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Dalhousie rugby club has winning weekend

by Jim Goran

The Dalhousie Rugby Club improved its season record to 3-0 with a pair of victories on the weekend.

On Saturday, Dal defeated the 1991 league champions Mt. Allison, by a score of 25-0. Sunday saw the DRC thrash Acadia 41-5.

Saturday's game against Mt. Allison was a rematch of the 1991

university league final. The DRC was determined to revenge last year's defeat in the final. The game, played under perfect conditions, was an extremely tense affair. Both teams spent much of the early going feeling each

other out, looking for any weakness that could be exploited. However, with two disciplined and experienced teams, there was very little to exploit. The close and careful play was reflected in the half-time score of 3-0 in Dalhousie's favor.

Dalhousie play rugby the way the game was meant to be played; no individual stars but a complete team effort from beginning to end. The Dalhousie backfield completely shut down the Acadia attack. Dalhousie's inside center John "Simple" Simon played a key defensive role. Glavin scored 11 of Dal's 41 points and outside center Frank Stanley chalked up two tries for a total of 10 points.

Over the three games so far this season, Dalhousie has proved to be the dominant side in the league, scoring 107 points for, versus 5 points against. The DRC appears hungry to win the Nova Scotia and Maritime Championships this season and should do so if they maintain their current level of play and stay focused. Dalhousie's next game is an exhibition match against Heriot-Watt University from Scotland. Due to a scheduling problem with Studley Field, this game will be played on the Halifax Commons at noon on October 3.

Early in the second half, Dal team captain Tony "Bigfoot" Glavin kicked a 3 point penalty that raised the lead to 6-0. Glavin had a total of 10 points for the day, and played his usual superlative game at stand-off. Ashley Redmond scored the first try of the game on a penalty play from the Mt. Allison one-yard line, making the score 11-0. Shortly thereafter, Redmond made a brilliant tackle on a Mt. Allison winger who seemed destined to score. The tackle deflated the Mt. Allison team and the DRC took control of the game. Frank Stanley and Conrad Pilditch each scored a try. Both were converted by Glavin, to round out the scoring at 25-0.

Sunday's game against Acadia saw

Push to shove in Men's Soccer

by Angel Figueroa

So it's Week Three of men's soccer and the Atlantic League is well under way. A rather weird schedule gave our boys a recent hiatus from all the action (with a ten day break after the last game) but you can be sure they haven't been idle. On the agenda has been a flurry of intense practice sessions in order to prepare for an upcoming binge of three games in only five days.

In the meantime, there were some interesting adjustments in the league standings, as push has come to shove and the weaker ones are being cut out of the herd. Dal remains the only undefeated squad with two wins and zero ties, but a busy Saint Mary's team has bounced back into the foray after being routed 4-0 by Dal in the season-opener. It posted three consecutive wins against the University of Prince Edward Island (6-0), Acadia (2-0), and Memorial (5-1), and now sits atop the East Division standings ahead of Dal. Having established itself, it now awaits in anticipation for the outcome of Dal's three games.

Dal coach Ian Kent was quick to respond to the recent success of the cross-town rivals. "It's interesting from a spectator's point of view, but really,

the scores are irrelevant. They affect us in no way, shape, or form. In fact, SMU's recent success is no surprise; it merely points at their opponents' inability to deal with their two CSL strikers [George Kyreakakos and Peter MacIntosh]. These two are very dangerous, but the other teams simply weren't able to handle them defensively."

Another team that has found its form is the University of New Brunswick, currently leading the West Division, after collecting three wins, a loss, and a tie. But the West has showed little consistency in its scores, leading some to believe the division is weaker than the East and unimportant in the final shape of things.

"It would be very dangerous to think that," stresses Kent. "In fact, I'd say the opposite is true. Four solid teams are vying for only two playoff berths in that division. It is a stronger division and none of those teams [U.N.B., University of Prince Edward Island, L'Université de Moncton, and Mount Allison] can be taken lightly."

The precaution is timely, as a road trip this weekend will include a back-to-back showing against two of those teams - L'Université de Moncton on Saturday, then Prince Edward Island on Sunday. But first Dal hosts Saint

Francis Xavier on Wednesday (just as the Gazette goes to print), for a game which, in all likelihood, should be victorious. Then it's off to the West to do a bit of real pushing and shoving.

"Moncton was very talented last year, and this year they'll be better, judging by their new acquisitions, and so they will provide a good challenge. Then P.E.I. will be a very rough game. I'm hoping this will provide the form from which the team can solidify the direction it wants to take for the remainder of the year. By the end of the weekend, I hope we have some questions answered and very few yet to answer."

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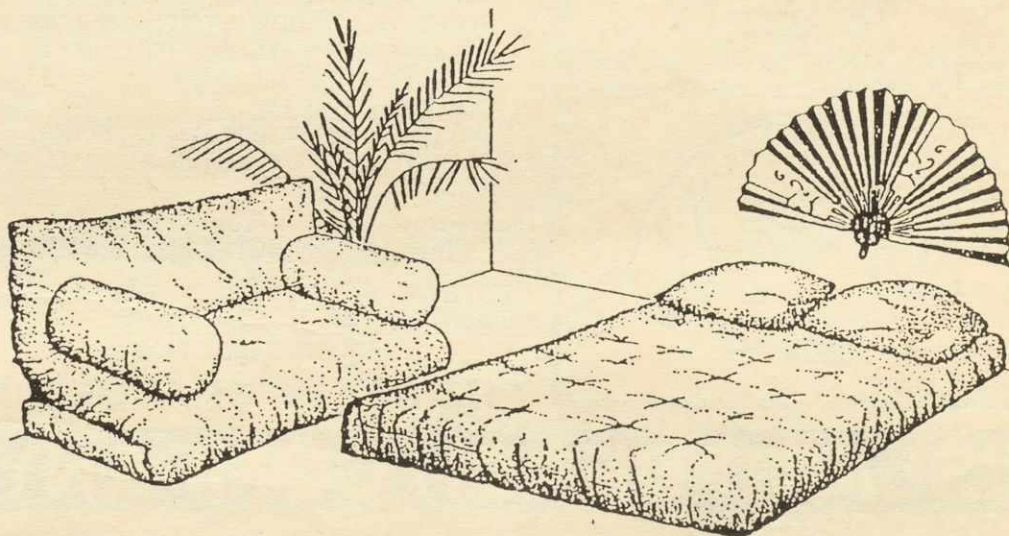
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