

# FOOTBALL FEVER HITS DALHOUSIE

## Tigers Roar Sat. at W.A.A.C.; Two Games for Dal Over Holiday Weekend

By the time that 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 will have to rely on some of the veterans to lead his team in the two approaching weekend games. At the present time the majority of the rookies are not sufficiently acustomed to the style of play that they will encounter in the league; nor are they in the physical condition that is a pre-requisite of any type of football. With these thoughts in mind, the following observations have been made.

### The Veterans

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 should provide 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. Almost certain of being 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 will welcome the addition of Henderson, who is what the Tiger team needs 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 thinks that everything is ready to go. Greer assured 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.

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## Tiger Prowl

Well, now that the World Series is over, Dal students can turn their interests to a sport more suitable for this time of year. This Saturday at Wanderers the Dalhousie Canadian Football team meets up with the champion Shearwater Flyers, who, incidentally, didn't do much flying in their last game against Stadacona. Then on Thanksgiving Day Dal will play Cornwallis Cougars here at Studley.

Despite Shearwater's loss to Stadacona, they are a tough team, and the Tigers will have to turn in a good performance to come away with a victory. The team has the skill and, equally important, the spirit, to bring about this upset. They have been practicing daily since the middle of September and should be all set to give Shearwater a stiff run for their money on Saturday.

This brings us to the important question of spectator support, without which even the New York Yankees (those lucky loons) couldn't win. Let's see to it that Dalhousie fans make their presence known both at Wanderers on Saturday and at Studley on Monday.

As most of you probably know, the other three teams in the league besides Dalhousie are Shearwater, Stadacona and Cornwallis. On last Saturday, Stadacona showed that they are going to be a team to contend with as they humbled the Shearwater Squad 30-12. Using a split-T formation their speedy backs raced through holes in the Shearwater defence almost at will. Scott Henderson, one of the mainstays of the Dalhousie squad for the past few seasons, played heads up ball for Stadacona and scored one touchdown on a sparkling 30 yard run. Stadacona, who three years ago ruled the roost in Canadian Football, seem set for a determined try for the league championship.

Shearwater up to now have been using the same style of attack as they used to great advantage last year—an attack which features long end runs, short "buttonhole" passes, the occasional long pass and, of course, "Moose" Hills on line bucks. If Dalhousie can set up a good pass defence for the short pass, they should be able to stop the Shearwater machine.

Dal's other opponent, Cornwallis, cannot be counted out of the picture, in spite of their losses to both Stadacona and Shearwater. The boys from Deep Brook picked up towards the end of last season and may once again assert themselves in the last half of the schedule.

All this points to the fact that we should see some good football this fall, with Dal in the thick of it as usual. —A.S.

## Dal's Smart Uniform To Be Displayed Saturday

It's football time again—and once again the famed Tigers from Dalhousie will be prouncing around Studley Field. Saturday, the Bengals will open their season at WAAC Grounds at 2:30, when the Shearwater Flyers, Champions of last year, will provide the opposition. On Monday, Thanksgiving Day, the scene will revert to Studley Campus, when Cornwallis Cougars will tackle Dal.

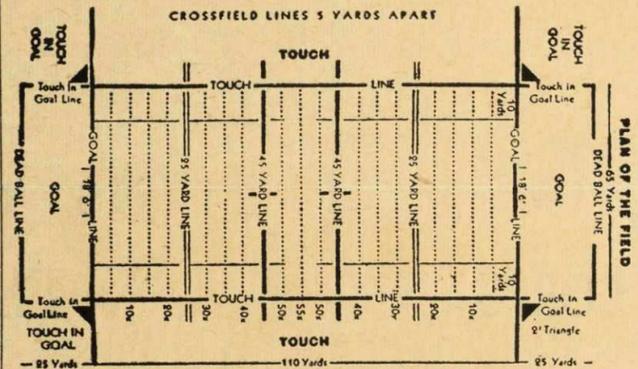
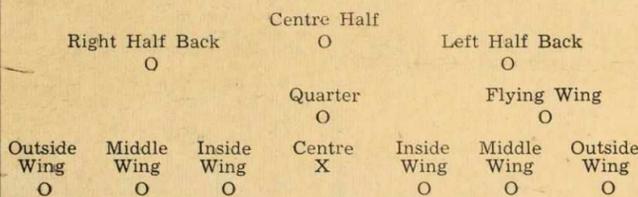
This year the appearance of the team will be completely changed. No longer will they be

tirely different and dazzling uniforms of gold and black. An entirely different and dazzling uniform will be displayed. Their sweaters are white with large black numbers. Each position will have a characteristic first digit. For example, all the ends will be wearing from 81-85. The sleeves, although white, will have two narrow black bands with a wide gold band in the centre. The helmets are gold with a black strip down the centre, while the pants are black and skin tight.

## WATCH HIM MATES— HE'S MAD



### POSITIONS



## N. S. F. L. SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Home Team	Opponent	Time
October	10	Dalhousie	vs Shearwater	WAAC 2:30
	12	Cornwallis	vs Dalhousie	DAL 2:30
	17	Shearwater	vs Cornwallis	CORN 2:15
		Stadacona	vs Dalhousie	DAL 2:15
	24	Dalhousie	vs Stadacona	WAAC 2:15
November	31	Dal	vs Cornwallis	CORN 2:15
		Stadacona	vs Shearwater	WAAC 2:15
	7	Cornwallis	vs Stadacona	WAAC 2:15
	11	Shearwater	vs Dalhousie	DAL 2:15
	14	SEMI-FINALS		2:00
	21	FINALS		2:00

## FOOTBALL COMMENTARY

by George Travis, Sports Editor

*Editor's Note:* This is the first of a series of four articles on Canadian Football. These articles are written in the interests of those students who know very little about the game. They are in no way supposed to be written by an expert, and criticism based on such supposition is unwarranted.

For the past several seasons, the chief fall sport at Dalhousie has been Canadian Football. Canadian Football is a cross between English Rugby and American Football, yet in the past few years, it has developed an almost Canadian character. Nevertheless, rugged terms such as rouge, and three points for a field goal, are still found in the Canadian game. The American game has given Canadian Football the forward pass and blocking and many other offensive and defensive tactics.

Like any other game, football has a playing area. This is called the playing field with its main dimensions being 110 yards in length by 65 yards in width. The lines marking the sides of the field are called the *touch lines* while the lines marking the ends of the field are known as the *goal lines*. The ball is immediately dead once it has touched the *touch lines*, and a major score, worth five points, is scored when a player has crossed the *goal lines*, with the ball, either via a ground route or via the pass route. The goal area is bounded by the *goal lines*, two lines parallel to them called the *dead-lines*, and the continuations of the *touch lines* extended beyond the *goal lines*. The field of play is divided into divisions of five yards with each *five yard line* being parallel to the *goal lines*. Each ten yards is marked by a marker bearing the number of the particular line. Centre-strip is at the fifty-five yard mark. An aerial appearance of the playing field would thus look like a grid-iron. On the middle of the goal lines, are the goal posts, two upright posts, joined by a cross-bar ten feet from the ground.

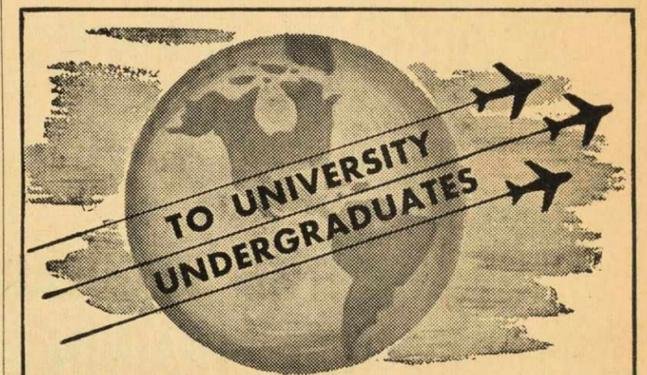
The object of the game is to carry or pass completely, that is having a forward pass caught by a player on your team beyond the goal line, a ball with a somewhat "pointed-egg" shape. The major score is called a *touch down*. After each T.D., a convert attempt is made. This is usually a place-kick from the opponents five-yard line. However, any play, such as passing or running can also be attempted. For a convert, from the place-kick position, the ball must be kicked through the uprights and over the cross-bar. *One point* is given for a success convert.

The time of a football game is sixty minutes. This is divided into four fifteen minute quarters, called 1st, 2nd, etc. The first half comprises the first two quarters, the final half—the last two. The amount of yardage required for a first down is ten yards. If the team fails, then the ball is taken over by the other team.

Twelve men comprise a team. These can be divided into two groups; the line with seven players, and the back field with five. On the line are two ends, two tackles, two guards, and a centre or snap. In the backfield are the quarter, flying wing, two halves, and a full back. The backfield carries the ball while the line blocks and opens holes for the blocks to carry the ball through.

The officials in a Canadian game are the referee, who carries a whistle, the umpire with a horn, and the linesman. The referee issues the penalties, while the umpire looks for offensive and defensive line action. The linesman calls offside plays and watches for fouls in the line play.

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