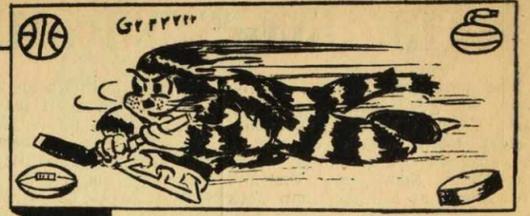




DALHOUSIE

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BENGALS BRING BACK PURDY AWARD TO DAL

Tigers In Win Over Kings

Following an early season loss to St. F.X., the Dal Tigers came back to defeat a hard driving Kings quintet 61-52 in a well played game at the Dal Gym last Tuesday evening. Let by Ernie Nickerson with 14 points, Mike Tzagarakis with 13, John MacLaughlin with 11 and Ron Franklin with 9, the Bengals came on strong in the second half to pull even with and pass the Kingsmen.

Deacon opened up the scoring for Kings early in the game when he was fouled by Ernie Nickerson, and put them ahead 1-0. Jim Gilmore put the home team back in the running 2-1. From then on it was pretty well tooth and nail with the score at half time 25-22 in favor of Kings. High men for Kings in this half were Ian Doig with six points while Dixie Walker racked up the same total. Diminutive Mike Tzagarakis led the Dalmen, netting seven points, followed by Jim Gilmore with five and John McLaughlin with four.

Halfway through the second half Dal pulled ahead 47-46. A field goal by Mike Tzagarakis extended the lead to 49-46 but Edgcombe netted one for Kings to make it 41-48. Successive baskets by Ernie Nickerson and two by McLaughlin put the Bengals into a 55-48 margin which was held safely until the end of the tilt.

Dalhousie:

E. Nickerson 14, Tzagarakis 13, McLaughlin 11, Franklin 9, Fenton 6, Gilmore 5, W. Nickerson 2, Sinclair 2, McGregor, Matheison, Shaw, MacKinnon.

Kings:

Walker 14, Doig 12, Nicholson 9, Edgcombe 8, Deacon 5, Drysdale 2, Smith 2, Andrews, Hazen, Lister, Thorburn, Hickman.

Xaverians Top B'ball Squad

The Xaverians Varsity Basketball Team showed too much class for the Dalhousie Tigers last Saturday night in Antigonish as they came up with a 91-38 victory. The Xaverians were in control all the way, racking up 12 points before the Tigers scored. At half time they led by 18 points, 34-16, and in the last half they poured it on to win the game by 53 points. Frank Korbut with 33 paced the winners while Mike Tzagarakis led Dal with 9.

Dalhousie:

Tzagarakis 9, MacLaughlin 8, Franklin 8, Gilmore 6, Sinclair 2, W. Nickerson 2, MacGregor 2, E. Nickerson 1, Fenton, MacIsaac.

St. F.X.:

Korbut 33, Pazzarello 17, Richards 13, Sullivan 11, MacIsaac 7, Conley 4, Morrison 2, Thompson 2, Walsh 2, Keenan, MacNeil.

Swimming:

There will be no more swimming practices until after Christmas.

season, the Dal forward lines looked notably good. Their back-checking probably resulted in the wide territorial edge which they held in the play. . . . SMU were outshot 34 to 13 in the contest. . . . The Dal team still is not up to full strength. After Christmas examinations have been written, it is quite possible that former Halifax senior goaltender Barry Sullivan, now in the Law School, will don the blades. Also Don Murphy, a Canadian football hardrock, and speed-demon Lick MacDonald, hockey players with years of experience behind them, will probably turn out.

Xaverians Downed In Final Contest

The scene was a soggy, saw-dust covered, snow-lined field in Antigonish; the occasion was the final game of the season for the Purdy Cup and the result was a resounding 10-0 victory for the Dalhousie Tigers over the St. F.X. X-men in as close and thrill-packed a game as will be seen anywhere. The Tigers, remembering a 38-6 loss inflicted upon them by these same Xaverians on this same field some weeks ago, played inspired ball to a man in order to avenge themselves, while the St. F.X. squad were equally determined to come off victorious in their first season in Canadian football.

It was a team victory for the Tigers. The whole squad, both offensive and defensive platoons, played heads-up ball in a game in which one mistake could have meant the difference between victory and defeat. Not until the final play of the game, on which the Tigers scored their second touchdown, was the issue settled. Many players contributed individual plays that stood out. Dick Eager, Don Murphy, Bob Findlay, Rober Greer, Bob Goss, Gary Watson, Ted Marshall and everyone else pulled "off the right play at the right time", but if an individual player was to be singled out, it would have to be Tiger quarterback Reg Cluney, playing his final season for the Tigers. Cluney, in a 60-minute performance, played perhaps his best game ever. He threw one touchdown pass, scored the second touchdown himself, completed 7 of 12 forward passes, played safety man on defense, intercepted Xaverian passes and, most important, kept the Xaverians off balance throughout the game by outguessing them in calling his plays.

Touchdown Pass

The X-men threatened in the first quarter when halfback Geno Scattalon pulled off a 50-yard run around the right end to carry the ball to the Tiger 35-yard line. Huck plowed for 15 on the next play and things looked bad. However, the defensive line of George Slipp, Pat Porter, Ted Marshall, Mel Young, Bayne Henderson and Pete Adams, which time and again was to stop the Xaverian bids cold, held the X-men to a total gain of no yards on the next two plays, cutting the back of the threat.

The Tigers marched right back but a fumble on the X 17-yard line lost them the ball. They soon made up for that one. From the X 39, Cluney, getting perfect protection from his front line of Larry Marshall, Roger Greer, Don Lyons, Tom Kennedy and Gordie Rankin, tossed a 25-yard pass to end Bob Goss. Fullback Bob Findlay, playing a standout game, picked up seven yards to carry the ball to the five. The X-men, expecting a ground play, packed their line, but Cluney caught them

way off their guard by flipping a pass to Goss in the spacious end zone for a touchdown. The convert attempt was missed and the first quarter ended 5-0 in Dal's favor.

Scoreless Quarter

The Xmen had a good opportunity in the second quarter when they recovered a Tiger fumble on the Dal 30, but Dick Eager intercepted a Pet Lesaux pass to end the threat. The Tigers were intent on protecting their slim lead and played cautiously with no scoring resulting. The start of the third quarter saw the Tigers still continue to press, and they got as far as the X 7-yard line before they ran out of momentum. St. F.X. bounced back to almost take the game. After an exchange of kicks, they had the ball on the Tiger 43, and by the end of the third quarter they had advanced the ball to the Dal 20.

X-Men Threaten

On the first play of the fourth quarter Larry Streete ran seven yards to pick up a first down for the Xaverians. Scattalon went for

four around the right end until he was pulled down by Watson. Huck tried to get around the left on the next play but Young, Marshall and a host of others threw him for a seven yard loss. The next play brought the huge crowd to its feet. On a fake field goal attempt, Pete Lesaux passed to rangy Cameron MacDonald on the Dal 4-yard line, where he was nailed by Don Murphy before he could go anywhere. The sticks were brought out to measure and the Xaverians shouting suddenly ceased as the ball was inches short of a first down. The Tigers took over and kicked out of danger.

Or so they thought. But the X-men had different ideas and continued to drive. A pretty pass by Pete Lesaux put the ball on the Dal 35. Another pass to Shea was good for nine yards. Scattalon raced for 15 more to put the ball on the Dal 11. The hard rushing Dal line forced the Xaverians to fumble on the next play and they lost ten yards. That was the last ten yards. Dal took over two plays later and the X-men never threatened again.

The final Dal touchdown climaxed a 25 yard line march by the Tigers and fittingly scored by quarterback Cluney on the last play of the game. The convert attempt was missed but nobody really cared.

After the game, the Purdy Cup, emblematic of the championship of the Nova Scotia Senior Canadian Football League, was presented to Tiger Captain Reg Cluney by the donor of the cup, Mr. Purdy.

Bits and Pieces — The Tiger backfield was disrupted for this final game. John Nichols was out with an infected arm and Scorchy MacVicar had a sore knee which prevented him from running with the ball. Nip Theakston, playing with a taped ankle, was used as a flanker throughout the game and, although he didn't carry the ball, was very effective in upsetting and unbalancing the Xaverian defense. . . . Tigers Gary Watson and Reg Cluney played the entire game. . . . The Bengals tried two field goals but missed them both, thus maintaining their record intact. They failed to score a field goal all year. . . . Pete Lesaux, Xaverian quarterback and winner of the Duffus Award as the league's "most valuable player", was called upon to accept his trophy at the ceremonies following the game. He failed to appear, however, and it was said he was "badly shaken up on the last play of the game." It must have been a purely psychological "shaking up", resulting from seeing Dal's second touchdown being scored, for Lesaux was on the bench at that particular time.



THE TOUCHDOWN THAT WON THE PURDY CUP—Caught in the above photo is sure-fingered Tiger end Bob Goss just as he gathered in a pass from Reg Cluney to score the first touchdown in Dal's 10-0 victory over St. F.X. on Saturday. The victory returned the Purdy Cup to Dal after an absence of two years. (Ed. note — The snow shown in the picture was present only in the end zones and not on the regular playing field. There the boys had only the sawdust and the mud to contend with.) —Photo by Jollymore

Sports Roundup

by AL SINCLAIR

"When They Were Good They Were Very, Very Good"

And the Tigers were very, very good on Saturday. No doubt about it. The X-men gave their best but the Bengals were not to be denied. As everyone knows, they won 10-0 and brought home the Purdy Cup. It was a team victory; everybody chipped in a little something. On defense, the front wall of Ted Marshall, George Slipp, Mel Young, Bayne Henderson, Pete Adams and Pat (The-Moustache-Is-Gone) Porter were outstanding in stopping the X backfields. The secondary of Roger Greer, Dick Eager and Gary Watson were sharp in nailing anyone who got through the front line and on pass defense. The tertiary of Stu MacInnes and Don Murphy performed well together, tackling, catching punts and knocking down passes with accuracy, while Reg Cluney as safety played his usual steady game.

On offense it was the same team-work that paid off. Tom Kennedy, Roger Greer, Gordie Rankin, Larry Marshall and Don Lyons provided a solid wall against the X-men on pass plays and blocked well and opened great holes for the backfielders on running plays. Ends Gary Watson and Bob Goss performed yeoman service, especially in the pass-catching department, with Goss also doing some terrific kicking. Flying wings Lick MacDonald and Don MacLeod blocked and ran well all afternoon. Nip Theakston as flanker upset the Xaverians defense set-up and made some nice downfield tackles on punts. Fullback Bob Findlay made several long gains on his carrying attempts. Halfback Dave Bryson was effective, as usual, and quarterback Reg Cluney called and played perhaps the best game of his football career. It all added up to a 10 point victory, a point spread which, it will be noted, was by some chance predicted in this column last week.

And the Goal Post Remained Standing. Or Did They?

The traditional post-game victory ceremony of tearing down the goalposts was attempted by some Dal fans at the conclusion of the game, but was halted by the fast action of the local gendarmes and some loyal St. F.X. supporters and players. However, upon leaving the campus, it was observed that something seemed to be missing from one of the goalposts. A cross-bar, perhaps?

The St. F.X. fans and players were shocked by the outcome of the game. All the preparations for a victory parade through the town, a mass student rally and a second presentation of the Purdy Cup had to be shelved when the Xaverians lost. The St. F.X. players, with a few exceptions, failed to congratulate the winning Tigers, and the fans were not happy over the outcome. All of which goes to show for every winner there must be a loser. "Red" Barber, famed Yankee baseball announcer with a southern drawl, once asked Paul Waner, an outstanding baseball player and a one-time National League batting champion, what his greatest thrill in sports had been. Waner's reply revealed: "Every one of my greatest thrills was someone else's great disappointment". Think about it.

Hockey Team Displays Power And Polish in Winning 12-2

The Dalhousie Tiger's hockey team continued one of Dalhousie's most successful weeks in the field of athletics, as they pasted the hapless Santamarians by walloping 12 to 2 count in the year's first Inter-collegiate tilt on Wednesday at the Dalhousie Memorial Rink. Sporting flashy new uniforms, the boys not only looked like a team, but acted like one from the start to the finish, and never at any time showed signs of letting up which resulted in the worst shellacking a St. Mary's hockey team has ever taken at the hands of Dalhousie.

The first period was all Dalhousie as they poured in six unanswered goals, and peppered seven other shots at the SMU goalie in addition to hitting the goal post on at least five other occasions. Dave Green found the back of the net twice and Reid, Jardine, Fitzgerald and Lantz each registered one apiece. Fine back-checking by the Dal forward lines gave defencemen Bill McLeod, Rollie Perry and John Fitch help which they really didn't need, but which emphasizes the fact that the victory was due to the efforts of a hard-working team. Garry Gaydamack handled only one shot in the entire first period.

In the second period the Tigers ran the count to 9-1 as they outscored the "opposition" three to one. St. Mary's showed signs of recovering from the six goal whomping they suffered in the

first stanza, holding driving Dal forwards to three goals, scored by Reid, Dewis and Lantz. Chaisson shot the lone tally for SMU on a forty foot screen shot which Gaydamack did not see.

The prettiest tally of the night came early in the third period when smooth Roland Perry stick-handled through the St. Mary's team and shot into the corner of the net to give the Tigers a commanding 10-1 lead. Walt Fitzgerald added two from Murray Dewis on passing plays before the visitors closed the scoring with their second goal.

Notes: Bill McLeod, a former junior with the North Sydney Franklins played a strong two-way game. His rugged play with-gave the opposition something to worry about when John Fitch is not on the ice. . . . Considering that it was the first game of the

Team From Mount Allison Is Volleyball Tourney Winner

Mount Allison University came up the winners of the WMIAU Round Robin Volleyball Championship last Friday night when they defeated Dalhousie 32 to 19 and Acadia 31 to 28 in the Dal Gym.

In the first game of the series Dalhousie beat Acadia 31 to 23. The first half of this game was closely contested with each team matching point for point until at half time the game was tied 14-14. In the last half Dal's powerful overhand serve and placement shot set the pace. Acadia only managed to rack up 8 points while Dalhousie went through to score 17 points to lead by eight when the game ended.

SCORING

Dalhousie: MacPherson 4, Connolly 4, Clancy 2, M. Kelly 3, Flemming 7, Stacey 6, Galloway 2, Thompson 2, MacDonald 1, Griffiths.

Acadia: McLellan 5, Paul 3, Oliver 1, Mount 1, Brennan 2, Dickey, Sinclair 2, MacDonald 7, Atkin-

Next Week In Sports

Wednesday
Hockey, Dal vs Acadia at Acadia
Friday—
Basketball, Dal vs Saint Mary's at Dal Gym
Saturday—
Hockey, Dal vs Acadia at Dal Rink

DGAC NEWS

Varsity Basketball:
Basketball practices for the team, which will be picked after Christmas, have started. Practice times are at 1:30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.