

Let's Talk Sports

with Gary Holt

The football season has come to a close. In league play the Tigers improved on their 1-4-1 finish of a year ago with a 2-4 mark. The highlight of the season was the 21-13 victory over St. Mary's.

Although the season held many disappointments the improvement of the team from the first game to the last game holds well for the future. Next year these rookies will have a year's experience behind them and in any sport there is nothing that can replace experience.

They must, however, be here next year if this experience is going to help Dalhousie football. As I said before football is over. There is no reason why they cannot all buckle down a little bit and be back here next year. This will definitely benefit themselves as they are that much further along the road to a university education and it will also benefit Dalhousie football.

There have been some fine football players at this school in the past who did not show the same drive and spirit toward the books that they did on the field. As a result they are no longer with us.

I put out a challenge to all Dalhousie football players, especially the freshmen. You have shown Dalhousie fans that we can have a football team that will win. Can you show them a football team that can win off the field as well, in competition with the books. CAN YOU DO IT? This is the challenge you face now.

If this challenge is met and the players we have now return, we will have something to look forward to in next year's team. The coaches should be able to attract more talent in this direction and in combination they should produce a fine year.

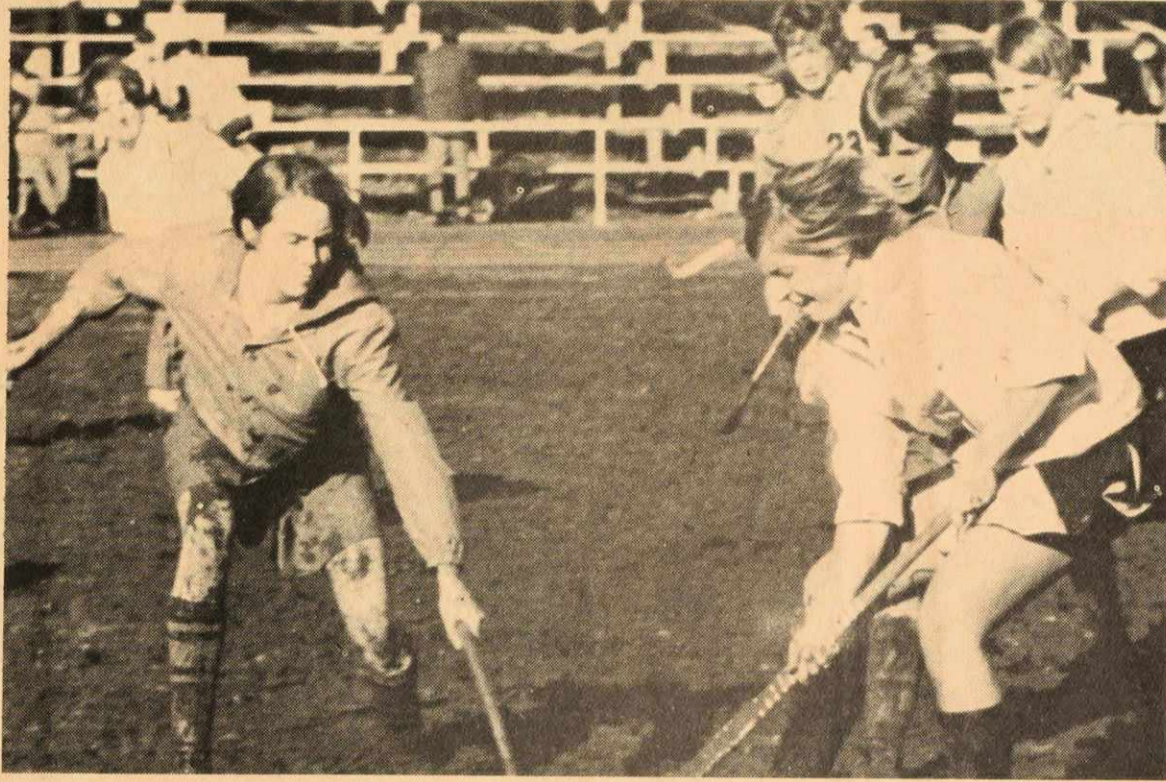
Turning from the oblong ball to the round ball I will say that the Dalhousie Varsity team looked very impressive in their win over Oland's 109-58. The shooting was good as was the rebounding. The defense could have been better but I feel it will come along. I was impressed with the work of John Cassidy. His greatest fort is his ability to get the ball off the boards and pass out to a team-mate all in one motion with great speed. This keeps the ball zinging up court at all times and keeps the forwards on their toes for his quick passes.

Brian Peters showed a fine shot and lots of hustle. Brock Savage seemed to get to places before other people had started and he took this advantage in scoring several easy lay-ups.

Kevin White and Eric Durnford both played steady games as did Irv Cohen, although Kevin was not shooting as well as he has.

Meet the team night is Saturday when the Varsity will meet the Alumni in a 7:00 p.m. game. They play a fast exciting game of basketball which is enjoyable to watch. So come and see it.

Tigerettes Have Undefeated Season



Tigerette's Jane Ritcey attempting to move ball against Acadia in "Studley Mud Bowl" last Saturday. Game ended in scoreless tie.

All Blacks Lose Again, Again, and Again

By BRUCE HEBBERT

St. Francis did it again. This time to the All-Blacks, in a match played in Antigonish on Sunday. Until three minutes of the end the All-Blacks held the score to a six all tie. Then with seconds remaining the X-MEN pushed the ball over the line to score a dubious try.

With ten minutes remaining in the first half, the All-Blacks took advantage of a win from the loose, to execute a brilliant finesse. Allan Michael, the inside centre, kicked the ball into the End-zone, and Jim Lea, the right winger streaked over the line dove into the six inch mud to score the first try.

After ten minutes of the 2nd half whistle Allan

Michael, the recipient of a brilliant passing play streaked down the side lines to score a second try. The X-Men were quick to retaliate, and within a few minutes scored their first try. After ten more minutes of play the X-Men taking advantage of three off-side penalties against Dal, advanced thirty yards, to within twenty-five yards of the goals. Here was their perfect opportunity to score an easy three points, which the place-kicker did by a truly magnificent kick.

Taking the Ball from a set scrum the X-Men passed it cleanly to their centre, who in a burst of speed, streaked across the line to score the winning try.

SPORTS POTLIGHT BY GUY MASLAND

This year's edition of the Dalhousie Tigers Hockey team has played two games so far this season, but as yet Coach Gerry Walford has no idea of the starting line-up for Saturday's game against St. F.X.

About the only position that has been settled is the goal tending where veterans Mike Kenzie and Ron Sieniewicz will be sharing the chores. Coach Walford believes that this will be one of the team's strongest points this year but is undecided as to who will start on Saturday.

On defence we have a couple of converted forwards in Glen Dickey and Keith Sullivan who are coming along but require a little more experience at this position. Halifax native Cecil Reasin and Montreal's Charlie MacConnell are also vying for positions on the defensive corps.

Back from last year's team are forwards Don MacPherson, the nifty winger from Sydney, centre Don Nelson from Halifax and Mike Pugh from the "Hub" of the Maritimes - Moncton, also Dartmouth's Bruce Walker. These returnees will be fighting some promising rookies for the forward positions. George Bucheski and Davy Rose from New Brunswick; John Shayer from Montreal; local boys Bob Stoddard and Paul MacLean and former Junior Varsity star Peter Clark. Rounding out the hopefuls are former star Bob Colavecchio from St. Catherine's, Ontario, and rookie Mike Gardner of Sydney.

With a strong nucleus of returnees and many promising rookies the forward lines could still be a little stronger than last year.

Looking at the over-all picture it is still too early to tell but hopefully we will have more depth than last year. Coach Walford is using a little different system than in previous years and it may take a little time for the boys to adapt to it.

In the first exhibition game of the season Dal squeaked by Acadia by a score of 6-5. When interviewed on the game Coach Walford had this to say.

"For our first game of the year it was sort of pleasing. Play was spotty but it's to be expected after only one and a half weeks on the ice. It's hard to compare the team to last years at this early stage."

In its second exhibition tilt Dal was defeated 3-1 by Halifax Colonels. The team's play was a little erratic but they lost only because their opponents made the most of their opportunities by putting the puck in the net.

With the close of football season a few players will be joining the hockey team to give it a boost on defense and depth in the forward line. But these boys might not be in shape ready to meet "X". It will take more time to get the team organized and as far as an outlook on the coming season goes - only time will tell.

FOOTBALL

And so comes the close of another football season for the Dalhousie Tigers.

It was a good season. We beat S.M.U. and brought the Lobster Tray Trophy to Dal for the first

time since its origin. A heartbreaking loss to U.N.B. last Saturday 34-28 resulted in Dal being dropped from a possible tie for second place into a tie for fifth place with St. Dunstan's Saints. We played with every team in the league except "X". The first time this has been accomplished in some years, and with a few breaks we might have come out on the winning end of any of these games. Our offence was one of the best Dal has seen. We scored more points this year against "X" than we have amassed in the previous decade. In nine games this year Dal scored 189 points and had 236 points against them. In eight years we scored only 125 points as against 235 for the opposition. If you take away the 105 "X" scored against us you have a very respectable for/against record.

The members of the team put in many hard hours of practice to bring Dal a team that everyone can certainly be proud. Football this year was not the joke it was to some in years before. We had a solid team with a good deal of talent, and if the majority of these boys return next year and with the addition of a few promising rookies, football fans at Dal can surely look to an exciting and powerful team in 1968.

Coaches Scott, Bellemare and Loiselle are to be commended on the way they brought this relatively inexperienced team along this year. With many rookies the team came along slowly at first but finally jelled into the solid unit Coach Scott had predicted in its 21-13 victory over St. Mary's. With many of the players now having a much needed campaign of experience under their belts, Dalhousie Tigers are sure to have an excellent season next year.

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