

# DAL FAILS TO RETAIN TITLE

## Shearwater Downs Dal 33-18 In Semi-Final Football Tilt; Watson, Bryson, Nichols Star

Dalhousie University's football Tigers were eliminated in the semi-final Nova Scotia Football League playdowns at Dartmouth Saturday by a powerful Shearwater Flyers squad to a score of 33-18. The Dal loss dashed the Collegians' hopes of repeating their 1951 N.S.F.L. Championship, and allows Shearwater to advance to the finals against Stadacona next Saturday. The game was played on a fast field, the opposite to last Saturday's contest between the same teams. Shearwater, however, using a grinding and plunging play, proved invincible to the Dal dozen, who could not find the right scoring combination.

Dal opened the scoring early in the first quarter, when after a driving ground assault, Captain Andy McKay passed from the Shearwater 20 yd. line to Gary Watson who raced across the goal line for his first of three touchdowns. Cluney converted and Dal appeared to be on their way towards another victory. Minutes later, however, Shearwater raced across for a T.D., after blocking and recovering a Dal kick on the five yard line. On the Shearwater kickoff, Dal's McKay received, fumbled, and Shearwater recovered. The Flyers again scored a major, converting it like their first, and at the end of the first quarter the score stood 12-6 in favor of the Flyers.

In the second frame, Bob Goss kicked a rouge to bring Dal's total to seven points. Shearwater, however, again scored a major and their star, Mike O'Connor converted.

The third quarter saw Dalhousie shaken with injuries and trying desperately to score, but when they marched to the fifteen yard line, the Tiger attack halted, quite frequently because of fumbles. O'Connor kicked a Shearwater field goal for three points, but Dal erased this when McKay again passed to Watson who squeezed across the goal line. The convert attempt was wide. In the final frame, Dal threw the works, but it was Shearwater who rolled up points on a rouge, two field goals, and an unconverted touchdown. In the dying minutes of play, Mike Houghton replaced McKay at quarter and after two successive completed passes, moved the Tigers to the ten yard stripe. High-scoring back Scott Henderson received a handoff and threw a pass into the end zone which the adept Watson completed. Cluney converted on the last play of the game and the final score stood 33-18 for Shearwater.

Mike O'Connor and "Moose" Mills were the big guns for Shearwater, while Gary Watson with his three touchdowns was high man for Dal. Dave Bryson and John Nichols were the sparkplugs in the Dal ground attack, going frequently for big end sweeps. Dalhousie had a hard day on the injury list with Spence Stewart, Mike MacDonald, and "Nip" Theakston being the unfortunates in this department. Although Dal failed in their attempt to retain their 1951 League Championship, they did not fail to become the most spectacular and dazzling team in the League. The Tigers have gained many new followers this season and have thrilled the fans with the best passing attack and some of the best ground plays in the League's history. Evidence of this was given last week when Captain

### TIGRESSES WIN

The triumphant Tigresses pushed their way to a final victory on Saturday, at Studley, when they defeated Edgehill. This win gave the team added prestige as they had been badly beaten by the younger squad in the first frame of the season. Both teams played hard and well and in this game the finest hockey of the season was exhibited with a good showing of sportsmanship and clean play.

The game started with all the play centering around the Edgehill goal and Dal managed to break through the strong defense with Jane Cox scoring a goal. Edgehill retaliated with Ann Rainnie carrying the ball the length of the field for a spectacular goal. In the second half Carol Vincent pushed in another goal for Dal and Edgehill could not make a comeback. The game ended 2-1 for Dal.

### Letter to The Sports Editor

Dear Sir,

I wish to discuss, not argue (for the present at least) an incident which occurred last week.

There is at Dal an interfac Rugby league consisting of teams representing the various faculties on the campus! Last week witnessed the ejection from the league the team representing Commerce, of which I might add, I am an insignificant, but nonetheless, enthusiastic member.

Upon inquiring I learned that the Law team had protested a game which ended Law, 0, Com., 0, on the grounds that Commerce had used a student from another faculty. This is in direct discord with the rules as laid down by the D.A.A.C.

Having missed the game with Law I was no less mystified than the other members of the team when word was received of a protest by our opponents. For the student on whom their protest centered had asked permission of the Law team to play for Commerce and had been given that right since the Law team sported several more players and his addition to the Commerce team still did not make the teams numerically equal.

In all fairness and justice, regardless of what teams were involved, the facts being what they are, I ask how could the notable executive of the D.A.A.C. come up with a decision like the one at hand?

I welcome any comments pro or con as I do not contend to be a Judge I seek only reasonable fair play and justice.

Fred Ogilvie.

Andy McKay and Back Scott Henderson were named the Most Valuable Player and the Highest Scorer in the N.S.F.L. for 1952 respectively. To Coach Keith King and his assistants must go much praise and thanks, and to Dalhousie football enthusiasts — the old familiar theme of many great sporting clubs, "wait 'til next year!" Let's hope they are right, and close Canadian Football at Dal for 1952.



DAL STOPPED—Dal's Scarfe is stopped by Dartmouth Royal's goalie in this Dal scoring play. Dal centre Murphy is shown being carried out of the play at upper left. Dalhousie won the game 6-2. Graphic by Nicholson.

### Sport Briefs

**Hockey:** Dal Tigers will play their game with Halifax Shipyards this evening instead of Thursday night. The game will start at 8.00 p.m. and you are all requested to give Dal your support. The Tigers will be trying to better their point spread in the league and will be shooting for win No. 2. Skating will be held after the game. There will also be skating on Thursday evening.

**Skiing** This year, Dal is attempting to form a skiing programme. It is hoped that sometime during the winter a ski meet will be held. All those who are interested in this sport are invited to a meeting at the Board of Trade Rooms Wednesday at 8.30 p.m.

**Badminton:** A Badminton Tournament between Shearwater and Dal started last night. Badminton Doubles will start soon and players are asked to choose their partner and sign up as soon as possible.

**Inter-Fac Rugby:** Last Friday, the Meds and Law played to a 0-0 draw in the finals of the Inter-Fac Rugby League. The game will be replayed this Wednesday at 1.00, at which time a 1952 champion will be named.

### Trotters Visit Dal Thurs.

The Harlem Globe Trotters will be in Halifax this Thursday evening, Nov. 27th, for two basketball games at the Dal Gym. The Trotters were originally scheduled to play one game starting at 9 p.m., but since the 1,000 tickets for this fixture have been sold out, another game has been planned for 7 p.m. the same evening. Wherever they have played the Harlem hotshots have had capacity crowds and have brought down the house with their court comedy and excellent brand of basketball.

The Harlem squad will bring nine players with them, including Herman Taylor, the phenomenal dribbler and "Pop" Gates, one of the originals who will be playing coach. Others in the star-studded cast will be Boyd Buie, the one armed wizard; Sam Wheeler, another original; Oris Hill, Don More, Willie Bell, Box Pearson and Jesse Coffey.

The Globe Trotters will play both their games against a Varsity

team which will include most of the players who have been attending practices.

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