

# D. G. A. C. OPENS SEASON'S SPORTS

## FOOTBALL COMMENTARY

By GEORGE TRAVIS, Sports' Editor

**Editor's Note:** This is the second of four articles on Canadian Football, designed for those students who know very little about the game. This week, ground plays will be discussed.

To start this week's discussion let's suppose we are playing the game. We take the defensive position and await the kick-off. The ball is placed on the middle of our opponent's forty-five yard line and the referee is ready to start play. He blows the whistle and a kick is sent into our territory where we receive the ball and run it back to a point where we are tackled by the kicking team. The quarterback calls our team to line up "on the ball", that is get into formation on the line of scrimmage, an imaginary line parallel to the goal lines and passing through the tail end of the ball. "Team back" calls us into a huddle about five of eight yards from the line of scrimmage. It is in the huddle that the offensive strategy is delivered. We have three attempts to gain ten yards groundage, providing we do not lose the ball or are penalized. If we fail to make the necessary yardage for a first down, the opponents will take over control of the ball.

There are two basic offensive formations. The Single wing formation in which the quarter and his backs are about five yards in back of the line and the ball is centred into the backfield from where play originates. Stadacona have been using this type of formation so we will be different and go along with Dal's modified T formation. In this formation, the quarter is directly behind the centre while the backs are behind him. The ball is centred to the quarter who in turn hands the ball to the backs. Dal is using the Split T, which in essence is the modified form of the T formation. Power is the main essential in the T formation while speed is the main essential in the Split T formation. The quarter tells us that we can have our line balanced or unbalanced. If we want an unbalanced line, we can put two men on one side of the centre instead of the usual three, and place our men on the other side of the centre. Usually two guards are placed on the same side of centre in an unbalanced line. To get an unbalanced line, we can also place a back on the line. This line formation does not appeal to us at the time so we ask him to use a balanced line. He asks us which kind of a balanced line, one that is drawn tight, that is the men are close together, or one that has the men spread out. Since this last formation is the line formation for a Split T, we tell him the latter. He agrees that this is a good line formation and tells us that it is much easier to maintain a hole, that is the prospective path of the ball carrier, when our line is drawn out than when it is drawn close.

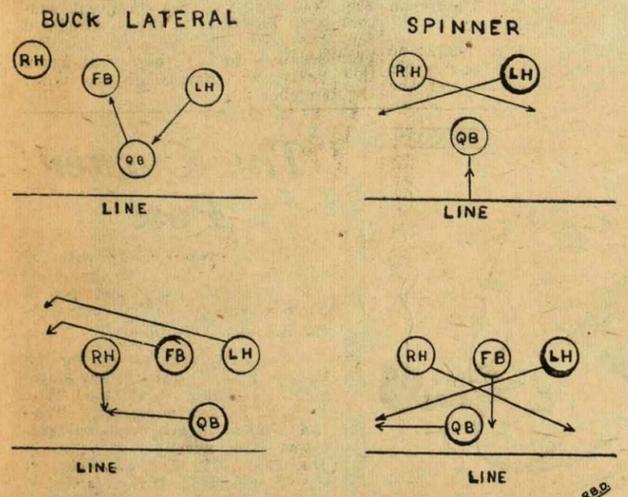
The quarterback then tells us that we can use a double wing formation also on a balanced line. To do this we place our right half back up behind the right end, that is in a position comparable to our Flying Wing's position on the other side of the line.

Having picked our line formation and having decided to operate from the backfield movement of the Split T, we know that the ball will go to the quarter from the centre. He will run along laterally close to the line and will hand the ball to one of our four remaining backs who will go through a hole in the line and try to make yardage. The quarter tells us that plays are different patterns. Each play will start the same but the ball will end up in a different hole. The holes are numbered according to the positions of our line men. The linemen on the right hand side may be protecting holes Nos. 2, 4, 6, while those on the left hand side of centre may be protecting holes Nos. 1, 3, 5. Centre in this case will be No. 0. Each coach, however, has his different manner of naming the holes. Just as the holes are numbered, so are the patterns for our backs. Thus when the quarter calls play No. 72, he means that the backfield will carry the ball according to pattern No. 7, and the ball carrier will hit the line at hole No. 2, which is on the right inside position. However, different coaches have different systems or signals in calling plays.

The quarter then explains some patterns to us. He tells us that we could use a "Buck-Lateral" if we were in Single Wing Formation. The ball goes to a back who plunges towards the line, that is pretends to buck the line. Before he hits the line, however, he gives the ball to the quarter who is facing the backfield. The quarter in turn laterals the ball to a back who races around the end. If we were in single wing formation, we could also use a "spinner" pattern. Here the ball is centered to a back who spins around in the backfield and faces it. His backs can run across in front of him where the ball-holding-back can lateral to them, or he can spin around again and do a plunge himself at the centre of his line. The faking for Single Wing formation is done in the backfield about five yards from the line. In T formation, the faking is done directly at the line. A common pattern backfield play for a T formation might be to have the left half and the fullback line up with the right half in a straight line parallel to the line in front. The quarter takes the ball and runs laterally along the line where he meets the right half who has plunged straight ahead for the ball. The other two backs turn to the right and race laterally from the play. Another pattern that is commonly used, is to have the two halfbacks cross for the ball while the fullback plunges straight for the centre. The left half in this case would take the ball as he cuts diagonally across the backfield to meet the quarter. Having known our patterns, we can now go out of the huddle and play offensively.

Next Week: Passing plays.

## PATTERNS FOR BACKFIELD PLAYS



## Racquetees Off for U.N.B.

In the past years tennis at Dal has played a very important part. This year tennis was late in getting underway due to poor weather. However, on October 8th, under the able management of Heather Hope, draws were made up for the girl's tournament to play off for a team to represent Dalhousie at U.N.B. on Saturday, October 20th. At U.N.B. the Maritime Intercollegiate Tennis Meet will be played off and with the capable team of Anne Stacey, Carolyn Flemming and Jean McPherson representing our Alma Mater we are sure of a good showing. Tryout for the tennis team were Jean McPherson, Ann Rayworth,

Anne Stacey, Sue Cody, Carolyn Flemming, Jans Wilson, Ruth McLeese and Jean Scriven. These girls are to be complimented on their good turnout and for being such good sports for playing in weather more appropriate for skating. Anne Stacey won the tournament and Carolyn Flemming and Jean McPherson were runners up. These three and Miss Rowley will leave Friday afternoon by plane and return Saturday night. Due to financial difficulties the men of the campus will not be able to compete this year. This is an unfortunate circumstance and we hope that next year the men of the campus will be taken in consideration by the Students' Council as far as tennis is concerned. Our congratulations go to the girls who made the team and the best of luck for Saturday.

## Tigresses Ground-Hockey Underway

This year our ground hockey practices did not start until quite late in the season due to bad weather. However, when we held our first practice out at Studley Field last Friday, we had a fairly good turnout of girls. The practice went off very well with Miss Rawley supervising us in all the tricks of the trade.

The majority of last year's team of ground hockey turned out for this practice and it is expected, with a little more training, this year's team should prove most successful. Apparently, last year, our Dalhousie ground hockey team won most of their games which they played against Edgehill, Acadia and various other colleges.

It is expected this year, since there is not going to be any girl's

ice hockey team, we will have a few new players. They may find it a little different after playing ice hockey, as the game has a few different rules. These rules, being such things as only being allowed to hit the ball on one side of the hockey stick, receiving a penalty for swinging the stick above the shoulders, and also tripping. However, I'm sure that once you get out and get into the swing of the game you'll love it.

Ground hockey practices are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30 until 2:30, and Thursday evenings from 5:30 until 7:00 at Studley Field—so come on out everybody, the more people we have for ground hockey practices the better we like it.

## DAL vs M. I. A. U.

Last year, Dalhousie decided to re-enter the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Union. The Students' Council authorized that Dal send a delegation to Sackville, N. B., where the Union was holding its Spring meeting. This action of the Council was really booted around the campus last term, as many opponents of MIAU strongly urged Dalhousie to remain out of competition. There was talk of a referendum, but the Council's actions soon put a halt to any such suggestion. The majority of the student body decided that it was best to go along with the Council and its chosen MIAU delegates, who incidentally, were very capable and were persons who held a wide knowledge of Sports at Dalhousie.

Indeed at that time it appeared that Dal would once again have its Intercollegiate respect restored. Intercollegiate friendship seemed to be on the increase and many hoped that the day would soon be here when we could compete with our Maritime University neighbours on a friendly basis.

Dalhousie, however, seems to have taken a rather poor account of expenses in the MIAU. Either it is this or we have been given the wrong turn by our fellow colleges. The English Rugby League this year is unfair, both financially and competitively as far as Dal is concerned. We play Mount A. in Sackville and St. Dunstan's in Charlottetown while Acadia goes to Antigonish and Halifax. Surely this is not an even competition. We at least should have one expensive trip and not two. Acadia and its fellow colleges in Sec. A. should also have some high operating expenses. After all Dal, Mount A. and St. Dunstan's should not bear all the financial burdens in the MIAU.

What really affects Dal more than this unfair schedule of English Rugby, however, is the necessary cut of the DAAC budget. We have been told that it is virtually impossible for Junior Varsity sports to operate on such small financial resources. The Council's Budget-cutting was in order, but was the DAAC forced to up its budget on account of blind planning in the MIAU? The MIAU will undoubtedly get kicked around more. At any rate, it seems that some of last year's opponents of MIAU appear to be right in the end. MIAU has given Dal its first bad taste, will it give Dal more?



The Dalhousie Girls' Athletic Club is an organization with which every Dal girl should be familiar. It is a wonderful chance for Freshettes, who must fit in two hours in the gym weekly, to get out, meet new friends, and enjoy themselves all at the same time. The club fosters sportsmanship, healthy exercise, and fun for everyone who takes part. This year D.G.A.C. will meet regularly on Tuesday nights instead of Mondays as they did last year.

The executive, who will do their best to make this night a success, are president, Eleanor Woodside; vice-president, Elaine Woodside; and secretary-treasurer, Barb Clancy. Members of the Managers committee are: Suzanne Palmer, senior basketball; Betty Bissett, junior basketball; Heather Hope, tennis; Marry Ann Lohnes, ground hockey; Fran Stanfield, badminton; Elise Lane, swimming; Carol Vincent, archery; and freshette Carolyn Flemming, ping-pong. The class representatives are: Anne Rainnie, Freshman representative; Ruth MacLeese, Sophomore representative; Eileen Kelly, Junior representative; Heather Hope, Senior representative.

Last Tuesday the second meeting of the year was held in the gym at 7 o'clock and proved very successful. Quite a number of girls turned out for badminton, ping-pong, archery, volleyball and basketball. Freshettes' volleyball will be emphasized this year and it is hoped that enough will be interested in playing or learning to play to make it worthwhile.

Girls' Ice Hockey has been abolished due to lack of funds in the Students' Council, but Ground Hockey will go on as scheduled. Practices will be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1.30 to 2.30, and Thursday evenings.

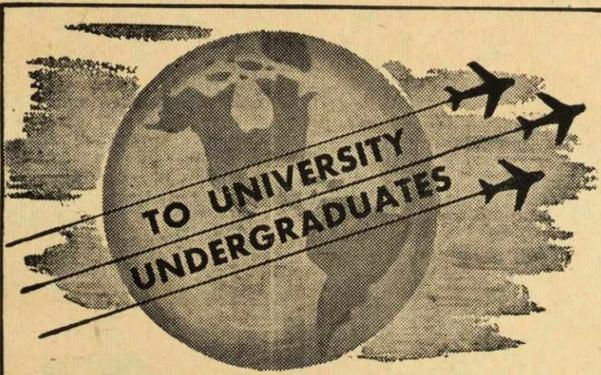
Swimming practices will be held on Tuesdays from 10 o'clock to 12, and Fridays from 11 to 12. Practices will be starting soon so keep watching the bulletin board for further notice.

The Intermural Basketball teams have been drawn up and the first games were held last Tuesday night. The teams are as follows:

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
<b>Forwards:</b> 1. Elaine Woodside 2. Anne Rainnie 3. Joy Cunningham 4. Sonia Smith 5. Sue Farrer	<b>Forwards:</b> 1. Eleanor Woodside 2. Jill Wickwire 3. Marg Griffiths 4. Anne Robertson 5. Mollie Rodgers	<b>Forwards:</b> 1. Barb Clancy 2. Pat Barrett 3. Jackie Galloway 4. Isobel Conrad
<b>Guards:</b> 1. Anne Thompson 2. Jeanette LeBrun 3. Anne Rayworth 4. Pam Sutherland	<b>Guards:</b> 1. Gwen MacDonald 2. Gay Thompson 3. Elise Lane 4. Olga Apinis	<b>Guards:</b> 1. Jean MacPherson 2. Jean Scriven 3. Chris Carter 4. Fran Stanfield
Team 4	Team 5	Team 6
<b>Forwards:</b> 1. Ruth MacLeese 2. Bev Wootten 3. Pat Lawrence 4. Lorraine MacAlpine	<b>Forwards:</b> 1. Jans Wilson 2. Carolyn Flemming 3. Leslie Hancock 4. Anne Rankin	<b>Forwards:</b> 1. Anne Stacey 2. Pam White 3. Glenda Barnstead 4. Pat McAvity 5. Olga Karlovna
<b>Guards:</b> 1. Thalia Nightingale 2. Carolyn Myrden 3. Barb Chepeswick 4. Sue Palmer	<b>Guards:</b> 1. Eileen Kelly 2. Jean Anthony 3. Betty Bissett 4. Jean Gilroy	<b>Guards:</b> 1. Shelia Parsons 2. Sue Cody 3. Beth Petite

The schedule is as follows:

<b>October 13—</b> Team 1 vs. Team 3 Team 4 vs. Team 6	<b>October 27—</b> Team 3 vs. Team 6 Team 1 vs. Team 2	<b>November 10—</b> Team 2 vs. Team 4 Team 1 vs. Team 5
<b>October 20—</b> Team 2 vs. Team 5 Team 1 vs. Team 4	<b>November 3—</b> Team 5 vs. Team 6 Team 4 vs. Team 4	<b>November 17—</b> Team 2 vs. Team 6 Team 3 vs. Team 5
<b>November 24—</b> Team 1 vs. Team 6	<b>Team 2 vs. Team 3</b>	<b>Team 4 vs. Team 5</b>



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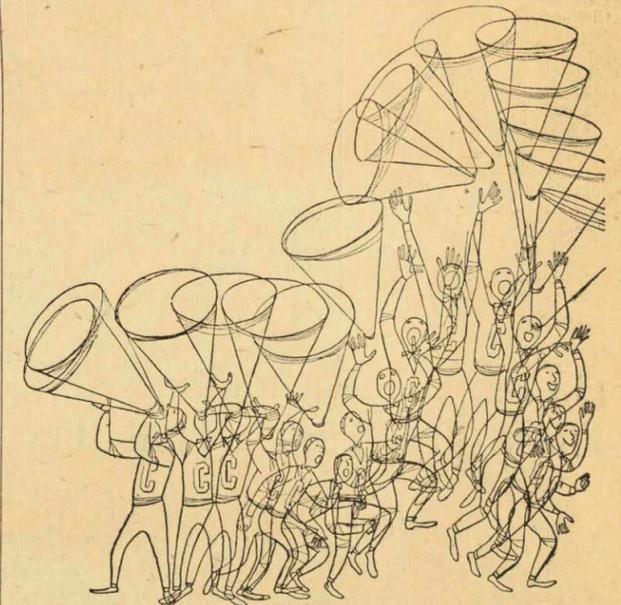
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