

# Football wrap-up

by Joel Fournier

Football in Canada is just about over for another season in Canada. This Friday night will see the Ottawa Gee Gees square off against the Calgary Dinosaurs for the Vanier Cup, emblematic of College Football supremacy in our fair nation. Scant hours later, the Montreal Alouettes take on the powerful Edmonton Eskimos in Calgary for the Grey Cup, Canada's annual "madness" spectacle.

In the College Bowl, which by the way will be televised on Friday night, the Gee Gees will have to be considered strong favourites over Calgary. Last Sunday the Ottawa team played host to the controversial Windsor Lancers, who were without their star Quarterback Dave Pickett, and demolished them. This would lead one to ponder over the Windsor claim that "it wouldn't have mattered whether Pickett had played or not during the regular season, we would have won without him." Well we will never know now and I guess under the circumstances it isn't that important any more.

Meanwhile at Acadia last Saturday the Dinosaurs had little trouble in disposing of a game, but outclassed axemen squad. It's too bad that Acadia couldn't have come up with a win, it would have been great to have a representative at the Bowl

game from this conference for a second year in succession. In any event Bob Vespaziani, the astute and personable head coach of the Axemen did a fine job with his team over the season and they are to be congratulated for making it as far as they did. I'll have to go with Ottawa in the Bowl game by three touchdowns, they have loads of talent and experience.

The Grey Cup on Sunday is a different story, Edmonton and Montreal are pretty evenly matched and both have their super-stars. Montreal will have to come up with their biggest defensive game of the season if they want to come away from this one as champs. Their win against Ottawa was impressive from that standpoint but lacked something as far as offense was concerned. I think "weather" will be the determining factor. If it's a muddy field, look for big Steve Farengelli to make the difference

and Montreal to eke out a win. If it's a fine day for throwing look for McGowan and Konahoski to give the Montreal deep backs a hard afternoon and in the process take the Cup to Edmonton. Of course there's always Johnny Rogers and Larry Higbaugh to bring the crowd to their feet-if they ever get the ball kicked to them that is. Even through I'm an Alouette fan I'll have to pick the Eskies in this one by ten points.

Nothing further to report on the future of Football here at Dal. We're still waiting for the Athletic Committee to meet and make their recommendations. The word should be out fairly soon and will pass it along to you as soon as possible.

Just before I close for this week I

would like to offer congratulations to the three coaches and their teams who represented Dal in Canadian College Championships on the West Coast last week. Women's Field Hockey led by Coach Nancy Buzzell finished third in the Nation. Men's Soccer, after finishing their regular season and play-offs with a perfect record, went down to defeat at the hands of U.B.C. This was a big disappointment to coach Tony (Shiny) Richards and his charges but nevertheless a fine showing just the same. Rookie coach Bob Book finished a highly successful season by guiding his team of Cross-Country runners to a fourth place finish nationally.

*The National Union of Students and the Atlantic Federation of Students are circulating a petition for better student aid. The Gazette encourages all students to sign. Copies are available at the Enquiry Desk.*

# Curling

by B.J. Jones

Curling has been going on at Dal for almost a month now and already the season looks promising. Last year at Dal, the men had no formal ice time, but this year both the men and women are practicing together under the direction of coach Penny LaRocque. The club executive consists of President Gail Bates, Vice Pres. Brian Watts, Secretary Virginia Jackson and Treasurer Robert Coates.

The Dalhousie club has about 40 members, all of whom get an equal chance to curl and practice. It's too bad that such a large group should be given such a small budget, particularly in view of increasing ice costs. Like Dal's soccer team, curling records are often overlooked. The women have won the Atlantic Intercollegiate Championship for three years, the last two under skip Gail Bates. Last year the men's team, skipped by Steve Miller, won the Intercollegiate in Moncton. This year the women are looking for a good show of support as they will be hosting the Intercollegiate at C.F.B. Halifax, while the men go to Mount Allison to defend their title.

So far this year, Dalhousie entered 3 teams in the first mixed bonspiel of the season, with the team skipped by Douglas Caldwell coming runner-up in the main event. Six of the curlers and coach LaRocque attended a Curl-Canada Coaching Clinic last week and they will be instructing young people at the Mayflower, Halifax and Dartmouth Curling Clubs.

Dal hopes to enter a couple of teams in the Twin-Cities Mixed Bonspiel coming up in early December.

Dal curlers will soon be around campus selling Nova Scotia lottery tickets in an effort to increase their present budget. This seems a great way for you to support Dal's teams, with the added fringe benefit being that you stand to gain some money as well.

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