

RUGGERS DROP EXHIBITION TO ST. JOHN

SPORTSCAN

by *Max Haines*

Dalhousie's victorious early season victory string came to an abrupt end Saturday when Shearwater defeated them 25-17. The game itself was by far the most exciting of the season. Shearwater used their air attack and Dal just couldn't come up with an answer. The sailors didn't have much respect for the Dal line, and could get those few yards for a first down almost at will. Pete Mingo tried hard and played almost the entire game, but for some strange reason Dal's line really became porous for the first time this season.

Andy McKay and Donnie "Ring" Harrison played their usual sparkling game. Reg Cluny really came into his own and in this observer's opinion was the best player on either side.

The major "professional" hockey season has started and the local "Saints" have dug up another bunch of highly paid players from all over Canada. The utter disgraceful exhibitions of hockey that these teams play after the positions on every team are assured should bring about a civic investigation. The fact that native Maritimers have to go out west to play is absurd as eating British Columbia apples in Annapolis Valley.

At the beginning of the season the players are horrible but that's forgivable because Junior isn't in shape. The coach says the team isn't set yet so Junior pulls up his shinguards and with a burst of speed makes the team. At long last Junior has a few months rest. Again we see horrible hockey. Now the play-offs, so Junior again adjusts his shinguards because this time there may be a bonus, however after this long period of coasting, Junior can't seem to get going but it's the middle of summer now and who can play on that soft ice anyway.

During the baseball season there is some excuse for importing players from the states, as there is no doubt about it—south of the border produces better players. However, even here the occasional gem that is developed in the Maritimes is overlooked.

This was brought to light last season when Dal's own Wilson Parsons achieved baseball recognition but it wasn't easy. Wills tried out with Halifax Capitals and for some strange reason wasn't given a chance to show if he could produce or not. Lesser players were retained while Wills tried his luck across the harbor with Dartmouth Arrows. It would have been the same story except that Dartmouth had a coach who recognized baseball talent. The coach who was also a scout for the New York Yankees gave Wills his chance and Parsons pitched brilliantly for a last place club. The Yankees offered Parsons a substantial bonus and a contract to play with Amsterdam in the States. Overnight Parsons became the most promising big league prospect to come out of the Maritimes in years.

Dalhousie rugby team lost a hard fought exhibition game to St. John Mariners 11-0. The game, played last Saturday in St. John was nice to watch from a spectators point of view. That is, a St. John spectator. Fullback Bill Anderson played a standout game for Dal and his long distance kicking put Dal in scoring position on several occasions but the team just couldn't get across that touch line. Dal has a strong rugby team but seem to lack scoring punch.

If Dalhousie is to have a boxing team this year there will have to be larger turnouts. Every Monday and Wednesday nite the team holds practices in the Gym. Anyone interested is asked to report on those nites.

SPORT JOKE OF THE WEEK
—A coach receives many letters of self praise from athletes who wish to try out for the Varsity team. One such baseball coach received a letter from a player who mentioned almost every fact about himself except what position he played. The coach wrote the athlete requesting this information. By return mail the coach received a reply. Enclosed was a picture of the player and his answer, "I play in a stooped position".

Dal Loses To St. John Team

St. John Mariners defeated Dal's English Rugby team 11-0 at St. John Saturday. The exhibition game was played hard by both teams and St. John's former high school stars proved too tough for Dal to cope with, although Dal did threaten on several occasions, they were unable to score. Bill Anderson played an outstanding game for Dalhousie and kicked brilliantly to bring the ball deep into St. John territory. On these occasions however, the Mariners heavy scrum used their weight to advantage and held back the fighting Tigers.

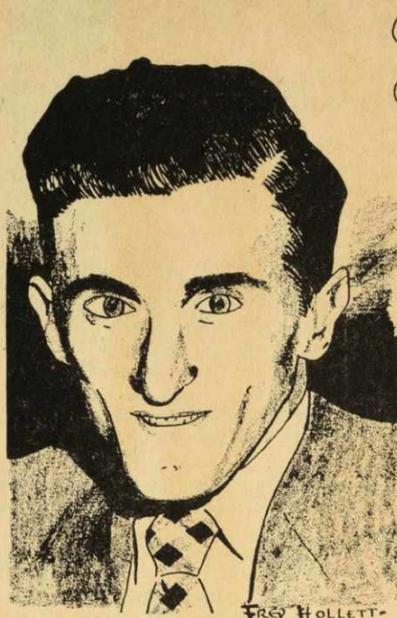
On the other hand when the Mariners got close to Dals line it was Anderson who kicked the ball out of danger. However, St. John did get through for 11 points and that was the game. Throughout the game St. John held the margin in territory although on occasion Dal did give them cause for worry. This inability to get a touchdown has hampered an otherwise perfectly sound rugby team.

Tigers Pounded—

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scoring affair. Trailing 6-0 the determined Tigers came back strong as Mooney and Henderson teamed up to carry the play deep in the airmen's territory. McKay then handed a pass to Harrison who plunged over for the Tiger's first major. Cluny's kick was good for the extra point. The fighting Bengals kept the play in Shearwater's end and were rewarded when Davids plunged through for a T.D. The convert was good and Dal led for the first and last time in the game. The men from across the harbour were not to be outdone, however, as they fought back to even the count on Millovick's T.D. pass to O'Conner, and the successful convert. At the end of the third quarter the score was Dal 12 Shearwater 12.

The last frame both teams went all out with Dal coming out on the short end of the score. The Dalhousians scored early in the frame but the T.D. was disallowed when Dal were penalized for holding. Mike Miljus put Shearwater ahead on an end run with O'Conner kicking the extra point. The play of the game, that delighted the spectators, came when quarterback McKay threw a T.D. pass to Cluny who went unnoticed over the line. The Dal convert was low. Dal fought desperately to tie the game but Shearwater managed to keep control of the ball and O'Conner kicked a field goal from about Dal's 45-yard line. Then Millovick threw his second T.D. pass of the game to Taylor to put the game out of reach. The convert was good. The final score Shearwater 25 Dal 17.



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UNDER WHOSE ABLE LEADERSHIP THE TIGERS HAVE RACKED UP TWO WINS AGAINST ONE LOSS!

"Wanted" Inter-fac Rugby Manager

The "Help Wanted" sign is hanging over the door of the D.A.A.C. office—WANTED—Manager for Inter-fac leagues, rugby, basketball and hockey. Of extreme urgency is the position of manager for the inter-fac rugby league which is scheduled to get underway Tuesday. Anyone interested in one of the above positions may contact D.A.A.C., Vice-President Bill Haley.

This year the league will consist of six teams: Law, Pharmacy, Med, Arts and Science, Commerce and Engineers. Law are defending champions and they will be battling, as always, to retain the much coveted "Inter-Fac Trophy". This series will count towards the winning of the Inter-Fac "All Sports" Trophy which is awarded to the team having the highest all round standing in Inter-Fac sports. Law also succeeded in capturing this trophy last year.

The league will be faced with another serious problem this year. Namely that of no field. Since the King's field is no longer available, the only one that students have access to is Studley

Basketball Notice

Varsity and Junior Varsity basketball trpouts are being held in the gym every evening at 6 p.m. All those interested will please report.

NOTICE

Saturday Dalhousie's Canadian Football team takes on Shearwater. This game will take at 1 o'clock at Studley Field. Should Dal win this game they will take over first place in the league. All Dal students are requested to attend.

Field. Unfortunately, the only time they play is at noon, which is the same time as Varsity practise. A second sports field would help a lot in alleviating the situation and would be very beneficial to all students interested in sports.



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