

Axemen Stun Dal 28-7

The Tigers didn't Roar and The Axe cut them up

By GARY HOLT

Where did the pass defense go?

An inept offensive display, especially inside the Acadia 30 yard line, and a woefully lacking pass defense especially against the long pass proved to be the downfall of the Dalhousie Tigers as they went under to the Acadia Axemen to the tune of 28-7.

The only seemingly bright spot in a generally dismal showing was the play of the defensive line and the linebackers who combined to hold a formerly very potent Acadia ground attack to 101 yards.

Acadia arrived on the field ready to play and that is exactly what they did. In the beginning they tried a running game with John Faggianno and Don Barrel. This proved to be quite unsuccessful as they were held to less than fifty yards on the ground in the first half. The only major score of the half came on the one pass that Q.B. Steve McKeon was able to complete. However, it went to George Metzger and the big end raced 84 yards to score. Although McKeon was unable to hit on any other attempts in the first half, it proved to be a portent of things to come.

TIGERS REPEATEDLY STALLED

Throughout the game the Tigers' offense stalled on crucial third and short yardage plays. The offense put together 358 yards but most of it came between the 30 yard lines. Early in the quarter neither team was able to mount an offense and it was a case of two plays and a punt. Late in the quarter a 35 yard romp by Jim de la Mothe sparked a mini-march but on third and two Dal could not muster a first down.

On the very next play Acadia Q.B. McKeon fumbled and John Candiotta of the Tigers recovered. Jim de la Mothe threw to Doug Quackenbush who apparently gathered in the pass around the Acadia 20. As he turned up field he bobbled the ball and Acadia's McKeon grabbed the ball away and it was ruled a fumble - recovery.

Later in the quarter on another third and two situation the Tigers were only able to gain one yard and had to surrender the ball. It was at this point that Metzger grabbed his TD pass for the Axemen.

TIGERS ON THE SCOREBOARD

With about 2 1/2 minutes remaining the Tigers put together their most sustained drive of the half as the passing attack perked up. De la Mothe threw passes to Lewington and Quackenbush for 15 and 17 yards respectively and after de la Mothe had run for 16 Farrell hit Barrie Black for 36 yards to the Acadia one. De la Mothe fumbled the snap but Harold Townsend recovered. On the next play Bob



Vic Arnold (10) cannot evade the grasp of an Acadia tackler as he skirts the end.
(Dal Photography Department)

Lewington ran left and set up for a half back pass but was hit for a 7 yard loss. Vic Arnold attempted a field goal but it went wide and Dal managed only a single point.

THIRD DOWN - TROUBLE AGAIN

The second half began much as the first, two plays and a punt for either team. On a third and three near centerfield de la Mothe rolled right in an attempt to pick up the first down. It appeared that he tripped over either an Acadia or Dal player on the ground and was stopped for no gain.

The Axemen took over and promptly marched into score. The main part of the drive on two complete passes to Don Barrell of 39 and 10 yards, the second being good for the score.

Late in the third quarter a penalty on an Acadia punt gave Dal possession deep in Acadia territory. John Farrell directed a 5 play march which ended as he passed to Bob Lewington for the TD. Vic Arnold's convert attempt was low. Acadia led 14-7.

ACADIA TO THE AIR

The passing of the Axemen set up another TD as Steve McKeon passed to Vern Ullrich for 38 yards. McKeon capped the drive by going over from the one.

A low punt return of 47 yards by Don Barrell set up the final Acadia score as McKeon passed 18 yards to Bill Fletcher for the major.

Dal went to the air late in the game to try and salvage something but it met with limited success and Dal went down on the short end of the score.

Sports Comment

By GARY HOLT

It looked to me as if the Tigers felt all that they had to do was appear on the field and the Acadia Axemen would throw up their hands and say "O God, I'm scared, let me hide.", then hand the game over on a silver platter.

The Axemen came to town ready to play and play they did. They hit hard throughout the game and never stopped blocking. That, along with an especially porous pass defense on the part of the Tigers, enabled them to gain a victory which they richly deserved.

The mental preparation for the game on the part of the Tigers was lacking. This is an individual thing usually called getting "up" for the game. With a variety of individuals there are a variety of ways of getting "up". Whatever these ways there were many of the Tigers did not use theirs.

I feel the fault for this lack lies with the individual. If he doesn't have enough pride in himself or his school to prepare himself mentally for the game then he is not much of a man. The coaches can only do so much. They start and they prepare the team for what the other teams tend to do. That is all that they can do. It has been said that coaches have fired up their teams. I do not believe this is so. Coaches can rant and rave all they want but if a player does not have the pride to prepare himself it will not do any good at all. Enough said about that.

This Saturday sees the St. Mary's Huskies coming up from Robie Street to battle the Tiger's. You can bet that they will be up. All you have to do is mention last year and any good Huskie worth his salt will boil over. The Huskies pounded out an impressive win over St. FX last week and on that indication and the indication that the Tigers gave against Acadia, in all probability they will be wiped out.

St. Mary's looks to be the class of the league this year, based on results so far. I would have to rate St. F.X. second until it is proven otherwise with Acadia third, U.N.B. fourth and Dal a close fifth. I hope that our Tigers can prove me wrong but on the basis of last week I'm not sure.

Varsity Girls Open Camp

25 Try out for Tigerettes

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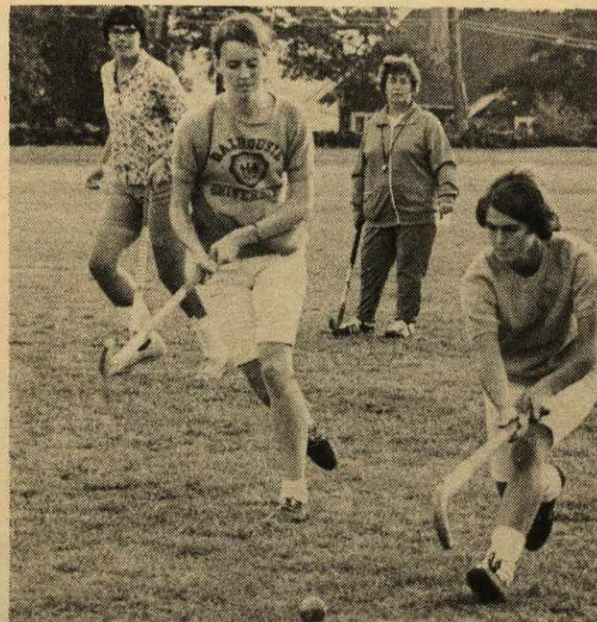
For 25 Dal girls, field hockey is one of the toughest sports, a seeming combination of soccer and hockey.

Of the 25 hopefuls, only 15 will make the team, of whom 13 will be going to away games.

Freshman Coach Talbot, though optimistic with her team's progress refuses to make any predictions, wanting first to see the other teams in the league.

Four of last year's best players, Kathy Mullane, Ginny D'Entrement, Anne Newcombe, and Nancy Dunbrack, will be returning this year to form the backbone of the team. However, these four will be travelling to Winnipeg to compete in the four day Canadian Women's Field Hockey Tournament as members of the Nova Scotia Team. The Winnipeg tournament falls on the Thanksgiving weekend, in the middle of the schedule.

The first game of the season will be played against Mt. St. Bernard at Dal on Fri., Sept. 27. The next weekend, October 4, the team hopefully with one



victory to their credit, will travel to U.N.B. The schedule of home games is as follows:
October 11 - Acadia vs. Dal
October 19 - King's vs. Dal
October 25 - U.N.B. vs. Dal
October 26 - Mt. A. vs. Dal
Nov. 1 - Dal vs. King's