

DALHOUSIE Gazette SPORTS



DAL FOOTBALL CLIMAXES NEXT SAT.

Stad Takes Crown 39-0; Tigers Downed Offensively

Dalhousie University's Tigers said farewell to football in the Nova Scotia Senior Canadian Football League in '53 Saturday at Wanderers' Ground as the Tigers were trounced 39-0 in a final playoff game with H.M.C.S. Stadacona. Stad, powered through the hapless Tigers and thus regained the Purdy Cup, emblematic of N.S.C.F.L. football supremacy. Stadacona had been without the cup for two years as Dal and Shearwater held the trophy for the past two seasons respectively. The game as far as Dalhousie was concerned, was a bitter disappointment. The Tigers had gone into the game feeling confident and thinking that they had a good chance to upset the powerful Stad team. After four quarters of football, however, Stadacona had given the Tigers quite a different view.

In the first quarter, the Tigers tackled hard and threw Stad star Hayes for several losses. Fumbles, however, were once again the Dalhousie downfall. On first Dal offensive move, Cluney fumbled the ball and Stad took over. After holding the tars fairly well, the Dal team had a lapse for a short period of play. It was all Stad needed as Hayes ground his way for the T.D. McSweeney, the kicking star, booted the convert. Dal roared back, but were beaten offensively in the quarter as they were all through the game. A 50-yd. kick found the ball in MacConnell's arms and the back was promptly hit for a rouge.

The second quarter was much the same, with Dal once again tackling hard, but again being beaten by a superior defensive team. Tiger offensives were bottled up before the backs had even crossed the line. After a long offensive, Stad's Hayes again took the ball to score a major. It too was converted and Dal hopes sank farther into the cellar. On the prettiest run of the afternoon, Moore picked up the ball and sped around right end. Running into Bryson at this point, the weaving Stad back, back-pedalled and skirted down the right touch-lines for a touchdown. At half, the score read 19-0 in favor of the Stad team.

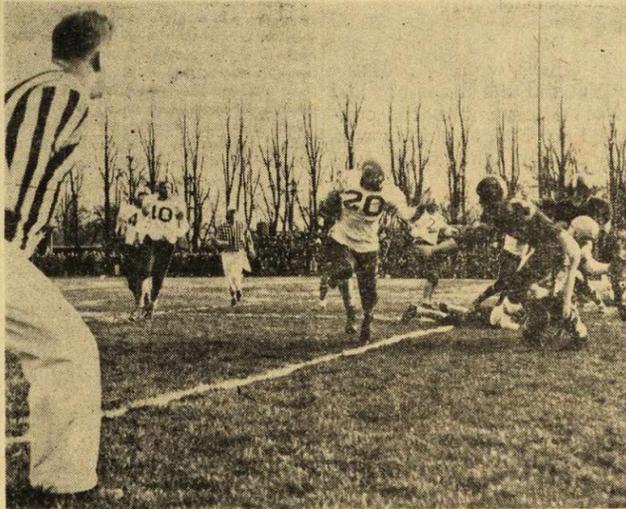
FOOTBALL SATURDAY UNB -vs- DAL

In the third quarter, the play continued to be uninspired. Dal were promptly shoved into their fifteen yard zone, where play was confined all quarter. Stad, however, could not get any closer to the one-yard line. The Dal line, playing their best defensive ball of the season in this quarter, stopped all the Stad backs. Hayes was the only one who could get anywhere, and even he could not dent the Tiger defence. Once again, the Dal team was outplayed offensively, as Stad's defence pounced on the hapless offensive Tigers. Blocks became a thing of the past, but what hurt the Dal team was not the inadequate blocking, but the slowness of the backs.

The fourth quarter saw the Tigers curl up and hibernate. After playing a hard game defensively and after seeing the backs hit the holes too slowly, and after seeing the backs fumble on kicks, the Dal line caved in. Cluney shifted on purpose to move the Dal boys out to the twenty-five. From this point a pass defence was opened up, but Stad promptly intercepted four of the Dal passes. A rouge sent Stad's score farther up the ladder. On an interception, Johnson raced to Stad's fourth T.D. Minutes later, Hayes had struck again and minutes after his third T.D., the league's high scorer and most valuable player had carried four Dal players across for his fourth major. The convert was blocked and the scoring had ended. Stad had taken the championship 39-0.

To Don Loney and his team we of Dalhousie extend our sincere congratulations. The Stad team, a weak team last year, deserves all the credit for a brilliant season. Undoubtedly their team was the best in the league, and the strongest ever to appear in Nova Scotia. Football has taken a tremendous jump because of their brilliant single wing formation. Dalhousie on the other hand deserves a lot of credit for even placing in the finals. Dal had a green team and were working out of a dangerous Split T formation. The Split T perhaps did not work as well as it might have this year, but it too can be just as brilliant as the single wing.

Nichols in High Gear



Pictured above is hard driving "Gigi" Nichols, going around right end for a Tiger gain. (Photo by Cowan).

U.N.B. Visits Dal for MIAU Championship, Sat. at 2:00

Football is not yet over at Dalhousie. Although the Tigers have finished with football in the N.S.C.F.L. for '53, the biggest game of the year will be on tap for next Saturday. At 2.00, Dalhousie's Tigers take the field at Studley against the University of New Brunswick's Red Bombers. The game will be for the Maritime Inter-Collegiate Canadian Football crown, and will be played under MIAU rules. The playing field for this, the first of the Maritime Inter-Collegiate football playoffs will fittingly be Dal's Studley Field. Dalhousie is the oldest playing college in the Maritimes as far as Canadian football goes and as such it is only fitting that the first Inter-Collegiate play-off be between a Dal team and on a Dal field.

Due to MIAU rules, which state in part that post graduates are ineligible to play in Inter-Collegiate sports, the Tigers will present quite a change in lineup. Quarter Reg Cluney will be ineligible for play and end Bob Goss, playing his second year with the Tigers, will be moved over the line to the quarterback position. Sharing duties with Bob, will be Dal's auxiliary quarter this year, Laurie "the hose-nose" Lovett. Centre MacKinnon of the Tigers first string line will also be ineligible and centre will probably be filled by Harper. MacConnell in full back position, MacLeod at flying wing, and Smith at tackle are the other ineligible players. Coach King will play his two half-backs, Bryson and Theakston at flying wing. Bryson, a dependable player on any team has a good knowledge as a flying wing and the "Nipper" is expected to share duties with him. Considerable line changes will also be made and some new players may take the field Saturday.

The Dal Tigers will likely field a strong team, despite this juggling. U.N.B. on the other hand will also be expected to field a powerhouse. The Bombers were defeated by the St. Thomas' team in the New Brunswick finals.

Dal on the other hand, will be out to revenge a humiliating defeat last Saturday, and the Tigers roar should be heard next Saturday. Lovett and Goss can both throw passes, so look for a faster Dal team. It all adds up to an exciting climax in football at Dalhousie this year. Although the Tigers did not set the league on fire, they still deserve your support. Admission will be the same as all games at Studley, 25c for students with presentation of Council Cards and 50c for outsiders. Game time is 2.00 at Studley, Saturday, Dalhousie vs U.N.B.

A Look at The N. S. C. F. L.

The football season is over and once again the Tigers have failed to bring home the Purdy Trophy.

As usual we shall hear again all those annual complaints from those unknowing individuals to the effect that the Dal Tigers should never have entered such a league because the competition is a mite over their heads. For the benefit of those who have this warped philosophy the following comments have been penned.

Stadacona has won the championship for six out of eight years. For the first five years of the league's existence they pranced untouched to the title. But for the past three years they have had a veritable struggle, even during the present year. What is the explanation for this better showing on the part of the other football clubs? Is it because the game which was introduced eight years ago has finally developed to such an extent that the so-called weaker sisters have now become self-supporting and are not obligated to field inexperienced players to represent them. They have now a system of training for athletes of the future. In this respect Dalhousie is fortunate, for we can draw upon those players being produced in the high schools of Halifax and those who come

from foreign points. Let us hope that it will not be very long before the majority of the Nova Scotian high schools make the switch to the man's game.

One can with ease summarize the depth of the teams in the NSOFL this year, Shearwater had quantity but not the quality; Dalhousie had the quality but alas, not the quantity. Cornwallis had neither while the league winners had both. Every year the situation had improved at Dalhousie. In the past three we have won the league once, have captured the league's most valuable player award twice, and have had the best lineman award once. Over the three year period we have won 14 and lost 10 and have improved each year. Last year in the final game the loser was mashed by the tune of 67 points; this season we lost by 37, and at that we were superior to two other teams in the circuit. Our team is well coached, is supplied with quality equipment and on the field is a credit to the university. Every year the playing conditions become better. This year football at Dalhousie has more than paid for itself, in fact, the Student Council coffers will receive about \$600 more than they expected from this source.

Should be quit now? Heck, no. We're just starting.

Short Story Contest Rules

The following is a reprint of the rules for the short story competition sponsored by NFCUS:

Contest Rules

1. The author must be a member in good standing of a member university, according to NFCUS constitution.
2. Stories must be original and not have been printed in any but student publications.
3. Stories must be not more than 3,000 words in length.
4. Entries may be written in French or English, but English translations must accompany entries to the National Contest.
5. All stories and all rights to same remain the exclusive property of the individual owner. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for return.

6. The names of the winners will be published in each campus paper, and/or town or city newspapers.
7. Stories should be submitted under a pseudonym, the author's name accompanying the story in a sealed envelope bearing the same pseudonym.
8. Member universities may submit two entries at the most to the National Contest.
9. All local winning entries must be submitted to the National Contest by January 1, 1954.
10. Local Contest closes midnight, December 1, 1953.

Manuscript Rules

1. Stories must be typewritten, with double spacing, and 1 1/2" margins.
2. Paper 8 1/2 x 11 must be used.
3. Only one side of the paper may be used.

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