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## DAL SCORES IMPRESSIVE WIN; SUPERIOR IN ALL DEPARTMENTS



### SPORT REPORT

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In scrounging about for something to pad the space that this column is supposed to occupy, we found a choice bit in one of our exchanges, a paper published in Wolfville and representing the student opinion of a scholastic institution in that town. Without further ado we quote a paragraph of said student opinion:

"Canadian football is now the vogue in Halifax with Dalhousie making an all-out effort to turn out a winning sport combination of some kind. The students have contributed extra money to the team's operation and the experiment will be watched with interest by other Maritime Universities, now that Dal has thrown over Intercollegiate rugby. The game may be a success in a big city like Halifax where there are close to 65,000 people but certainly not in Wolfville, Sackville, Antigonish, and Fredericton where the combined populations are not even equal to the population of Halifax. We think that the Dal Athletic Association, led by prexy Windy O'Neill, has bitten off more than it can chew, and will regret the move in the long run. Our experience with Halifax sport fans, who are the most gullible in the Maritimes, has led us to believe that the Haligonians will go for anything, good or bad, because the Capital City press makes it better than it sounds."

Well, we're not going to comment on the main drift of the gentleman's opinion, but we would like to take exception to one or two rash statements that the columnist has inserted in his provoking piece. First we deal with the opening crack concerning "a winning sport combination of some kind." It was only last Saturday that a Dal tennis "combination" decisively debunked this statement by "winning" a tournament from the Apple-knockers 13 matches out of 16. In the statement concerning the masticating abilities of "Windy" O'Neill, we will let time be the judge as to whether the DAAC prexy has bitten off more than he can chew; our good friend would be well advised against indiscriminate biting himself. We are also sure that the contention that Halifax sports fans are the most gullible in the Maritimes won't rest easily with the City dwellers of Dalhousie; and on closer inspection this statement yields something else which is quite significant. Anyone who has had dealings with this rural P. U. in the realms of sport, will agree when we say that this place has always prided itself on putting fast ones over on its opponents. We suppose our friend shares this pride and at the same time thanks goodness that he is an Acadian and not a "gullible" Haligonian.

The second English Rugby game is scheduled for Tuesday against King's at 1.30 p. m. Contrary to many reports Dal will have a really strong English Rugby team that will have a strong chance of winning its league. What is more important however, is the fact that this team was more or less voluntarily made up. Those who wanted to play the old game had to work for the establishment of a good team, and now, on paper at least, they have it. When they trot out on the field against King's on Tuesday they deserve to have the student body with them. The game itself should be rugged and hard fought, between evenly matched teams possessing plenty of fight.

After their defeat by Dalhousie, St. Mary's came back and defeated Wanderers by the slim margin of 1-0. After St. Mary's scored their lone point of the game, they lay back and hung on to protect their lead. They played defensive football. Now defensive football is not particularly exciting to watch, particularly to fans who are used to the ever changing complexion of the English game. One of the principal aims of this new Canadian football league must of necessity be to win over these fans. This will never be done by dull, uninteresting football. It was thought that this was taken for granted by the interested parties before the season opened. It's a fine thing to win games, but Canadian Football has a missionary duty to itself in this city. Dyed-in-the-wool English rugby fans are going to find the new game hard enough to swallow as it is.

One more word about the English rugby setup to those who are dissatisfied with the DAAC's handling of the situation. Despite opinion to the contrary, it would have been folly to field the team in a senior circuit when it was doubtful whether it was of senior calibre. However we have an intermediate team in an Intermediate League that will offer pretty stiff competition; Acadia's entry has half their varsity team. And if the team wins it's League, it has been promised a crack at the McCurdy Cup, emblematic of Maritime rigger supremacy, and help from members of the Canadian football team. To our way of thinking, this is a pretty fair proposition.

Showing plenty of pluck and finesse, the Dalhousie English Rugby Tigers routed the Navy entry in the Halifax Intermediate Rugby League by a score of 8-0 Wednesday afternoon on Studley Field. The margin of superiority that the Tigers enjoyed was greater than the score would indicate, as the Dal team generally forced the play and showed distinct superiority in all departments. Their tackling was generally good, and although the backfield erred at times, their often brilliant passing and running were good for many long gains. The scrum played well and got the ball out with greater regularity than their opponents. A feature of the game was the predominance of footwork, and both sides made long gains through dribbling down the field.

The game opened with Dalhousie forcing the play and setting the pace of the contest. The first Dal touchdown was scored by Gordie Hart after a brilliant line run, but the convert was missed by MacMillan. With the score 3-0 for Dal, Grant punted from his own end of the field. McKeigan recovered the ball and sped 50 yards to score. In veering to his left to touch the ball beneath the goalposts McKeigan ran into the post and was injured on the play. After McKeigan had gone off for repairs, Gordie Hart made the convert and boosted the score to 8-0 for Dalhousie.

Dal started the second half just where they had left off, with the line running and tackling smoothly. The Navy squad appeared to be in poorer shape than the home team and thus Dal was able to take advantage of opportunities more easily than their opponents. Twice in this half Dal forced Navy to touch for safety, and although encamped in enemy territory for the greater part of the time they were unable to overcome the sailor's defence and score.

Outstanding for the Tigers were Gordie Hart and Russ MacEwan on the three-quarter line and flying-half respectively, and McKeigan and MacKelvie among the forwards. MacCochran also played a good game. No one stood out prominently for the Navy, but Wildsmith played a sound game. Dal used a seven man scrum, doing without a full-back. However Gordie Hart covered up nicely when the occasion demanded it.

#### LINEUPS:

DAL; McKelvie, MacMillan, McCough, MacIntosh, MacKeigan, MacAuley, Robertson, MacEwan, Hart (captain), Quigley, Cochran, Grant.

NAVY; Buchanan, Robertson, Slater, Kidd, Wildsmith, Monton, Connolly, Atkinson, Ley, Page, Lloyd, Mansfield, James, Silver.



Shown above is Dal Tiger Quigley running the ball against Navy Wednesday afternoon at Studley. About to tackle him is a Navy forward. In the background, following up the play is speedy Foo Grant of the Tigers. This bit of action took place in the closing minutes of the game. Dalhousie sank the Navy by a score of 8-0.

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