

THE GOING IS TOUGH 18 STRAIGHT LOSSES

By JOEL JACOBSON

Dalhousie's football dozen lengthened their losing streak to 18 games as the 1962 season drew to a close. The Tigers have not won a game since October 15, 1960 when University of New Brunswick was a 26-8 victim. The last win at Studley was two weeks earlier against Mount Allison.

WHY WE LOST

Football coach Joe Rutigliano summed up his team's year with these words -- "they lacked size, experience and fundamentals but certainly not heart." Rutigliano came to Dalhousie in mid-September after spending the greater part of the summer in the training camps of the Toronto Argonauts and Montreal Alouettes. Rutigliano accepted the Dal position realizing partly the job cut out for him but found things worse than anticipated.

He had only half a dozen of last year's team on the roster and the rest were boys with little experience. However, Rutigliano instilled a great enthusiasm for Dal and football in his crew and the enthusiasm still remains eight games later. An example of the desire is shown when the team voted almost unanimously to hold a weight training program for an hour each night of the week during the off-season.

Rutigliano informed the Gazette that he expected all of this year's Tigers to return next fall. A couple are receiving degrees but will be coming back to take post-grad work in order to further their educations, primarily, but also to play football. The coach will be doing some scouting during the next few weeks and will be talking to high schoolers in this area and through Eastern Canada and the Eastern United States.

Only Three Humiliations

It is felt that Dal suffered only three humiliations during the season just ended in comparison to five last year. Coach Rutigliano felt the team could have won five of the eight games they played with a break here and there and with a bit more experience. He cited the UNB game as a prime example. Dal trailed 7-0 in the second quarter with first and goal at the UNB one yard line. Five chances (a penalty helped) couldn't put the ball into the end zone.

Another example was the Shearwater game. Dal surrendered 20 points in the first eight minutes and proceeded to defeat the Flyers 7-6 after that. Against St. Dunstons, Dal were the victors over the last three-quarters. Stadacona killed Dal threats three times within the 10 while subduing the Bengals only 20-1.

The coach feels that on the best day (combining offense and defense) Dal could have won any of those five games.

Rutigliano emphasized that the longest run from scrimmage (excluding kick returns) against Dal was a 67 yard run by Fred Ripley of St. Dunstons in the last game of the season. He also pointed out that his umbrella defense didn't allow one pass to be thrown over it, that is, all passes were kept inside the umbrella.

When asked if he felt that the



1961 VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM — Kneeling (left to right) — Duff Waddell (co-captain), Coach Joe Rutigliano, Wally Clements (co-captain). Front Row (left to right — Dave McMaster, Gord Marler, Ken Dawson, Deke Chapin, Gene Jensen, Ron Worthington, Larry Ward, Tom Hays, Hugh Smith, Jamie Wright. Middle Row (left to right — John St. Armand, Baz Stevens, Ken Abelson, Howie Carty, Jamie Muir, Sam Clowser, Bill Raine, Farrell Shaw, Jim Davidson (manager). Top Row (left to right) — Geoffrey Wilson, Pete McDonough, Dave Precious, Bernie Ungerman, Red MacGillvary, Glen Christoff, Conrad Sarty, Jack Conrad. Missing from photo — Nick Fraser, John MacKeigan. (Photo by Purdy)

Tigers were in over their heads in the AFC, Rutigliano replied that next year Dal should be at .500 and re-emphasized that they could have been at that figure this year with a couple of breaks.

No Offensive Tackles

It was suggested to Rutigliano that his big lack this season was the hard-running fullback who could pick up the three yards when needed on second and three or third and three (or first and goal at the one) but he disagreed. Rutigliano said that the big hole was at offensive tackle. Only one showed up for practise (John Dill) and he was injured during the second game. After that, guards had to play tackle and they were too light. They weren't big enough or strong enough to handle the job.

Cross Country Team Place 3rd

The Dalhousie cross country team finished third in the Maritime Intercollegiate cross country run held at Sackville, N.B. on November 10. Mount Allison University was host for the successful meet.

UNB, led by former Dal student, Mike Noble, captured the cross country run. Noble, and three other teammates, were the first four runners to cross the finish line. Noble led all competitors in the grueling 4.6 mile road race over a hilly Mt. A course. St. Thomas University, from Chatham, N.B., were the runners-up to UNB.

The Week In Sport

Thursday, November 22
Interfac hockey 1-2 p.m. Pharmacy vs Commerce; Skating at the gym 8-10:30 p.m.; Swimming at the UMCA 7-8 p.m.; House Leagues Engineers 7-8 p.m.; Mens Residence 9-10 p.m.

Saturday, November 24
Varsity basketball: Dal vs Schooners 8:15 gym; Badminton Instruction 11:30 at the gym; Bowling at South Park Lanes 3-5 p.m.

Monday, November 26
Interfac hockey 8:30-9:30 Pharmacy vs Law; 9:30 - 10:30 Dentistry vs Science; DGAC night at the gym.

Tuesday, November 27
Recreation Badminton at the gym; Judo at the gym; Skating at the gym 8-10:30 p.m.; Synchronized swim practise 9:45 - 10:45 at the "Y".

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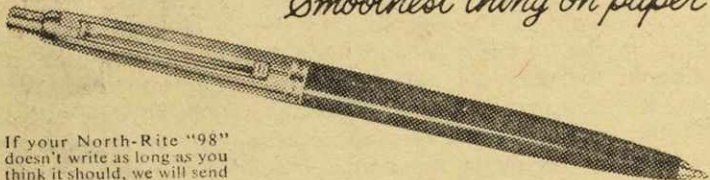
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