

HOLT ON SPORT

by Gary Holt

This week I'm going to start with hockey as it is fresh in mind having just come back from the rink (Sunday night) where Dal and SMU played to a 5-5 tie. It was the first start of the season for the Tigers while St. Mary's were playing their third game in as many nights. So, to begin with, one must look at the game from that point of view.

First, a few comments about the good things I saw as far as the Tigers were concerned. The first factor was the excellent work of George Millet in goal, until he was injured part way through the second period. Dal trailed 2-1 after the first period but it could have been more without Millet's fine work.

Another bright spot was the balance displayed by the three lines. With the trios of Gagné, Naud and Ellis on one line, Pagé, McCully and Cameron on another and Tommie and Kennie MacDonald with Yvon Lavallée forming the third combination there was a good offensive threat on the ice all the time. The fourth combination of Sears, Carrière and Sangster didn't see much action but did not look out of place.

The defence is vastly improved over last year with the additions of John McLeod, Serge Lavallée, Charlie Barter and Mike LeBerge.

Looking on the minus side it

appears that the injury to Millet will keep him off the ice for a while.

Despite all these good points there is one factor which could mean a great deal throughout the season. It appeared to me that it was only when the team got behind that they really went all out. This is not to say that effort was not there when leading or tied but the little extra wasn't.

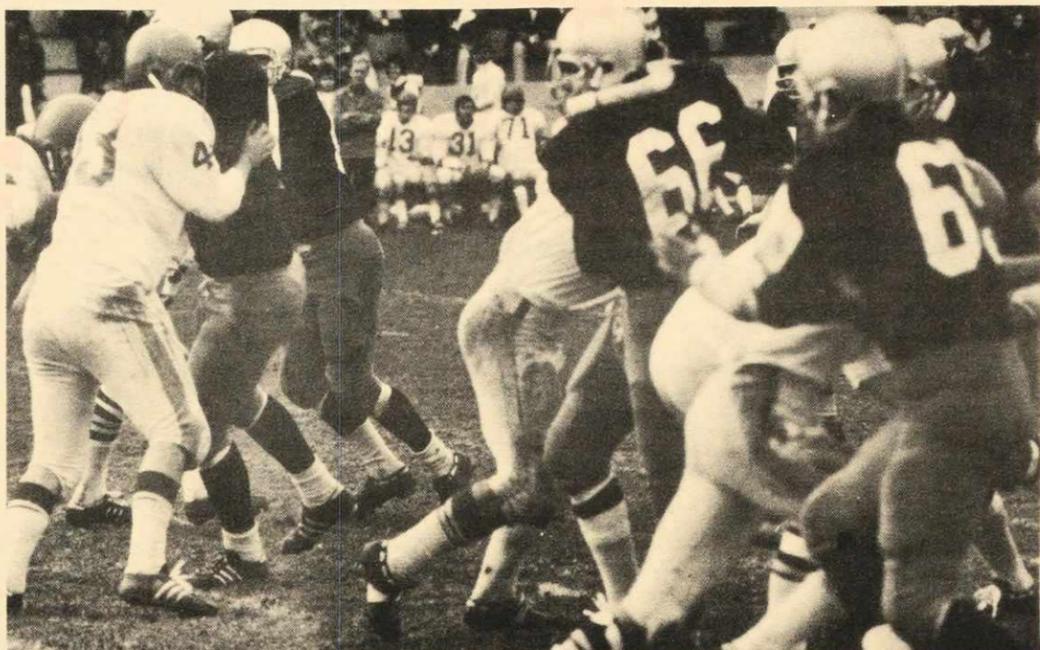
Granted, this was the first game and this may come as the players get in better condition. On the good side, however, it's good to see that fight was there when the team was behind. It was there last year and it is there again this year.

This weekend the Tigers are in a tournament at St. F.X. with SMU, Acadia, and P.E.I. along with the Xmen. The home season starts in league play the following weekend.

All in all it looks very good. By the way, Brian Gervais is going to give the goaltending job a try.

FOOTBALL

The result against SMU was not very surprising last Saturday as the Tigers were drubbed 48-14. Credit must go to certain individuals who played well in the game. Most notable of those was Rick Rivers. Back after a bad shoulder injury, Rick played one of his best games as a Dalhousie Tiger.



(Keith McKay photo)

Dal's efforts failed again despite the return of QB Rick Rivers. They added to their perfect losing streak with a 48-14 defeat against SMU in the Lobster Bowl.

He completed 23 of 43 passes for 273 yards and ran for 25 yards. Other notable performances were turned in by the receivers, especially Mark Wannamaker. He caught eight passes for 101 yards.

Mark has been one of the unsung guys on the Dal teams in the last three years. Always ready and willing to play he sat on the bench behind some good football players until this year. Last Saturday he showed he

was a good football player too.

Mal Patterson turned in his usual fine game as did Brian Gervais. (Gervais is getting so much ink you might think he's paying me; not so, he's that good.)

former Acadia greats on the squad in the persons of Rick Eaton, Gary Folker and Peter Phipps.

They swing back into action on the 13th against Dowling College of New York (I think they're from New York). Right now the game is scheduled for 2 in the afternoon but that's opposite the Atlantic Bowl and I for one would like to see both as would a lot of other people. Right now basketball loses. Mr. Yarr or Mr. Gowie how about moving it to 4:30 or 5:00 in the afternoon? Evening's out, there's a hockey game.

BASKETBALL

I can't close out without a word about the basketball. (Or Al Yarr will be on my back.) They are hard at work and see their first action Friday, Nov. 5 (tonight, if the paper is out on time). It's against the Valley Lords, a senior team from Wolfville with a number of

Dal rugby champions

Superb fitness and excellently coordinated tactical play were decisive factors in Dalhousie's convincing win in the first annual Maritime University Rugby tournament held the weekend of October 23 in Fredericton. Dalhousie scored 53 points in its two games, and allowed not a single marker to be scored against them.

In the semi-final on Saturday, Dal romped to a 41-0 victory over St. Thomas University with the Dal scrum giving their three-quarters almost constant possession of the ball. Fullback Dave Drinkwater was the leading scorer with 12 points on two tries and three converts, while scrum-half Terry Reed scored two tries and cleverly engineered several others with accurate passing and clever ball-handling. Speedy centre Dave Walters ran brilliantly and marked up three tries. Single tries were scored by wings Mark Sadler and Dave Hawkins, outside centre Paul Mariani and tight forward Ross Stuart. Wing forward Andy Baker added a convert.

In the other opening game, a sporadically impressive University of New Brunswick XV defeated a game but disorganized St. Francis Xavier team, whose three-quarter line failed to convert into scores sustained pressure by their scrum, particularly in the second half.

The final between Dal and UNB was a clean, hard-fought game in which sharp play by the Dal scrum provided Dal with a 12-0 victory. Although Dal led by only 3 points at half-time,

their forwards finally wore down the UNB front men.

Hooker Jon MacIntosh gained frequent possession of the ball in the set play while Ross Stuart dominated the line-outs almost entirely throughout the second half. Fine tackling and dogged pursuit by forwards Mike Bird, Cliff Sargent, Tim Milligan, Joel McDonald and Andy Alexander pressured the UNB three-quarters into passing and kicking hurriedly, allowing Dalhousie to capitalize on errors. Wing Dave Hawkins and centre Dave Bird scored tries

on fine attacking runs by the three-quarter line, while Dal forwards entrapped UNB frequently into a number of penalties, two of which wing forward Andy Baker kicked for 6 points.

A consolation final, in which St. FX defeated a determined STU XV 11-0, completed a well-organized and highly entertaining rugby tournament at UNB. Dalhousie's win hopefully will encourage the university to reciprocate by staging a second set of invitational matches in the fall of 1972.



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