too had two passes intercepted. So Dal was four for twenty one in passing with only 29 yards gained. In rushing, the leading ground gainer was Bill Stanish as he carried 12 times for 54 yards and a 4.5 yards average. Benny Emery, the full-back had a better average, however, as he carried the ball 10 times for a total of 48 yards and a 4.8 yards average. The total yards gained by rushing was only 124 yards. So the total offense yardage was only 153 yards. The punting was only fair as Nesbet kicked seven times for an average of 27 yards, including one which went for 20 yards, so the 27 yards average is fair considering.

As for the defense, they did a tremendous job. In the first half they gave up only one point and did a wonderful job of containing the Mounties. In the second half, while they gave up 26 points, this is not bad because in the process they lost four needed men for their "stunting" type of defense. They were Cam Trotter, Mel Ritcey, Eric Kranz, and Bob Blanchette. The outstanding performer on the defense was Ross Nesbet. He was in on many, many tackles and continually rushed the passes well. In fact, he even caught the quarterback for sizeable losses twice.

Both coaches felt that Mt. A. was not better than Dal man for man, and that in the next game with Mt. A., the winners and losers would be reversed.

Concerning the loss, Head Coach Scott told the Gazette that it was unexpected on the basis of last year's Dal-Mt. A. game. He said that the Mounties were a greatly improved ball club over last year. He felt that what hurt us, was that the team was not kept fired up throughout the game. They were up before the game, but the morale waned as the game went on. This may have been due to the great number of young people or to the fact that most of the team members are used to losing or to both, but that in any case, the coaches are to blame for the loss and not the players. It is the coaches' job to keep the winning spirit in a team. It was not done on Saturday.

Speaking to Coach Bellemare, he felt that the loss was due to the ineffective showing of the offense in the first half; that if the offense could have scored in the first half or at least made known that it could move the ball then the defense would have been able to keep going in series after series in the second half and play the type of spirited defense it did in the first half; it would not have lost confidence in its offense which it understandably did.

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Dalhousie's next game is against the Halifax Buccaneers. Head Coach Scott when asked for a prediction, predicted that the team would appear on the Saint Mary's University Field at 8 p.m. Thursday ready to play another football game.

If there was a star on the offense it would have to be Benny

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