



SPORT REPORT

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ENGLISH RUGGER TIGERS GREATEST DAL TEAM IN YEARS

After last Saturday's game at Mt. A. there can no longer be any doubt concerning the Dal English Rugby team. They are one of the greatest teams that have sported Dalhousie colours in recent years. Being an Intermediate team has nothing to do with the way in which we should assess their spirit and acclaim their performances. They have not only won championships, but they are real champions. Never did they conduct themselves otherwise; for this reason alone Dalhousie should be proud of them. They are a credit to English Rugby and to the University. They are the team of the year.

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A lesser team would have been defeated by the elements alone on Saturday. As it was they were up against a very fine team that had not been scored on all seasons long and which had a very fine spirit itself. In addition Dal was playing away from home, and under entirely unusual conditions. The Mount Allison campus presented a Lower Slobbovian appearance under its two inches of snow, and the weather was more suited to a ski-meet than a football game. The going was slow, the football was heavy and wet, and the game was as tight as any game could possibly be. So the strain was tremendous. To add to it all, Mt. A. enjoyed a distinct territorial edge most of the time, and threatened to score for minutes in a row as they had the Tigers hemmed in. Moreover, Dal had to come from behind. Quigley scored his try with less than four minutes left, and about fifteen minutes after the Mounties had opened the scoring. During most of those fifteen minutes Mt. A. controlled the play. Making a come-back like that demonstrates a pretty solid team spirit.

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During the first overtime period the home standing Allisonians maintained a tremendous offensive that kept Dal right up against their line for almost ten minutes. And yet they held on. Both teams were very tired, but the strain was on Dal because Mt. A. was carrying the offensive. And then Gordie Hart went over in the second overtime session to win the game and the Championship. Dal had won the hard way, and their performance stamped them a great team in the process.

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In paying tribute to the team, there is one figure who must not be forgotten. It was Bev. Piers who made the team a championship outfit. He built a team that was solid from bed-rock up, and helped to form a team spirit that reflected itself, not only in the way they played, but in the way they could be relied upon to come through in the pinches. He built a strong team out of what was not all-star material. Unlike most Dal teams of the past few years, every player subjugated any credit or glory he might grab for himself to the greater interest of the team. They had almost insurmountable obstacles to hurdle before they could even field a team. And now Bev. Piers and his boys have three Championships, and have gone as far as they can. If English Rugby is to go, it could not have gone out in a greater blaze of glory, or in better hands.

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One more note about the game at Sackville Saturday. On behalf of the team and their small but voluble number of supporters who made the trip, we should like to thank Mount Allison for the fine hospitality (and patience, in certain cases) which they extended to us. They couldn't very well help the weather, and truth to tell, we Southerners weren't too much fazed by it, Suh!

HERE AND THERE ; Following the Dal — Mt. A. game, which was played at 10.00 A. M., Mt. A. Varsity met Glace Bay for the McCurdy Cup and the Maritime Rugger Championship. It was easily one of the worst games we have ever witnessed. Ragged, dirty, and disorganized, the contest was probably the worst playoff the historic trophy has ever known. Glace Bay set the tone of the game when they appeared in as many uniforms as there were players. To add to it all, Mount Allison's fine football outfit were playing beneath themselves, and thus displayed a disappointing brand of rugby..... Jimmy Gray, hockey and baseball star, is to coach Dal's hockey Tigers. With newcomers like goalie Gil Jordan (Mt. A. and McGill) and Rosie MacMillan (St. John Beavers) together with last year's leftovers, Dal will have a strong team. Unfortunately Jimmy can't play himself..... Western's Mustangs placed 10 men out of a possible 12 on the All-Star team

Curlers To Have Big Season—Play Thursdays

Curling enthusiasts will have a chance to break out their brooms for Dalhousie if a plan being organized by John MacCormac, Dal Physical Director, and Bernie Sawyer goes through. The

Halifax Curling club has been negotiated for on Thursdays, from the hours of noon till five.

The officials say there is room for a few more in the club, and emphasize the fact that previous experience is not necessary.

JIM MAHON SENSATIONAL Tigers Roll To Easy Win Over DBC

Paced by the sharpshooting of Jimmie Mahon, the Dal junior cage team rolled to its second easy triumph in the Halifax Junior League at the "Y" last Saturday night. Mahon bagged 27 points in the Tiger's 56—31 triumph over the Dartmouth Boy's Club, and played all but the last 5 minutes of the contest.

The game started off very evenly, with Dartmouth holding a 13 — 10 advantage after 12 minutes of play. But then Dal, having become accustomed to the small court, turned on the heat, and poured in 14 points while holding the opponents to 2. This surge gave the Tigers a 24—15 half time advantage, and practically sewed up the game for the Gold and Black.

Dal's lead soared to twenty points in the early minutes of the second half on the strength of an 11 point string that opened the second period. From there, it was just a question of how big Dal's final edge would be, as Mahon and Mason MacDonald continued to spark the victors with consistent markers. Mahon hit from all angles of the court, including two beautiful one-hand pivot shots from far out.

The Dartmouth club, with the exception of Ken MacKenzie who bagged 15 points, could not find the range with any consistency, and tried to make up what they lacked in skill by fight. This caused them to commit an exceptional number of fouls, and two of their players fouled out in the second half.

Mahon was definitely the star of the contest, a fast moving, but somewhat ragged affair. MacDonald and Herb Rosenfeld, who played a hustling floor game, also showed well for the Tigers. MacKenzie and Patterson were the pick of the closers.

Dalhousie — Mahon 27, MacDonald 12, Rosenfeld 8, McConnell 4, Beckett 2, Wilson 2, Marshall 1.

Dartmouth — McKenzie 15, Hare 5, Bowes 4, Conrad 4, Patterson 2, Minter 1, White.

TIGERS LOOK RAGGED

Breaking the game wide open with a ten point scoring spree early in the first period, the QEH HS juvenile basketball team trimmed the Dal Tigers, 31-21 in the opening game of the City Juvenile league played at the "Y" gym last Saturday night. The game was a wild, ragged affair, with both teams, especially Dal showing definite lack of practise time. The game resolved itself into one of run and shoot with little pattern passing.

Dalhousie: Morrison 8, Boniuk 2, Wolfson 3, McKay 3, Wolman 3, Waller 2, Goldman. QEH: Hills 15, Ells 6, Robinson 4, Cooper 4, Martin 2, Dingle, Morrison, Woodworth, Gerhardt, Houghan.

SOCCER SQUAD DUMPS ACADIA IN FINAL GAME

Dalhousie paid it' final visit of the current football season to Acadia last Saturday, when the Gold and Black soccer team took the valley footballers over the hurdles for a 2-1 victory.

Played before a rabid crowd of two hundred Acadians the game set a fast pace from the whistle, and the rough play had the onlookers blood running fast. The Tigers scored just a half minute after the first whistle when Hennessy picked up a pass at the goal mouth and snapped home a cross shot. The Axemen came right back, however, and before the half was over Gates

at left inside had evened the score with a front on shot from twenty feet out.

In the second half the play was even though Acadia had the better scoring opportunities. However, the stellar work of goalie Richard Bierhoff, and a beautiful exhibition of heading and kicking by Dennis St. Helene and Herb Rosenfeld kept the score tied.

Bob McCulloch put the game on ice for the Tigers when he slapped in a high corner shot after a drawn out Dal offensive. Next year the soccer team plans to enter the Maritime Intercollegiate Soccer League.

Badminton Team In Win

The Dal badminton team paid a visit to Liverpool last Saturday at a tournament and defeated the Merseymen 8—6 in sets. The players left Halifax by car and returned late Saturday night. Another trip is slated for Truro this Saturday. The team is being selected by Noel Hamilton.

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