

SHOULD THERE BE AN INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL LEAGUE?

by HUGH FRASER

The question of whether there should be an intercollegiate football league has been asked frequently over the past several seasons. It does seem possible that such a league will be formed in the future, but how long this will take, no one can tell.

Several Problems

The formation of a N.S. college league, however, poses several problems. At present, Acadia and St. Mary's are not on a standard with the playing calibre of St. F.X. and Dal. Acadia has only been playing football for two years, whereas St. Mary's has only a relatively small enrollment. Both need to gain more depth and experience. Then there is the question of expenses. At the moment, Dal and Shearwater are the big drawing cards in the NSFL, and should burden on the shoulders of St. F.X. and Dal. Can the two larger colleges carry along the other two, or will Acadia and St. Mary's eventually become self-sufficient?

As far as the present league is concerned, it is a known fact that the service men get a definite jump in training on the university students. It is not until the season is almost half over that Dal and St. F.X. reach their top condition, and the best brand of football is clearly evident in the play-offs. Unfortunately there are no play-offs this

year, unless Shearwater is defeated by the second place team and such a possibility must not be ruled out.

Service Teams Carry On

Then, again, it is doubtful if the three service teams could carry on by themselves. Almost undoubtedly there would have to be another entry in such a league in order to cover expenses. That would leave N.S. with eight senior football teams. Is there sufficient material available for such a number of teams? Are football fans interested enough in the game to support this number.

These are only additional questions that cannot be answered by a definite yes or no, but all provide room for thought.

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8:30 a.m.—The Litany

NEW COACH FOR KING'S B'BALL

Fred Nicholson, a well known Dalhousie student and athlete is the new coach of King's basketball team. Fred who for many years starred with King's in the days of Dixie Walker and crew already has the boys working hard. The new coach has announced that King's will not enter the Intercollegiate League this year but will be one of the many new entries in the Halifax "C" league.

The blue and white from King's have many new comers to the basketball rank and as the coach puts it "we will be looking for a banner year this year and expect big things from the old veterans." They have learned a lot from the "Old Pro" and should do really well this year.

'COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL?

by ROD McLENNAN

Should there be an Intercollegiate Football League? This question was asked to various persons on the campus at Dalhousie, both players and students, and an amazing variety of answers was put forth.

In the opinion of almost all students, the league would have to include only the Nova Scotia universities, as the inclusion of Mt. Allison or U.N.B. would make the trips too long and the expenses too heavy. The possibility of a playoff between a Nova Scotia Intercollegiate League and a New Brunswick Intercollegiate League for the Maritime title was hailed by most people interviewed on the campus.

Following are some of the individual opinions on the controversial question:

THE PLAYERS SAY

Ted Wickwire:

"I think there definitely should be a league formed. In this way the colleges can have the opportunity to play against teams who do not get the almost year-round conditioning that the service teams do."

Don Nicholson:

"Eventually, yes, but not within the next two or three years. Dal and St. FX are too strong."

"I think that an all-Service league, without the colleges would fold up."

Spud Chandler:

"Yes, definitely a loop should be formed, but only on condition that the other colleges could watch the calibre of Dal and 'X'."

Another service team could fill the gap in the Intermediate League—possibly an army team or Cornwallis."

Doug Parker:

"Definitely, yes! As it is now it is not fair for the colleges to compete against service teams, who have so much more conditioning before the season."

THE STUDENTS SAY

Ron Clarke:

"An intercollegiate league is the only answer. I think that the service teams, with their better facilities are quite superior to the college squads and will become more so in future."

Ron felt that if a league were formed, the crowds at games would be drawn at a better rate than those attending service - college games.

Dave Siliphant:

"There should be a college league in the near future." The service teams get too much of a jump on the college boys by their summer practices."

Dave Moon:

"The league should not be formed in the immediate future, not until all the teams in the league have become of equal strength."

Dave went on to say that he felt some consideration should be shown the service teams, as the departure of Dal and St. FX from the league would leave the service teams stranded.

Speaking from the point of view of the Pep Committee, Dave said that, "an intercollegiate league could undoubtedly raise Dal spirit to new levels. The college rivalry would be revived by this league."

Frosh, Seniors DGAC Victors

The second regular DGAC session took place in the gym on Monday evening, Oct. 19. A short discussion was held to decide a night for tumbling sessions and Thursday from 6:45 to 7:45 was found to be most suitable.

Archery, ping-pong and badminton were among the regular sports played. Highlighting the evening were inter-class volleyball games. The Sophomores lost a close match to the Frosh 30-28 and then the Seniors defeated the Juniors in a thrilling overtime game by a score of 33-29.

ENGINEERS REACH TOP IN T-FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ENGINEERS 12, MEDS 0

Showing a superior offensive and defensive, the Engineers ran and passed to a 12-0 triumph over Meds in a regularly scheduled touch football league game. It was the first time out for the doctors who lacked talent and did well to hold the winners to a dozen points. A touchdown by center Maloy was nullified when the quarterback failed to touch the ball at scrimmage. Shortly after, a run by Roy and a long pass to Davidson put the ball on the Meds 2-yard line. On third down Roy ran to the left and then cut in to score the first six points. The half ended with the score 6-0.

In the second half, two Gilmore to Rankin passes just missed by inches, but the third time Rankin made no mistake and gathered in a pass for the final score

LAW, DENTS SCORELESS:

In a bitterly fought contest last Wednesday Law and Dents couldn't find a winner as they played to a scoreless tie, second such in the touch football league. Both teams had golden opportunities but could not capitalize on them. Early in the game Law found themselves on the opposition's one yard line but a penalty set them back and they couldn't score.

The second half of the game was all Dents as quarterback John King ran, passed and kicked his team into scoring territory. Three beautiful field goal attempts by Anthony just missed the uprights and all landed past the dead ball line, resulting in no score.

With four games played in the league, only 18 points had been scored, all by two teams.

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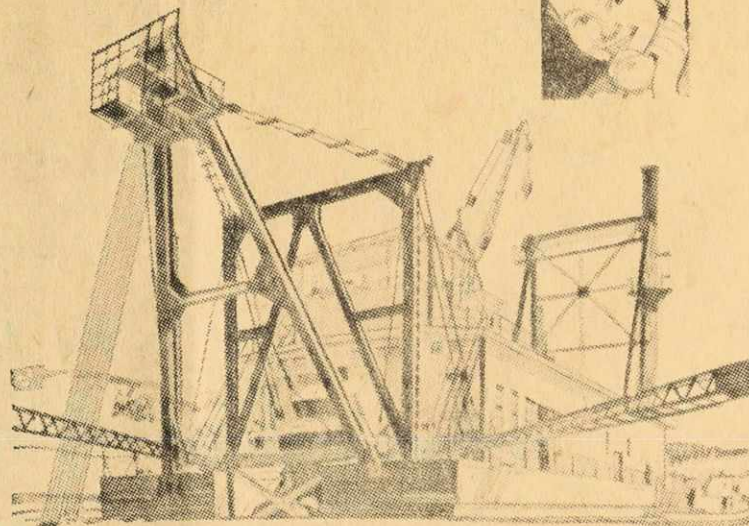
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