

DAL SPORTS



Press Box Views

by Bill Rankin

Dalhousie University male athletes hit an all-time low in their search for glory. Two prime examples cropped up last week in the intercollegiate golf and football competition.

The Maritime Intercollegiate Golf championships were held last weekend in Antigonish, with the host, St. Francis Xavier University the eventual winners. Dalhousie University failed to make an appearance at the meet. This vacant space left by Dalhousie in the golfing wars was not a result of lack of talent—it is a well known fact that Dal boasts several good golfers—rather it was a lack of enthusiasm on the part of the Dal students themselves. Only three golfers were willing to make the jaunt to "X" and four were required to make a complete team. Surely there are four golfers in Dalhousie University who have enough talent to meet intercollegiate standards, which are not exceptionally high.

FOOTBALL PLAYERS ARE PRIME EXAMPLE

After their triumph over H.M.C.S. Stadacona, it was expected that Dalhousie's Tigers (or "pussycats" as they are known in "X") would give the collegians in Antigonish a good battle in their second encounter in the N.S.F.L. Coaches Merv Shaw and Reg Cluney were sadly disappointed when the majority of the players failed to make an appearance at the practises on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday there were enough players to have a scrimmage and, per usual, everybody arrived to make the trip to "X".

It is disappointing to the fans and even more so to the coaches when the players themselves have not the energy to make an appearance at the practices. It is little wonder that the hustling and well-conditioned X-Men slaughtered the Tigers in their two meetings.

INJURIES — IT'S NO WONDER!

One look at the Bengals roster would show a great deal of dislocated shoulders, twisted knees and various other injuries. The reason is very simple—lack of practise results in poor condition, and poor conditioning is usually the direct or indirect cause of most football injuries.

Therefore, it is neither the fault of the coaches nor the fans that Dalhousie is in the doldrums as far as boys sports is concerned. It is the lack of initiative on the part of the students who are gifted with sports ability.

Only one remedy can cure this fatal disease, and that is more enthusiasm on the part of the players. With a little spirit and drive, the football team might be able to turn the tide and change from the "pussycats" they were at Antigonish to the "Tigers" they CAN be at Dalhousie.

BENGALS DOWN X, 2-1 IN SOCCER OPENER

by HUGH FRASER

In the opening game of the Nova Scotia Intercollegiate Soccer League at Antigonish, the Dalhousie Tigers came from behind in the second half to nose out St. Francis Xavier University, 2-1. The win put the Tigers in a strong position for their second straight Nova Scotia title, since the Xaverians are their staunchest rivals.

In the first half, neither team had the advantage, as both sides strove to get the all-important first goal. Playing against the wind, the Tigers were unable to come up with a formidable attack, but at the same time the strong defensive work of Anthony, Leach and Kemp kept the "X" forwards from getting organized. Finally, at about the three-quarter mark of the period, the St. F.X. left halfback lifted a long shot from just inside the centre stripe, and, gaining momentum with the wind, it carried to the Dal goal. Lou Anthony tried to knock the ball out, but it glanced off his head and into the net, past the surprised Mel Young, who did not have a chance.

The second half saw the Dal squad control the play from the start. It was only on long kicks that "X" were able to get the ball out of their zone, as the Tigers used the wind and the dying sun to the best of their advantage. As a result, Dal was all around the Xaverian net, but unable to get a good shot that would tie it up until Mullings, playing a strong game at right fullback, lifted a high shot that was caught in the sun. The "X" goalkeeper managed to block the shot, but it rolled in front of him, and then spun into the net making the score 1-1. This goal bolstered the Tigers' attack and they came close on several occasions: Leach, moved up to centre forward from centre half, hit the top bar while Mitchell and Gonzales drove shots that just missed the net. On one attack Dal was awarded a corner kick. Chow, on the left wing made a good kick-out, and Leach was able to head it into the net for what proved to be the winning goal.

With eight minutes left to play "X" came back hard, but time was running out and the Tigers were able to hold on to their lead, giving them an important and satisfying victory.

Little Tigers Follow Big Tigers — Lose Game

by RICH QUIGLEY

Football on the campus this year, so far, hasn't looked too bright. The big Tigers went down to defeat at "X" 45-7 on the first game of the Thanksgiving weekend. However this was a one point improvement over their opening game defeat, by "X" 45-6.

The "Little Tigers," Dal's Junior Varsity squad, opened their season with an exhibition game against the powerful Queen Elizabeth High School squad. The game opened with Dal receiving the ball and moving it up to their own 40 yard line. At that point they fumbled. QEH recovered and on their first play from scrimmage sent their terror, Rick Black, out for 35 yards on a reverse around the left end. The next play saw the Blue quarter-back, Ches Farwell take over on a sole effort worth 6 points. A backfield recovery nullified the QEH convert attempt. All this happened in the first five minutes of play.

Dal's QB, Hughy Fraser, also a star on the victorious Dal soccer team, recovered his own fumble and ran the ball 25 yards only to find his effort wasted due to a downfield blocking penalty. Dal then proceeded to fumble once more. QEH sent Brown around the left end on a reverse, carrying to the one-yard line. QEH blow their chances for another TD by taking too much time to plan their TD play. Black fumbled on a try from the ten, Dal recovered and sent John Baird off tackle for twelve. The end of the quarter saw Dal on their own 45.

On the opening series of plays Dal failed to make the necessary yards and QEH took over. Black took off around right end with John Adams in pursuit. Adams dragged him down only after a 30-yard chase. QEH, now in scoring position, sent their fullback Dunc Murray off tackle to add another 6 points to their growing score.

Dal's defensive line, which had been holding splendidly throughout the game, crashed through to nullify the convert attempt.

QEH recovered another Dal fumble and sent Black across from the 30-yard mark. Convert blocked again.

Dal marched to the QEH 45 when the half ended.

Dal took over the ball in the third quarter until one of Fraser's passes was intercepted, fumbled and recovered by QEH. The blue team move around the ends to the Dal 35, where Black again carried for six. The convert attempt was wide of the mark.

Dal kicked on a third down, the ball dropped into the arms of QEH's Al Strang who danced his way from the 50 for a TD after five minutes of the fourth quarter. With about seven minutes left Greg Murray came in as the Dal quarter-back. He was unable to mount an offensive and the last scoring play

of the game saw the QEH QB Farwell carry for six and add his own convert point.

Game score—QEH, 37; Dal JV, 0. Score put aside, the JV's played a fair game. QEH was unable to make any yardage through the centre of the line. On at least three plays close to their own goal line, and other times when QEH had but a yard or two to go for a first down, and tried a plunge, they found themselves piled up on the line of scrimmage.

A few other facts worth mentioning are first that the JV's are out for experience rather than laurels. Also, Coach Bryson makes it a point to play every man he puts on the bench.

There were a lot of Dal fumbles in this game but this was due to lack of scrimmaging during practise. The coaches felt that the time would be better spent on conditioning and fundamentals, a policy which paid off as there were no Dal injuries.

DAL GRIDMEN SUFFER CRUSHING BLOW AT X

by JOEL JACOBSON

"The Antigonish Massacre" would be an appropriate name for Saturday's debacle in Antigonish as the St. Francis Xavier Varsity celebrated their annual homecoming weekend in fine style by smashing the Dalhousie Tigers 45-7. The alumni cheered with every play as the X-Men scored 7 touchdowns and amassed 452 ground yards.

Tom Delaney, the league's leading scorer, again paced the Xaverians with four touchdowns and 211 yards gained. Sommerville, Foshay and Farrell scored the other TD's for X with Sanborn converting three. Don Nicholson cracked over for the lone Tiger major early in the fourth quarter, with Sedgewick converting.

Dalhousie again was plagued with line trouble. St. F.X. repeatedly opened holes large enough to drive a truck through. Time and time again, the well-conditioned X-Men left Tigers strewn over the field, moaning in injury. Dalhousie just could not muster a potent attack and gave their loyal supporters very little about which to cheer.

For the first ten minutes of the game, play remained near the centre stripe but a St. F.X. punt put the ball on the Dal 14. Dal lost the ball on downs, and from the Dal 10 X scored in three plays. Following the kickoff, the "Pussycats" were pushed back to their goal-line. The first quarter ended with the X-men holding a 14-0 advantage.

In the second quarter, Delaney carried three times in a five play 37-yard march and finally scored from the two. Dal lost the ball on downs after the kickoff and the St. F.X. running machine went into high gear. The drive was capped by a 20-yard spurt around end by Delaney. A Tiger fumble four plays later set the stage for the fifth X touchdown. This one was also scored by Delaney as he sped around the end for eight yards. The half-time score was St. F.X. 32; Dal 0.

Late in the third quarter the X-men counted again as Delaney racked up his fourth major of the day on a five-yard dash through the line. Early in the fourth period, however, the city crew finally broke the scoring ice. A Xaverian fumble on the centre stripe was booted to the X eight-yard line where Nicholson pounced on it. In four plays the big halfback plunged to paydirt from the one-yard line. Sedgewick converted. The victors took the Dal kickoff and started another scoring drive. In twelve plays they had arrived at the Dal 13 and Sommerville finished a splendid display of quarterbacking by tossing a 13-yard scoring pass to Farrell in the end zone.

ELEVEN GIRLS IN NET MEET

At the general meeting of DGAC on Thursday, October 2, eleven girls entered the Dalhousie Ladies' Singles Elimination Tournament. Play began the following Saturday on the Dalhousie courts. Two first-round matches were played off, in which P. McCallum defeated B. Wood, 6-4; 1-6; 6-3; and Eve Smith defeated H. Crowdis, 6-4; 6-0. During the following week, S. Starr defeated P. Baker, 6-2; 6-4, to end first round play.

Second round: P. McCallum defeated E. Smith, 6-1; 7-5; S. Mason defeated J. Ritcey 6-2; 6-2, and P. Dewis defeated M. Hawkins 6-1; 6-1. This leaves one match to be played in the second round. One Semi-final match has been played, in which S. Mason defeated P. McCallum 6-2; 4-6; 6-1.

With regard to the Intercollegiate Tournament to be held Saturday, October 18, few plans have been formulated. Tentative plans for serving refreshments are in the air, but nothing will be decided until Pat McCallum, the DGAC tennis manager, Joanne Fryers, and Bill White get together and draw up plans. One thing certain, however, is that several referees will be needed for the tournament. If you have had any refereeing experience at all, please contact either Pat McCallum, Joanne Fryers, Bill White, as soon as possible. The Dalhousie tennis team wants support! Do turn out. There should be some excellent tennis.

DAL EDGES HLC IN '58 OPENER

Last Wednesday afternoon, the Dal Tigresses opened their '58' ground hockey season with a 1-0 victory over Halifax Ladies' College. HLC were strong defensively, allowing Dal few breaks. Ethelda Brown scored the lone tally of the game on a driving play, late in the first half.

Coach Joanne Fryers seemed quite hopeful for the team after their first appearance. This first game was played solely for the sake of practise, and the team was comprised of players from both Senior and Intermediate ranks. Dal's first Intercollegiate tilt placed them against Acadia on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. Results of this game in next week's Gazette.

Last year Dal placed second in the final standings as they tied King's 0-0; defeated Mount Allison 1-0; and were defeated by Acadia 2-1, in two encounters with each team. This season expects to see even bigger and better things from the Tigresses, their roster boasting of many of last year's players and several former Edgemoor girls (Edgemoor being famous for ground hockey players).

SWIMMING

The physical education department announced recently that co-ed swimming will begin at the YMCA pool on Thursday, October 16, at 8:00 p.m., the session lasting for an hour. After this first session regular times will be Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:00 and Thursday evenings from 8:00-9:00.