

# THE MARITIME FOOTBALL SCENE

## 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.

The Halifax Navy football team is undoubtedly the greatest development 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 football players have never played organized football while others have three or four years experience. In any case, they are eager to learn and the coach, Ordnance Lt. Don Loney, has instituted a program of training which fits the players' requirements.

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 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 Grey Cup.

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, Canadian football is coming up in the Maritime Provinces and within the next few years it is expected to reign supreme as a spectator sport. During the current season, a Stadacona-versus-Dalhousie University game drew a crowd which established a record in attendance at Canadian Football games in Halifax.

Other universities in the Maritimes are now considering the development of Canadian Football for the first time. St. Francis Xavier University is expected to enter a team next year in either the Junior or Senior Nova Scotia League. In view of St. Francis 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 contribution to the quality of Canadian Football in Nova Scotia. The increased interest in the Nova Scotia Senior League is expected to draw additional non-service teams into operation, thus creating a permanent basis for the future growth and popularity of Canadian Football. In addition, the Junior Nova Scotia Football League consists of teams 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.

The Stadacona football team has certain minor difficulties to be met 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.

## Thoms Looks to Finals



## DAL Looks Pretty Hot

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 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 league; nor were they in the physical condition that is a prerequisite of any type of football. With these thoughts in mind, the following observations were made.

A single glance at the number of experienced players back for another season of football is to some extent reassuring and dispels the rumors that have been circulating to the effect that most of the key positions would be occupied by new faces. Such hard-driving linemen as Ken McLaren and Don Lyons provided the Dal forward wall with a lot of the necessary drive that makes any 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 Arrows. Dal football fans welcomed the addition of Henderson, who is what the Tiger team needed most of all, and that is a big lineman. Pat Porter, another lineman who hits the scales at 200 lbs., is back for his second year of ball along with Porky McKinnon, a consistently dependable centre with a great deal of experience in this 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 back early last year and was forced to discontinue the game, however, this year he has stated that "everything is ready to go." Greer assumed his position by two outstanding performances in the playoffs against Shearwater last year, which incidentally were his first games of Canadian football. Marcell Plourde a veteran with four years at the tackle slot rounds out the list.

The backfield has proven to be as effective as the quintet which was fielded last year, although some of the familiar faces are missing. Calling the plays is a five year man, smooth working Reg Cluney who has played a lot of good football for the Tigers and was chosen as the most valuable player in the league two years ago. Halfback Nip Theakston still zigs

## 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 Rugby 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 rugby scene ever since that memorable date in 1946!

## XAVERIANS MAKE FOOTBALL DEBUT

Antigonish (CUP) — The game they played here Saturday marked the 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 its territory.

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 faked 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 attempt at the convert missed.

## Seized Chance

St. F. X. scored again a few minutes 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 major.

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

On the last play of the third quarter the Xaverians were deep in Shearwater territory. Allmand passed to Denny O'Shaughnessy. The ball bounced out of O'Shaughnessy's hands into the arms of flying 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 McCusker, Xaverian second string quarterback and raced from midfield to the St. F. X. 15-yard line.

On the next play Gall tossed a 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 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 26-12.

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 turnover in teams has been of great note in Halifax. Teams representing 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 Scotia Canadian Football League, the team will face HMCS Stadacona, HMCS Shearwater, and HMCS Cornwallis in this year's competition. Dalhousie is the only civilian team in the circuit as Dartmouth dropped out of competition after a rather unspectacular debut last season.

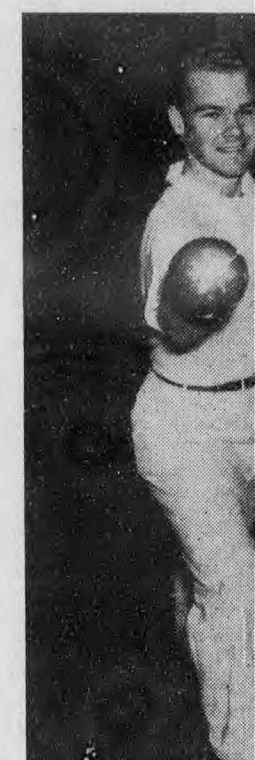
The Dal team is on the same lines as last year. The backfield is fast and strong with such stars as Nip Theakston and Reg Cluney sparking the way. Cluney is quarterbacking the team this year and Theakston is once again the galloping ghost from Studley. Also at practices have been Dave Bryson, probably the most dependable player for the Tigers in the past years, and John Nichols, who has added enough weight to make him a formidable threat this year. Kicking stars Bob Goss and Charlie MacKenzie have also been practicing continually.

On the line, it appears that depth might be its downfall. However, 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 produced the most colorful team in the League. What counts more than winning, was the fact that more citizens of Halifax and communities became football conscious because of such inspiring play. This year the Tigers may meet the same fate as last year as far as the league playing goes. At any rate they are probably entering the competition this year holding the fans' respect and admiration for inspiring and fair play.

# UNB

St. Thom  
UNB St  
UNB FENC



Bo Barter and Jac  
Fredericton (UNB) —  
training was climaxed by  
the University of New  
fencing team left for  
fencing championships

# Walke

Suggest the R  
Clothing at  
Right Tim



STAR STUDENT —  
"A" for effort. The  
breasted slim line s  
under-graduate favor  
tip shoes; socks pla  
terned; tattersal v  
narrow brim, taper  
hat are all O.K.

NEW FALL  
SUITS  
TOPCOAT  
OVERCOAT  
HATS - GLOVES -  
Walker's  
29 Steps from Queen

F  
L  
O  
W  
E  
R  
S  
  
TRIT  
"YO  
298 KING STREET

Because  
"They won't let  
you wear it  
unless it fits"

## GAIETY MEN'S SHOP

554 Queen St  
"For Those Who Prefer  
Quality"

## "D-COY" RESTAURANT

FINE CUISINE

Counter & Table Service

Phone 5591 — York St.

Established 1889

## FLEMING'S

OF COURSE

HATTERS  
and  
HABERDASHERS

## EXPORT

CANADA'S FINEST  
CIGARETTE

## RICH, DARK CHOCOLATE

# Wilson's BURNT ALMOND

## WITH ROASTED ALMONDS

535 U