

Rugby

Scoring Bonanza at Studley Field



Dal Rugby ran away from the opposition this past weekend.

by Steve Boucher

The Dalhousie Rugby Club accumulated an amazing 136 points over the weekend by beating Dartmouth Lancers 70-0 on Saturday and Acadia University 66-0 on Sunday. It really was festive rugby as the Dal forwards and backs combined superbly to run the ball from every conceivable position. The pleasing thing from the coaching aspect was that both results were brought about by a disciplined team effort that involved ten or eleven players in each scoring movement.

It is difficult to select individuals from such good team performances but perhaps certain players deserve a special mention. The Saturday game produced two hat tricks with Danny Cyr and Eric Beaton scoring three tries apiece. Cyr continually ravaged the opposition with his strong, elusive running and seemed to be in the action for the entire game. Eric Beaton is another powerful dynamic player who had an outstanding debut, appearing omnipotent on certain occasions. Eric, who is a Dental student, continually drilled into the opposition to extract the ball. He capped a fine performance by gritting his teeth and sprinting fifty yards from the half way line for a try. Brian Oliphant and Greg McKenny were very impressive prop forwards, whilst Graham Jones, the talented fullback, converted an amazing forty-five yard drop goal in the first sixty seconds of the match to start proceedings. Steve Boucher quietly and efficiently collected twenty three points with penalty kicks and conversions.

Sunday's match against Acadia was a much harder affair although the irresistible Dal scoring machine piled up another mammoth scoreline. With Trevor Probin catching everything in the lineouts and enthusiastic provincial hooker Jim Gordon winning every-

thing in the scrums, the speedy backs had a continuous supply of the ball. The outstanding player in the backline was centre Mark Williamson. This classic Edwardian gentleman cuts a rather awesome figure on the rugby field with his flaring handle bar moustache and direct, robust running style. He repeatedly went around or over the opposition defenders creating openings from which numerous tries were scored. Although this "Charge of the Light Brigade" approach inevitably results in several flattened rugby players, true to his ilk, he always apologizes to each individual player after the match. Automatron Steve Boucher scored twenty-six points to take his total for the weekend to forty-nine.

The pick of the forwards was second row Paddy Whalen. Possibly uncoachable and totally unpredictable, this effervescent conundrum showed that he can play a bit when he turns up on time.

It was a strange twist of fate that both these players were involved in the only injury of the match. Mark Williamson was the central figure in the incident who, after crashing through several tackles, was left writhing on the ground clutching his leg. Team doctor Paddy Whalen was immediately on the scene and after a thorough examination diagnosed a broken femur. Williamson was gently carried off the pitch and the final whistle blew. After twenty minutes later, after a warm shower, Williamson's cramp had completely gone and everybody was left to laugh at the incident, except for Whalen who was last seen heading for the Tupper building to consult a copy of *Gray's Anatomy*.

The next match in Halifax will be on the 25th of October against Halifax R.F.C. and the game will be broadcast by CHFX.

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