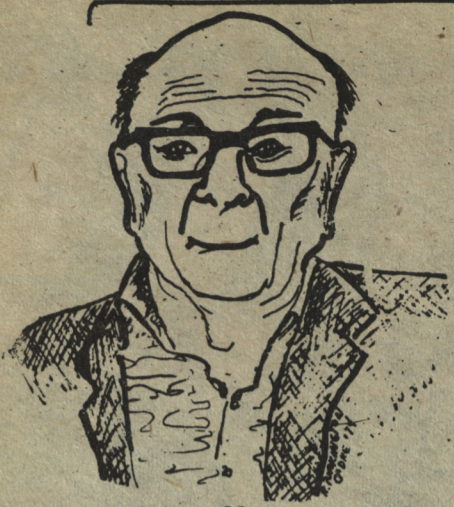


Mickey Tackles Football Team



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Last Saturday afternoon we were so bold as to be on the sidelines as the Football Panthers enjoyed(?) their first scrimmage of the season. It is certainly a different game when one is so close to the play. From the stands, plays seem to develop naturally and the participants appear to be like little automatons, moving hither and yon, opening up or plugging holes while getting buffeted around or being tackled gently and sprawling on soft surf while the attempt is being made to advance the ball a scant 10 yards-- just the length of two markers... it really looks like FUN. Close up where one hears

the grunts and groans and the savage "THUMP" as fast moving bone, muscle and leather clashes head on with fast moving bone, muscle and leather with a resounding "CRUNCH", one can really appreciate what a hard and intricate game it is as the players attempt to advance the ball a long, long 10 yards. In other words the 10 yard length is not a constant measurement... from the press box, it looks short...but I'd say to the offense, facing a scowling opponent in a crouch, it looks to be one Hell of a distance!

It was a hard scrimmage -- no quarter being given and we admire the poise

of the Rabbi as he applied the bandages and the tools of his trade to the injured athletes. We hear with regret that Dave Connaughton is expected to miss the opening game. It is hard to report much about a scrimmage... we don't recognize the players with all of their gear on. We are happy to say that Rick Kiraly made several good runs and threw long T. D. passes to Socky MacDonald, Mike Jones and J. P. McIntyre. Socky, by the way, was playing both ways. We also noted rookie Jim McInnis, playing with his high school helmet, making several good running forays.

First game will be this Saturday in Fredericton and, if you can't be there, listen to Gordon MacAlpine on CIMN or on cable. Last year we lost by three T.D.'s but we hope for a different story this time.

We might add, as a side story that the players on the F. B. team went out to the North Shore for a swim Sunday afternoon and not being use to the surf, rookie Danny Desjardins, ran into the bouncing waves and, with water over his hips, took an exuberant swan dive. The water receded as he went up and he landed face first into a sand bar with the water ankle deep! To Danny goes the dubious distinction of being the very first claimant of the scholastic year for zurich insurance! He will not be lost to the team.

The field hockey team will be in St. John's against M. U. N. on Sturday and Sunday. We saw them practising and may report that they are a hard running squad. We wish them every success.

Barb Mullally has a lot of new faces in her team and has them working hard. A word of advice to them... in St. John's, eat at the Starboard Quarter... have the seafood casserole and Irish coffee!

We talked at great length with John Neville about the hockey team. Last year we finished fourth with a very respectable 12-7-1 record in league play and lost the playoffs in two straight games with St. F. X. with the second game of the series being our best of the year as the deciding goal came at 19.48 of the third period.

We have lost Lennie Kelly who had a long and illustrious record with us for four years, Gerry McCarron who was a hard rock on our defence

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