MARITIME FOOTBALL S

STAD. ROLLS IN A BIG WAY

Halifax (CUP) - The Navy in Halifax is going in for Canadian football in a big way this year. Its Senior team is undefeated in five games scheduled to date in the Nova Scotia Senior Football League. The other three teams in the League are Dalhousie University, HMCS Shearwater, which is the Navy's air station at Dartmouth, N.S., and HMCS Cornwallis, the new entry training base at Deepbrook, N.S.

In five league games to date, Stadacona has scored 167 points while only 26 points have been scored against them. In the last two games, Stadacona defeated the two strongest contenders in the league, HMCS Shearwater and Dalhousie by scores of 49-8 and 43-0, respectively. With only one league game left, Stadacona has clinched first place and a bye into the play off final.

FOOTBALL WAR

Kickoff time was slated for two

ed and a general "back your team" spirit permeated the gathering.

And moreover, indications that

cueless" or "clueless" (to state Xaverian colloquialism) stand-

Father Andy Hogan didn't think so, anyway. And, as coach, he should know.

The genial genius of sports fig-

ures that his charges put up a good show against the highly touted

navy-men who have thus far (please lay proper emphasis on "thus far") gone undefeated.

Father Hogan, who in the space

Breton.

The Halifax Navy football team is undoubtedly the greatest devel- ANTIGONISH IN opment of Canadian football to appear in the Maritimes where the game itself has a short history of less than ten years. The team's splendid performance can be attributed to the combination of two essential factors, good material and good coaching. Some of the footveterans of the grid theatre. ball players have never played organized football while others have three or four years experience. In any case, they are eager to learn Loney, has instituted a program of training which fits the players' re-

Lt. Loney has had ten years' playing experience in Canadian football, the last five of which were with the Ottawa Rough Riders of the Big Four football league. While playing for the Rough Riders, he was voted All Canadian snap in who forgets his cues or the brash 1949, in 1950 was awarded the Jeff Russell Memorial Trophy as the player with the best combination of courage, sportsmanship and clean play in the Big Four. In 1951 he was co-captain of the Ottawa Rough Riders when they won the

HMCS Stadacona itself has been swept by a wave of enthusiasm for Canadian football. This feeling has been helped along by promotion and publicity. Generally, Cana Maritime Provinces and within the next few years it is expected to morial Stadium Saturday afterdian football is coming up in the reign supreme as a spectator sport. During the current season, a Sta-dacona-versus-Dalhousie University game drew a crowd which established a record in attendance at Canadian Football games in Hali-

Other universities in the Maritimes are now considering the development of Canadian Football for the first time. St. Francis Xavier University is expected to this Canadian Football game like enter a team next year in either Scotia Xavier's past history of participation in sport their entry is expected to hold its own without trouble during the first season.

The Stadacona Senior Football Team is making a definite contrib ution to the quality of Canadian Football in Nova Scotia. The in-creased interest in the Nova Scotia Senior League is expected to draw additional non-service teams into operation, thus creating a perma nent basis for the future growth and popularity of Canadian Football. In addition, the Junior Nova Scotia Football League consists of from HMCS Stadacona HMCS Shearwater, St. Mary's University, and Dartmouth, N.S. and forms a good training ground for younger players in the game.

Thoms Looks to Finals



DAL Looks Pretty Hot

St. F. X. students took the event in their usual flamboyant manner. Halifax (CUP) - By the time this article is being read, most of the water will have flowed under the bridge, at least as far as the Dalhousie Tigers are concerned. It is no secret that Keith introduced to the student body, the cheers, yells and songs review-King has had to rely on some of the veterans to lead his team in the weekend games in the Nova Scotia Canadian Football League. At the start of the year the majority of the rookies were not sufficiently accustomed to the style of play that they encountered in The major query in the minds of ome critic-sportsmen, however, the league; nor were they in the physical condition that is a pre-requisite of any type of football. With these thoughts in mind,

forward wall with a lot of the John Fitch has returned this sea-necessary drive that makes any son to his flying chore after being team indestructible. Big Ken, commonly known as "Beanie" and whose main ambition is to carry the ball, is a 200-lb lineman and is playing his third year with the Tigers. Don Lyons, while a bit smaller than most linemen, makes up for this in effectiveness, a fact of which the other teams are well aware. A great assistance to the team is Bayne Henderson, a giant who saw service last season with the now defunct Dartmouth Ar-rows. Dal football fans welcomed the addition of Henderson, who is what the Tiger team needed in the fold. Chuck Johnson, a most of all, and that is a big line-man. Pat Porter, another lineman who hits the scales at 200 lbs., is

an ostrich to sand (up to his neck) grid camp has it that the preliminary interclass scrimm veiled a wealth of talent. McKinnon, scrimmages along with Porky consistently dependable centre with a great deal of experience in this "We've made 'em forget English local league. Two more two-year men with the Tigers are Dave Thomas and Roger Greer, both of whom played well last season. Dave Thomas suffered an injured Rugger ever existed here," said an unidentified member of the team. That's a big promise. It's one that, truthfully speaking, was not fulfilled out there Saturday, win, lose or draw. The Xaverian family has seen too much of the Engback early last year and was forced to discontinue the game, however, lish game to forget it that fast.

Perhaps St. F. X., already famous this year he has stated that "everything is ready to go." Greer assured his position by two outstanding for her rugger teams, will become even more renowned by her Can-

performances in the playoffs against Shearwater last year, which incidentally were his first games of Canadian football. Maradian football squads.
With all this talk, however,
Father Hogan is the first to point out that Canadian Football can't be developed overnight. As was cell Plourde a veteran with four years at the tackle slot rounds out pointed out in the editorial col-umns of the Xaverian several weeks ago, "...it takes time and the list. The backfield has proven to be as effective as the quintet which weeks ago, "... it takes time and a lot of time to piece together a combination well versed in the which are inherent in the Navy. One is the loss of trained players due to drafts to other ships and establishments. Duty comes first in the Royal Canadian Navy and no attempt is made to stop drafts for the sake of the football team.

weeks ago, "... it takes time and a lot of time to piece together a combination well versed in the Canadian some of the familiar faces are fundamentals of the Canadian game. For those who have never seen the game played before, it is useless expecting to see long sixty yard passes and triple reverses in the opening encounter. But the break must be made . . ."

weeks ago, "... it takes time and a lot of time to piece together a was fielded last year, although some of the familiar faces are flive year man, smooth working seen the game played before the season progresses.

With the emphasis placed in speed, Keith King has had fine success in teaching the new Oklawas chosen as the most valuable player in the league two years ago. Halfback Nip Theakston still zigs their size.

who forgets his cues or the brash newcomer who sweeps the audience with skill and savvy.

However now that the game is over, one thing is certain. Be it Canadian football, English Soccer or the Basque jai alai game, the Blue and Whites lost none of the spirit and determination that has marked their canadian to the spirit and determination that has capital their canadian to the spirit and determination that has capital their canadian football. With these thoughts in mind, the following observations were made.

A single glance at the number of consequently, racking up an impressive total of points during the campaign. Fullback John Nichols and Half Dave Bryson, both in their fourth season are running of the key positions would be ocor the Basque jai alai game, the Blue and Whites lost none of the spirit and determination that has marked their sporting career from Dolbeau, Quebec to Donkin, Cape

Region of the season are running well. Tricky Gordon McConnell, who has been in and out of Canadriving linesmen as Ken McLaren and Don Lyons provided the Dal Region. The backfield.

forced to leave early last year with an injured shoulder and place-kicker de luxe Chuck Mac-Kenzie should go like a house on fire from the right Half slot. Big Chuck missed quite a bit of last year due to a broken leg contracted in the RMC game but one would never be able to tell by the way that he has been running.

The team has three battle worn ends on its roster. Bob Goss, who does the punting for the team and Hec McInnes (who also fractured very smooth end, and a first string player for the championship team passes for the Tigers. Slippery Dick Gasselman

leading candidate for one of the flying-wing positions QEH quarterbacks Jin Gilmore and Laurie (Hose-Nose) Lovett have seen action during the season. Other backfield positions were halves Gene Chaisson, John Sincair, and Bob Goodfellow, flying-wing Don McLeod and hard-running fullback Bob Findlay.

Contrary to what many people think the team is not a light team, that is, lighter than last year's edition of the Tigers. At the present time the team is in a far superior position than it was in one year ago in respect to conditioning and players and indications are that other players at the University who have played before will

Here is the Opposition Stadacona - Dalhousie

Fredericton (UNB) - On the advent of the first participation of a University of New Brunswick Canadian Football Team in Maritime Final Competition, the Brunswickan is presenting a full page on the Maritime Canadian football scene. Excerpts are included from the Dalhousie Gazette, the Xaverian Weekly, the Halifax Chronicle Herald and the Montreal Star. These clippings represent the general movement by the Maritime Colleges from English Rugger to Canadian Football.

Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia was the first

college in the Maritimes to make the switch in sports that has had repercussions on the rugger scene ever since that memorable date in 1946!

XAVERIANS MAKE FOOTBALL DEBUT

Antigonish (CUP) - The game they played here Saturday marked he end of an era.

Rugby used to reign down here—but it doesn't any more. Saturday rugby had to sit back in the stands with the shivering crowd and watch a newcomer bust in on

St. F. X. and Shearwater Junior Flyers met in the first Canadian football game ever played down here. The recently assembled Xaverian squad upset the Halifax boys 26-12.

The Xaverians grabbed the lead around the five minute mark of the game. Shearwater quarterback Gall faded back for a pass but was tackled before he could get the ball away. Real Daigle of St. F. X. picked up the ball and ran 45 yards for a touchdown. Mel Shea's atempt at the convert missed.

Seized Chance

St. F. X. scored again a few min-utes later. The Xaverian line blocked a Shearwater third-down kick and Stan Smart, flying wing, grabbed the ball and scored. The convert attempt was missed.

Shearwater were using the end run frequently and on one of these plays they lost the ball again and the X Men scored their third ma-

Shearwater scored just after the start of the second half on a safety touch. St. F. X.'s quarterback War-ren Allmand, of Montreal, had one of his third-quarter passes inter-cepted by fullback Stroud, who sped 45 yards up the sidelines for the visitor's first touchdown. The convert vas missed.

On the last play of the third quarter the Xaverians were deep in Shearwater territory. Allmand passed to Denny O'Shaughnessy. ing wing Ian Basse, who was standing across the line. Allmand's touchdown pass made the score 21-7. Stroud of Shearwater intercepted a pass from Albert McCus-ker, Xaverian second string quarterback and raced from midfield to the St. F. X. 15-yard line.

On the next play Gall tossed ; spot-pass to Stroud, who was felled on the one yard line. St. F. X. fullback Kenny Flynn was hurt on the play and had to leave the game with a hip injury. On the next play quarterback Gall went over to make it 21-12 and the convert attempt was missed.

Then came the prettiest run of he game, Following Gall's TD, the the game. Following Gall's TD, the Flyers kicked off. The ball sailed down to the 20, where it was grabbed by St. F. X.'s freshman halfback, Doug Lindley, of Montreal. Lindley tore across the field and then down the sidelines. He got some flawless blocking at midfield and then he was on his own. He dodged several Shearwater players and made it all the way.

Two plays later the game was over with the Xaverians on top

Dalhousie entered into the Halifax and District League to compete with Stadacona Wanderers, and St. Mary's. The league has been the same size ever since, with minor increases, but the turn-over in teams has been of great note in Halifax. Teams represent-ing Dartmouth, Shearwater and Cornwallis have since made their appearance in the league.

New Brunswick has also started

a Canadian Football League in the past few years. Original games were played by Saint Joseph University and teams from Moncton. The league proper was inaugurated the following year and teams from Moncton, Chatham and Fredericton played in a four team league. The present schedule includes teams representing Moncton Trojans, UNB Red Bombers, St. Thomas Tommies and Moncton Tri-Service.

Canadian Football

Takes Top Ladder

Halifax (CUP) — Canadian Football has taken over top position on the Campus spotlight. Since Sept. 16, coach K. V. King has been holding practices on Studley field, and this year, the Tigers are once again expected to field a contending team. For the Tigers, this could well be the year. Entered once again in the Nova Scotla Canadian Football League, the team will face HMCS Stadacona, HMCS Shearwater, and HMSC Cornwallis in this year's competition. Dalhousie is the only civiltion. Dalhousie is the only civilian team in the circuit as Dartmouth dropped out of competition after a rather unspectacular debut last season.

The Dal team is on the same lines as last year. The backfield is fast and strong with such stars as Nip Theakston and Reg Cluney sparking the way. Cluney is quartering the team this year and Theakston is once again the gallop-in' ghost from Studley. Also at practices have been Dave Bryson. The ball bounced out of O'Shaugh- probably the most dependable playnessy's hands into the arms of fly- er for the Tigers in the past years and John Nichols, who enough weight to make him a for midable threat this year. Kicking stars Bob Goss and Charlie Mac-Kenzie have also been practicing continually.

On the line, it appears that depth might be its downfall. How ever, this year's line has seen such hardy players as MacKinnon, Plourde, Thomas, Lyons, and a new heavy — Henderson. Coach King has been concentrating on the line — "the unsung heroes of football," and you can rest assured that what the line might lack in weight is superseded by brains.

Last year, although the Tigers met defeat at the hands of Shearwater's Flyboys, Dalhousie pro duced the most colorful team in the League. What counts more than winning, was the fact that more citizens of Halifax and communities became football con-scious because of such inspiring play. This year the Tigers may meet the same fate as last year as play. far as the league playing goes. At any rate they are probably enter-ing the competition this year holding the fans' respect and admira-tion for inspiring and fair play



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