

# RUGBY TIGERS TRIM GLACE BAY

## PROS AND CONS

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Asquiring the position of sports writer for one issue is quite alien to this corner but an attempt will be made to keep it per usual. Although the laws of heredity may govern many characteristics of an individual, it is actually environment which molds the sports writer. Joe Levison, your absent columnist, is a graphic illustration of such a statement. (I say graphic because when one meets Joe for the first time, one sums him up by plotting part by part.) Joe is a sportswriter. His environment fashioned him as one. In his youth while most others were engaged in idle pranks, Joe spent most of his time swinging on dangling particples; or on some afternoons you may have found him in his backyard splitting infinitives. Another environmental factor is the ability to acquire and consume all the facts and gab about the various sports. Joe was able to consume all the sports knowledge available and it also appears that he digested them quite well, thus when Joe writes his column he has unlimited resources.

The football season is over for Dalhousie. Last Friday, our team played and lost to the power-packed Wanderers on a field that would be better termed, "Dry cleaners delight" rather than Redland Park, as rain and ground got together and muddled things up. That game was expected to be light calisthenics for the opposition but it was not until the final gun that they were positive of victory. For a team that had nothing to gain, Dalhousie displayed a spirit of blood and guts that awed the Wan-

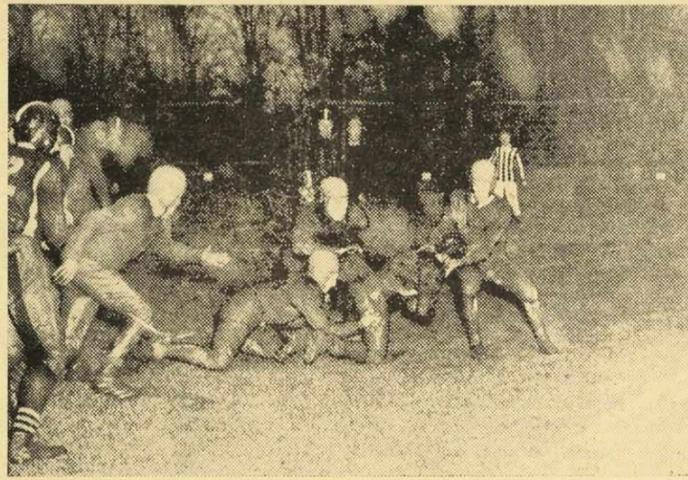
derers and as a result at half-time the score was tied 5-5.

The second half ended and with it the game; the score was 16-6 for them but in the minds of every Dal player, it was Dal who won. Whatta team, what spirit—and what a scare we gave them.

And let's say "what a coach". Here is a man who came to Dal burning with ambition and even though encountering innumerable difficulties he kept it alive. He had trouble finding suitable practice grounds; had budget trouble—lost so many of his players that he had difficulty in dressing a complete squad. Nevertheless his faith in the school and team charged the air about him and like ionic magic, he oxidized every player with that same faith and fervor.

His coaching history is a record of tough luck; near misses; moral victories and character building. Tough luck — when he lost some key players; near misses—when he lost by score like 7-5; moral victories,—as in the game on Friday, when the underdogs suddenly turned vicious; character building—as he set a great example by his kindness, gentlemanly manner and encouragingly. Even in defeat, he was proud of his team. Some skeptics may say that, "Team pride" is the synonym for naivete during the losing season; but, they are quite wrong. His pride for the team not only came from words but from the way he gave personal attention and interest to each player. The team learned that a coach doesn't need to yell at them to make them try harder.

Again, whatta coach! Whatta man!



Donny Harrison plunges for 15 yards before being stopped on the Wanderers' 27-yard line by two of the Redmen's stars, Johnny Young and Pete Feron. Following up on the play are Hugo Jones, Rusty McLean, and Tommy Belliveau of the Tigers.

## BENGALS GO DOWN FIGHTING AS WANDERERS WIN FINAL GAME 16-6

Playing their last game of the season, Dal's fighting Tigers went down to a high-flying Wanderers Twelve 16 to 6 at Redland Park last Friday. A crowd of about 400, who sat through a steady downpour, witnessed the game of the year. The win shot Wanderers into first place while the Tigers were imbedded deeper into the cellar.

Dave Nickerson kicked off to

open the game. Bringing the ball down on his own 25 yd. line, Johnny Young of Wanderers ran 85 yds. through the entire Dal team for a touchdown. The convert attempt was unsuccessful, though Wanderers led 5 to 0. The fans, while still recovering from Young's sensational run, saw Dal boomerange back into the ball game on the following three plays. Wanderers kicked and Dal ran the ball back to the 50. Andy Mackay on a quarterback sneak broke through for 45 yds. With 15 yds. between Dal and pay-dirt the Tiger backfield tried an end run but could only gain 1 yard. Then Andy Mackay cradled a pass in K. Fancy's arms who was standing in pay territory for the touchdown. George Mattison's attempted convert was blocked and the score was deadlocked at 5-all.

The second quarter proved equally as interesting. Both teams battled for territory. Finally Dalhousie's 135 lb. keg of dynamite—Donnie Harrison—exploded. Time and again he slipped through the Wanderers line bringing Dal twice to the Wanderers 1 yd. line. But on each occasion the burly Red line held. The Redmen then took over. Young, Feron and Graves ran the ball to the Tigers 8 yd. line where Feron took a handoff from Young and slipped under the Goal-line for a T.D. Feron completed the convert shunting Wanderers into a 11 to 5 lead. However Dal never ceased to press and missed a major as Fancy standing in the clear failed to catch Jannigan's 45 yd. pass at the end of the half.

## Break 20 Season Jinx By 2-0 Win

Through snow and rain the Dalhousie Tigers English Rugby squad sped to a 2-0 victory over the Glace Bay Legionaires, for their first win over the Cape Breton champions since 1929, when the Bengals made a clean sweep of Maritime football.

The exhibition encounter, scheduled for Armistice Day, was postponed until Saturday afternoon because of heavy rains, and even then was played in driving wind and sleet. Despite weather conditions, the Tigers played inspired ball and were close to paydirt on numerous occasions.

Gordy McCoy, of the football half-coys, came back from a second-half injury to lead the squad to victory with a 35-yard field-goal. He was by far the most outstanding player on the field.

At the opening whistle the Tigers swept into Glace Bay territory, but after a brilliant run by Captain "Foo" Grant, the Legionaires kicked from their 5-yard line to send the play back to mid-field. Led by Freddy Laphen, the Dal squad plunged back time after time, but were foiled by the deadly tackling of Adshade and the booming kicks of big "Red" O'Dell.

The Legionaires started strong in the second half as Curry and Adshade came close to scoring on short sneaks around the scrum, but after three minutes the Tigers took over and Laphen, Morrison, and Delory carried the ball to the Cape Bretoners' 5 yard line.

Then came the play of the season. McCoy ghosted his way out of a mix-up, ran back, then turned and drop-kicked the oval through a maze of players. The ball sailed straight and true, and split the uprights, 35 yards away, to put the Black and Gold into the lead, 2-0.

The Tigers really began to roll as McCoy and Morrison teamed up to make deep forays into Legion territory, but were stopped short of paydirt. In the last two minutes the Bay boys carried the ball to the Tigers 10 yard line in a last ditch effort to save the game, but the Dal scrum, led by Archibald and Jardine, rose to the heights as they stopped the Legionaires cold, and McCoy booted to center field as the final whistle sounded.

## Hoopsters Trounce Grads 71-36 As MacDonald Scores 23 Points

Demonstrating superb floor play and smooth ballhandling the Dal Tiger's Intermediate Basketball team overpowered a hapless Navy aggregation 71 to 36 at the Dal Gym Thursday night, Nov. 10.

For the Tigers, Mason MacDonald was high scorer with 23 points. Right behind him in the scoring parade was Scotty Morrison with 13, followed by Connely and Coe with 12 each, Mahon with 11 and Patten-don, 10.

Connely with his ball handling, and the all around work of guards Scott Henderson and Andy MacKay stood out for the Tigers. Mason MacDonald was the main cog in the victory machine, pacing his team throughout the entire second half.

From their showing to date against the other teams in the league, the Tiger's quintet are favored to cop the League Title again this year.

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