

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

by PAUL FARLEY

The Dal varsity football team has lost again. Although this was a foregone conclusion before the game was played, it was interesting to note that Dal did score against the powerful Mounties. Unless Dal upset a good Shearwater Flyer team it looks like the team will have to content itself with its lone opening game victory.

ADVERSE CONDITIONS

I think the team as a whole deserves a great vote of thanks from the student body for going out and doing their best under circumstances which are very adverse. The caliber of the league has improved greatly this year and Dal has not improved along with it, even though they have won a game this year. This would have been impossible without the hard work and great spirit which are some of the necessary prerequisites of any good football team.

VARSITY HOCKEY

It looks like Dal hockey fans are in for a very exciting season this year. The fact that four good players were absent from Dal's line-up for their opening game with Shearwater resulted in 4-1 defeat but once the players join the team the rest of the league will have to watch the Tigers.

GOOD FIGHTERS

Dal has a couple of real fireballs in Hal Murray and Graham Mercer. It's too bad that the university does not have a varsity boxing team because these two would be first string. However Mercer has a bad temper and this could result in some trouble for Dal if he doesn't control it. Going after a referee is bad business in any league because good or bad, officials are necessary to every contest and after all, they are just doing their jobs.

CHISHOLM MISSED

Ralph Chisholm was sorely missed in the game against the Flyers because the defence had a lot of trouble containing the big, fast serviceman. Ernie Paige is a welcome addition to the defensive corps and will be a big help in spelling Chisholm who last year played the whole of practically every game.

Goaltender George MacDonald appears to be in top shape and his remarkable effort in the opening game kept Shearwater down to four goals. With such forwards as Buntain, Murray, MacKiegan, Drmaj and Kaizer up front Dal should score a lot of goals this season.

INTERFAC FOOTBALL

Interfac football seems to be up in the air these days. Engineers were to play Meds on Tuesday and the winner go on to play Law Wednesday but Engineers have yet to play Commerce, a contest which has been twice postponed. If Engineers beat Meds then they will not qualify to play Law until they play Commerce, a game scheduled for Thursday.

AFC PLAYER MAKES GOOD

A local boy named Rick Black was chosen "rookie of the Year" in the Eastern Football Conference this year. He attended Queen Elizabeth High School here in the city where in 1958 he won the High School football player of the year award. Last year he was a big gun in Gus MacFarlen's Mount Allison backfield. It should be a great boost to Maritime Football, and make the people in upper Canada aware that we can play good football down here, and also that all good players don't come from St. F. X.

INJURIES PROMINENT

Injuries have played a prominent role this year as far as the Dal football team is concerned. There have been at least nine fairly serious injuries to players which have occurred both in practices and in regularly scheduled games. In fact, Dalhousie has incurred more injuries than any other team in the league.

SIZE IMPORTANT

There are a few reasons that could explain this condition. First of all Dal has one of the lightest teams in the league. In most body contact sports, especially football, the smaller man has a distinct disadvantage. He is generally less effective than a bigger man and is much more susceptible to injury Dal has been forced to use smaller men at positions where bigger men are needed because of lack of good football material at the college.

EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Experience also plays an important part in football. Most of Dal's players are inexperienced as far as the caliber of the AFC is concerned. It is interesting to note that over 100 football players are killed in the U. S. every year while engaged in the sport. Almost all of these deaths occur at the high school or college level. Once a man gets to the pro ranks the chances of his getting killed or seriously injured lessen even though the caliber of play is much higher.

If Dalhousie University does not intend to get bigger and more experienced players for its team somehow, someone is bound to get killed or maimed for life. By then it will be too late.

RUGGED GAME SEES DAL DEFEATED

A rugged hard-fighting Shearwater Flyers hockey team defeated the Dalhousie hockey Tigers by a score of 4-1 in Dal's opening game of the season last week-end.

The contest proved a real test for the team since it was mainly the rookies who played most of the game. Coach Walter "Goog" Fitzgerald used four forward lines thus enabling all of his players to take almost a regular turn.

Weight Plays Big Factor

The Flyers made the most of weight advantage and the rugged style of play resulted in a shoulder injury to Ray Kaizer and a lost tooth for Peter Stoddard. There were fourteen penalties called, 7 to each side.

The first period saw Dal outskated, out fought, and outshot. However, goalie, George MacDonald, made some good saves to keep the Flyers from scoring and the period ended scoreless.

In the second period Dal's defense tightened a little and the team played a little better. Again the period was highlighted by MacDonald's goaltending which knotted the score at 0-0.

Dal Score First

The third period told a different story. Dal opened with a strong burst which resulted in their first goal at 1:30. Hal Murray carried the puck into the scoring area and passed to Graham Mercer who made no mistake on the open side. The Flyers tied the score at 7:34 when Thompson stole the puck from the Dal defense, skated in and beat MacDonald. At 8:52 Shearwater went ahead to stay when Les Shatford scored after a scramble at the Dal goalmouth.

Boxing Match?

A more interesting battle than the game itself broke out at the three quarter mark of the period. Hal Murray of Dal and Thompson of the Flyers had started a brawl in the Dal end when Graham Mercer decided to go after the referee. After Mercer was forcibly deterred, Murray and Thompson started again.

Murray seemed to get the better of this one and got a few real good punches before the referee broke it up.

After the donnybrook was cleared up, Dal's loose defensive play

resulted in a third Shearwater goal by Bloomburg. Armstrong closed out the scoring with a blueline slap shot which made the final score 4-1 in favour of the home team.

Home Opener

Dal start league play this Saturday night when they are at home to Nova Scotia Tech. A good crowd should be on hand to see the Tigers who could have a good shot at the Intercollegiate League title this year.



GO TO IT BOYS — Shown above is the beginning of the practical boxing lesson which Dal player Hal Murray is about to impart to the Shearwater player Thompson. Referees left the match undecided. (Photo by Munroe)

X-UNB Win

University of New Brunswick Red Bombers upset Stadacona Sailors by a score of 19-0 last week-end. This gives the Bombers a 4-3 record on the season and indicates that they are much improved over last year. Last week Dal fell to the UNB squad by a score of 26-9.

X Beat Saints

St. Francis Xavier continued their winning ways by romping to a 32-0 decision over St. Dunstons University. St. Dunstons, now sporting a 3-4 record, are also much improved over last year when they defeated Dal 32-24. This year Dal does not play the Saints.

I'FAC HOCKEY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	TEAMS
Dec. 4	1-2	Meds vs Dents
Dec. 5	1-2	Law vs Eng
Dec. 9	8-9	Arts vs Meds
Dec. 9	9-10	Dents vs Ed & Pharm
Dec. 10	1-2	Comm vs Law
Dec. 11	1-2	Arts vs Dents
Dec. 12	1-2	Meds vs Comm

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FRIDAY, NOV. 15

9:00 — Science Ball — Lord Nelson Hotel

SATURDAY, NOV. 16

2:00 — Football, Dal vs. Shearwater — Studley Field.

8:00 — Hockey — Dal vs. Tech — Dal Rink

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