

Does it really take leather balls to play rugby?

by Gary Nightingale

Well, Rugger fans, it's time once again to hear all about the past weeks' games played by yours and my favourite bunch of rugby players. On the 27th of September (that's a Saturday) a great match was played on the Dalhousie Field against the Cape Breton All-Capers' Rugby Club which turned out to be one of the best played so far this year. They were two evenly matched teams which played well and hard for 80 minutes and ended in a 16-16 tie.

Dalhousie played well for the first half (although it ended up being a rough game) but towards the second half, Cape Breton seemed to find their running legs and came on to tie up the game in a last minute try from the 10 yard line.

Congratulations should be sent

to the Cape Breton Squad for a fine game and to the fans who came out to watch it. Dalhousie's team should also be commended for a fine effort and special note given to Charlie Keith, Derek Irving and George Dalmas even though all players did well.

Last Thursday, one might remember a wet, rainy, muddy game played on the Garrison Grounds against the Halifax Rugby Club. The combination of the bad weather, the failing light and the superior playing of the boys in red proved too much for Dal to cope with, they were beaten and shut out. We'd like to thank Halifax for the game and special mention given to Jeff Clarke, Jim Fudge, and Tim Milligan who played a great game to spur on Halifax to win.

This has now put Dalhousie in a two win--one loss- one tie record so far for the season which still promises to be one of the best Dal's fifteen has had. The next game for those who would like to see it is this Thursday, against St. Mary's either at SMU or the Garrison Grounds. It should be under way between 5:30 and 6:00.

I'd like to thank the Student Council Grants Committee for the grant for the continuation of the

Dal Rugby Club and mention that the Eastern Canadian Rugby Finals is this weekend in Fredricton. The Canadian National Rugby Championships is on the weekend of the 25th of October so their promises to be some good rugby in the Maritimes and especially in Halifax in two weeks time.

That's all for this week and remember;

IT TAKES LEATHER BALLS TO PLAY RUGBY!!!!!!

Victories end soccer season

Last weekend saw the end of the Soccer Tiger home game schedule. As was predicted both games produced victories. This leaves the Tigers with an unbeaten record for the first half of the season with 10 points from 5 games.

Friday's game against UNB proved to be a little easier than was anticipated. The first 45 minutes saw a cool composed side showing all the control necessary to prevent the Red Bombers having even a scoring opportunity. Having assessed the situation the Tigers came out in the second half and proceeded to put away our goals. Mayo and Moss picked up a pair each. A very entertaining game which was well appreciated by the fans.

Studley Stadium at one o'clock on Saturday was buzzing with excitement, waiting for the game between the Tigers and the Moncton Blue Eagles. It was expected that the Tigers would soon get to double figures. However, to everyone's disappointment the Tigers proceeded to allow their play to be dragged down to the level of the Moncton

Club. Passing was inaccurate and the finishing poor. Even though the result was a 2-0 victory for the Tigers the post game locker room felt like the aftermath of a losing game. If the Tigers continue to allow their style of play to be dictated by the opposition we could see a sad team watching Memorial going to the Nationals.

This past week saw the Tigers "B" Soccer team play two games. The first was against King's College which resulted in a 1-0 loss for the Tigers. Sunday morning the club met Nova Scotia Technical College and fought very hard for a 1-1 tie.

Rookie coach Kevin Pipe is working this squad well and they are learning much about the game.

There is no doubt that there are some very good players in the Tigers "B" squad. Many of them will be seen playing for the "A" team. If not this season certainly next.

The club leaves Sat. 11th October for a road trip where they meet Mount Allison and UPEI. Good luck from all the loyal fans.

Field hockey win in overtime play

The Dalhousie Tigerettes are leading the Eastern Division of the AUAA Field Hockey Congerence with 7 wins and 0 losses. This past week saw the Tigerettes pile up an impressive list of victories beating St. F.X. UNB, and U of M.

Julie West, one of the main stays in the Dal's strong defensive unit, scored the lone goal in the UNB game while forwards Terry Bon-tempo, Helen Castonguay and Heather Shute tailed the goals to beat U of M., 3-0 on Saturday.

The St. F.X. game was won on a series of 5 penalty strokes breaking

the tied score after 10 minutes overtime and 5 min. sudden death. This procedure is similar to the free kick in soccer where a member of the opposing team has the opportunity to shoot on the lone goal keeper. Halfback Jocelyn Webb registered the winning goal for Dalhousie.

Merle Richardson, playing in nets for the first time, has recorded her 7th shutout in as many games. This year's goal keeper has been busier than in past years averaging 5 saves on direct shots on goal per game.

Skiers prepare for snow

The attendance at the first meeting of the Dalhousie Cross Country Ski Club on Sept 30 was small, but, considering how far the snow and how few the motives, encouraging. A second meeting is planned for Tuesday Oct 28, 8:30 PM, room 410 SUB.

The club was formerly the Varsity Racing Team, which for the past few years has had little competition in the Maritimes. The new club is a touring club but racing will still be encouraged.

Aside from racing, three interests were expressed. Several of those present have never skied, or (have) never skied cross country before. They expressed interest in receiving instruction and since the club will have a number of experienced skiers this will be available. Others

present were interested in seeing the club organize tours. Generally, for such persons a fair number would meet at Dal (so those without transport could get lifts), proceed to the chosen area, ski out, eat lunch, look around, or whatever, and ski back. For the more adventurous, weekend outings are possible. The third suggestion for a direction the club should take was as a means of finding out where the trails are and contacting other skiers. Let's face it, large outings don't appeal to everyone.

The Dal Cross Country Ski Club is open to Dal students and other interested persons. Nominal fees are to be considered.

If you want to ski, come one, come all, Rm 410 SUB, Tuesday, Oct. 28, 8:30 PM.

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