

Football Tigers end on a low note

by Joel Fournier

Once again the Tigers failed in their bid to improve their record in Intercollegiate Football play. The latest defeat came at the hands of a surprisingly strong UNB team who finished their season with a 3-3 win-loss record - a respectable accomplishment that Dal had hoped to duplicate but couldn't quite manage.

It has been a disappointing season for the Football team and their loyal fans. After a tough but successful training camp optimism ran high that this could be a big season for the Tigers. The first game against Mt. Allison did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm. However, key injuries to fullback-Punter, Gord Selinger, Quarterback Bob Monyk and Tight-End Tim Hogan affected the club to the point where the offense, after that first game never really got rolling again.

In the second game at Acadia the roof caved in and the dream of a winning season was shattered. The rest is history now, but you can bet that the lessons learned won't be lost on rookie Head Coach Bob Thayer and his staff.

The next few weeks will see some very significant decisions being made regarding Football at Dal and for that matter throughout the whole league. Proponents of a two tier system will be lobbying hard to have their point of view aired before the decision makers. Still others, who feel that it is ridiculous that a university with an enrollment the size of Dal's can't compete at the top level, will be striving just as hard to make their point felt.

There is yet a third group who feel that Football should be dropped completely and no doubt they will be attempting to have their voices heard. Fortunately, this latter contingent are a distinct minority and as yet have little support for their extreme position.

I guess there is one more group to be heard from and I must confess that I'm an advocate to this view. What I, and many others like me would like to see is Dal stay in Football and continue to play against all the teams but only if they can be truly competitive. Just because we have a large enrollment, it doesn't necessarily follow that we have a lot of good Football players. To have a good Football team at Studley it has become obvious that we will have to go out and promote our program. If we can bring in top caliber athletes through promotion without violating C.I.A.U. regulations we can be competitive.

This past season saw the beginning of a promotional scheme, a scheme that met with limited success. One year is not really enough of a trial to truly judge this plan. Our promotional efforts must be significantly heightened so that positive results will be quickly forthcoming. This can be done without violating any regulations whatsoever either by the letter or spirit. It will probably cost the university a little more money in the short term, but future returns, if the plan is successful will more than make up for it.

This might look like I'm advocating maintaining the *status quo*, a position that I found fault with just a short time ago in similar article, believe me, it is anything but. Maintaining the present position would see our coaches setting forth in search of talent on a very limited budget, within a very limited time period. This will not work, now or ever at least not while other schools are beating the bushes for months offering monetary and other inducements to prospective stars.

There is one more thing to consider and that is the fate of the C.I.A.U. There is the possibility that that body could be nearing its end. Granted, this is still a fairly remote possibility, but it certainly isn't inconceivable. If that event should occur, the problem arises as to how to control recruiting practices in our own league. The CIAU guidelines, while partially ignored by certain teams still impose a semblance of restraint on even the most blatant violators. With these restrictions gone, recruiting could come to resemble that practiced by American College teams - a can of worms that no sane person would ever hope for.

I mention this only as a caution to those that would see Dal go all out and recruit by offering money and the like. I must make it clear that I see a great difference between recruiting and promotion. I look on recruiting as a violation of present regulations even though these regulations are vague and not especially well defined. I look on promotion as operating within the rules as they are written plus "staying within their intent." But, if we are going to promote, we must promote to the full extent that the rules allow. This we haven't done for various reasons during the past few years. However, it is imperative, from my point of view that we do it now.

Before I end this article, I must apologize to Doug Ransom for

failing to mention that he was playing his last home game against PEI two weeks ago. My comments about the other "last year" players certainly apply to Doug as well. If he had chosen to attend a different University there is little doubt that his ability would have gained much

greater recognition. It was our good fortune that he came to Dal and I hope he can find some consolation in the fact that even though he didn't have much chance to gain national prominence his efforts were deeply appreciated by us all.

Track successful

Dalhousie University won the AIAA mens cross country championship on the weekend. This marked the fourth consecutive year they have won the championship. With this victory, the team now advances to the National Finals to be held at Victoria, B.C. on November 8th.

Under ideal conditions the team took command of the race from the outset, and by the half way point there was little doubt of the final outcome. Pat Theriault, following in the tradition of former Dal stars, took individual honors. This was sweet revenge for Pat as he had lost two previous races to U.N.B.'s best, but clearly proved he was number one in this race. U.N.B. runners took the next two spots, but after that the depth of the Dal team showed through as they took the next four positions. Randy "Smiley" Bullerwell, one of four freshmen on the team, ran a strong last mile to grab fourth spot. George

Piccott, in his last season with the team, set the early pace and more or less got the team moving, took fifth position. Bill Llay, also in his last year, and Brian McKinley, established their positions early and maintained a good, steady pace throughout, and finished 6th and 7th respectively. Only 35 seconds separated our fourth and seventh men. Don Quance in 13th position and Bruce Patterson finishing 18th rounded out the Dal team. Final team results showed Dal with 23, U.N.B. with 32 and Memorial 95.

This weekend the team will be in Antigonish, where the Atlantic Open Championships are being staged. This meet will be good preparation for the team before they head west as this will have all the top runners from the Atlantic Provinces. A team championship here would clearly establish Dal as the top cross country team in the area.

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workers take their breaks when they want to, and not when someone else orders them to, because they are their own bosses. The workers of each factory make all the decisions regarding production estimates, goals, and tea-breaks.

Unfortunately, the presentation suffered a little from too much straight note reading, too few slides and a general unpreparedness when it came to the question period. After the formal lecture some of the audience left--apparently not interested in the question period that followed the organized part of the show.

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