# Dalhousie advances to Rugby Final



*Timely kicks were a key in Dal's 15-4 win over Pictou County last Saturday at Studley*

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**by Andrew Sinclair**

The Dalhousie Rugby Club defeated a tough Pictou County team 15-4 last Saturday to win the right to defend their provincial championship title this weekend. Dalhousie will face the Halifax Tars, the only team to defeat them this year.

"Siege gun" Steve Boucher accounted for most of the scoring, converting four of five penalty kick attempts despite the adverse conditions. The most dramatic score of the game, however, was Graham Jones' 50 yard drop goal into the wind in the second half, which left the Pictou squad visibly crushed. The Pictou try, which came in the first half, was the only score allowed by Dal on Studley field this year.

The rain and mud making backplay very difficult, the game centered for the most part around the forwards and the kicking game. The Dal pack rose to the occasion, and, led by the rugged and determined play of prop Brian Oliphant, played their best game of the season. Although unable to win much ball in the scrums or line-outs, they more than held their own in the loose rucks and mauls, especially in the second half when the heavier Pictou forwards began to tire.

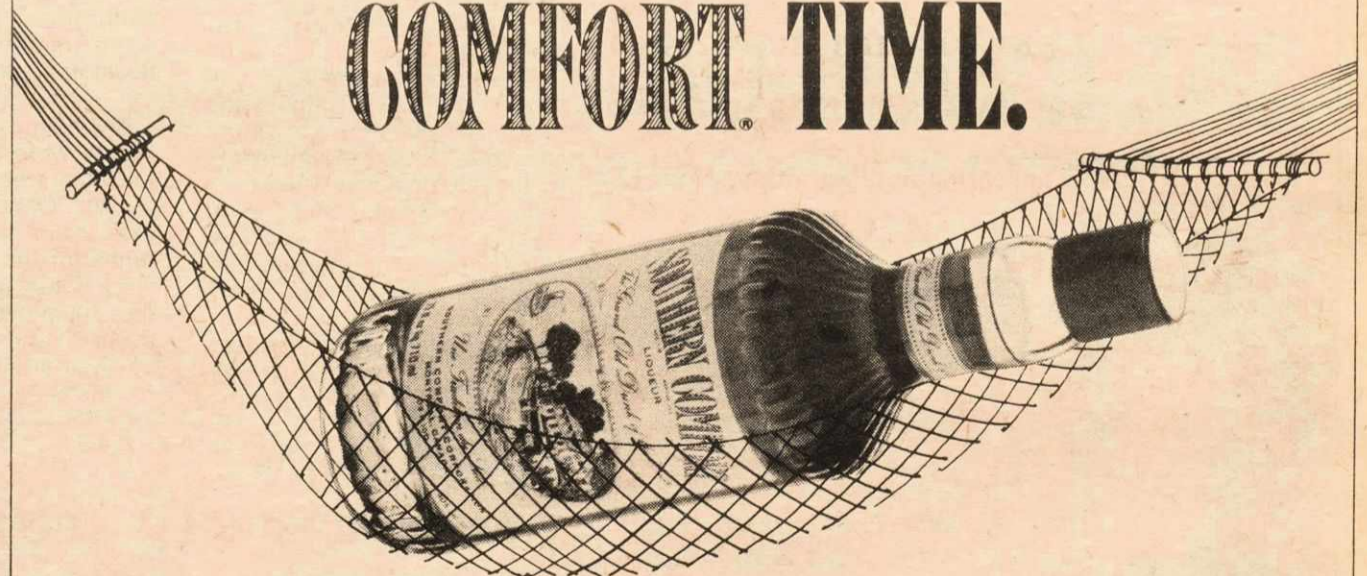Although opportunities for running the ball were limited, several key tackles were made in the backfield, in particular by Mark Williamson and Greg McKenney, as well many timely kicks were made.

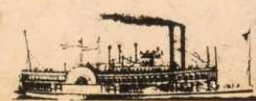Dalhousie, who have already won the Nova Scotia University Championship, are aiming to improve their record of last year by winning not only the Provincial Championship, but also the Caledonia Cup, which pits the Nova Scotian club champion against the winner of the New Brunswick Rugby League.