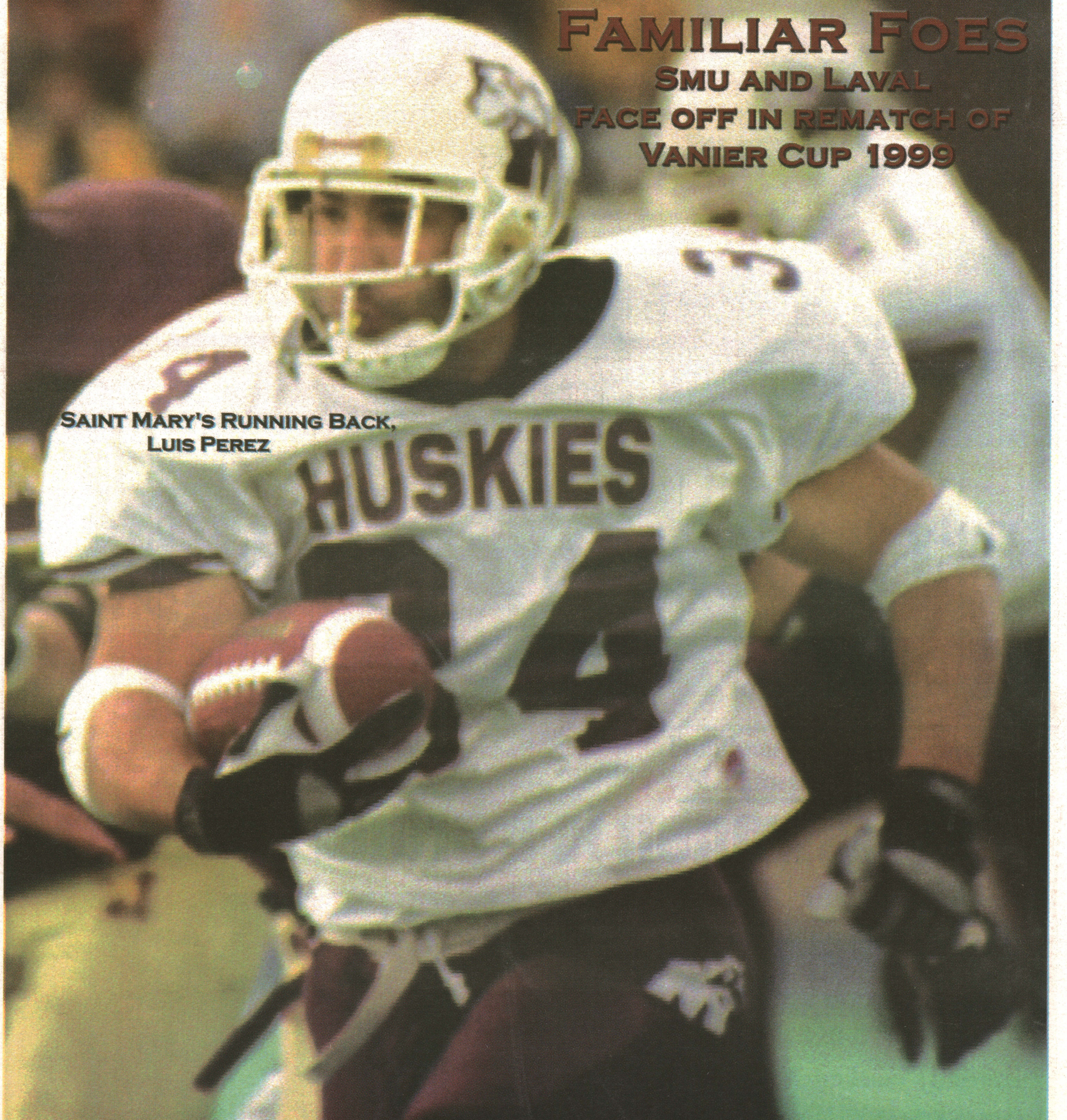




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SMU AND LAVAL
FACE OFF IN REMATCH OF
VANIER CUP 1999



SAINT MARY'S RUNNING BACK,
LUIS PEREZ



A date with history

SMU and Laval rematch a thrilling Vanier Cup

by Daniel Bonner

When it became clear that the Laval Rouge et Or were the likely candidates to come to Halifax and play the Huskies in the final Atlantic Bowl, immediately everyone began to think about the 1999 Vanier Cup, the last time that these two teams met. In what proved to be one of the most exciting Vanier Cup games in recent memory, the Huskies fought hard, but eventually fell to Laval who claimed their first Vanier cup in only the fourth year of the football program's existence. In case anyone missed it two years ago, that fateful day in Toronto went something like this:

On the opening drive of the game, Laval took an early lead, and had all SMU fans holding their collective breaths. It wasn't long, however, before the Huskies leveled the score at seven, as Luis Perez (then a relatively young third year back), punched the ball into the endzone. The tide had apparently turned, and three drives later, the Huskies

trapped Laval on their one-yard line before a breakdown in the secondary allowed a long Rouge et Or completion to extend the drive. The big play heroics continued for Laval as three plays later, they

the entire half. On offense, however, the Huskies were unable to find that one complete drive that would tie the game up, as they could only manage a field goal to pull within four. In the dying

the Huskies on Laval's side of the field, the Rouge et Or defense managed to punch the ball out of the Huskies hands and jump on the ensuing fumble to preserve the lead, and the victory.

In a game decided by defense, Laval came out the victor. The bitter taste of defeat is still evident in the mouths of the SMU players that have remained, and it was further amplified last year when the team lost to the Regina Rams in the Atlantic



scored on a long run to advance the score to 14-7 at halftime.

The Huskies would come out and play strong football in the second half, as the SMU defense held Laval's offense down, allowing no points for

minutes of the game, the Huskies were potentially putting together the key drive that could lead them to victory, before a Laval defender made an excellent season-saving play to guarantee Laval the win. With

Bowl, ending another run to Toronto. Key players on this edition of the Huskies like Ryan Jones, Luis Perez, and Dean Jones just to name a few, were all witness to the loss in '99, and there are some definite feelings of unfinished

business on this squad. The last two times that the Saint Mary's Huskies have lost a football game it has been when it counted most, the above mentioned losses are the only blemishes on a two and a half year undefeated streak by the Huskies, and those losses have come at the combined total of eight points. If SMU doesn't want this record setting season to end in failure, as the last two have, they will have to come out strong against two good clubs. This weekend against Laval, and assuming they can pull out a win there, another tough game in Toronto in two weeks against either McMaster or Regina, two more teams that the Huskies have unfinished business with. Revenge will definitely be on the minds of the Huskies and their fans this weekend, as they get their first chance to atone for the loss in Vanier nearly two years ago. One thing is for sure, one of the two teams that vied for the Vanier Cup just two years ago will be making a return to 'the big dance', it's former partner, however, will have to stay at home.

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The only line of defense

The saga of the offensive line; so integral, yet so unappreciated

by Daniel Bonner

Football is a game that is built on toughness, a game

position anything that helps calm us down before a game is to our advantage. Before a game we're basically just

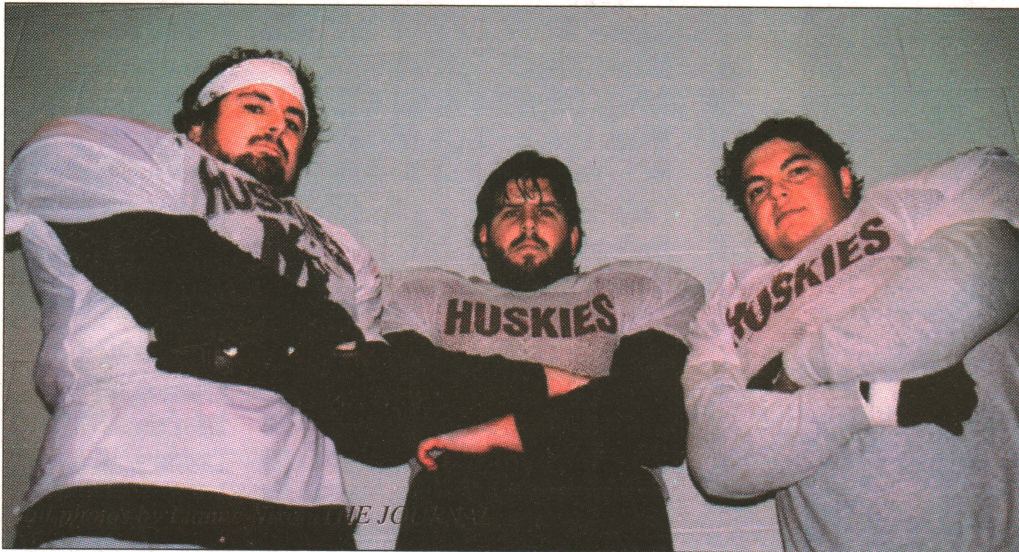
not get hit at all, and that all equates to our team goal, which is to win." Salmas extends this point a little

further: "if you have a losing season and you win an award, then it makes you feel good, but I'd much rather take

backs and everyone walk out of the game healthy. Our main goal is to execute and to leave the field with everyone feeling great." The future of the offensive line here at Saint Mary's also looks bright with five rookies on the roster. One of these, Jordan West, shows what he, as a rookie, brings to this team by way of his perceived job within the team. "As rookies we are here to learn from the veterans, but we're also here to put a little fire under their feet, keep them stoked for the year ahead and our push to win a championship." Eli Tannous at 6'2" and 280lbs is another big rookie on the squad this year who has set himself clear goals for

"Being a first year player here at SMU it is a personal goal for me to get prepared for future years. Moving up from third string to second, and eventually to first. Obviously my contribution to the team goal is to help these guys [the veterans] get to the next level and advance to Toronto."

Although there are no stats for an offensive lineman, their importance cannot be overstated. This year's edition of the Saint Mary's Huskies football team owes a lot of its success to the offensive line that it has assembled. Buying time for the quarterback and opening up lanes for the running back may not be a glorious job, but it is a pivotal one, and it is one



where the strong survive and the weak fail. A game that often requires the sacrifice of blood, sweat, and tears. It should then come as no surprise that the football world can often be a cruel one. One's focus on the gridiron is often drawn to the flashy positions of quarterback, running back, and wide receiver. Even the defensive positions that come up with game-turning plays are often in focus. Throughout all of this, however, there is one key area that more often than not gets neglected: and that is the offensive line. Everything begins and ends with the line. They are the defense of the offense, protecting the quarterback and creating running lanes for the running backs, allowing the team the opportunity to produce the flashy plays we all love to see.

It has been said, a good offensive lineman never gets noticed, because it is the kind of position where the only time notice is given, is when there has been a mistake committed. John Salmas, a key veteran lineman for the Huskies, gives light to his idea of what a good lineman is "shown through Luis [Perez] and Ryan [Jones], they reflect on us as we reflect on them. As long as they look good, we look good." Salmas, who boasts impressive stature standing at six foot even and hovering around the 300lbs. mark, says inside the locker room on game day is an experience that is position specific. The wild helmet-banging frenzy, often portrayed to occur within the confines of the dressing room, simply doesn't work for the linemen. "Before a game I generally listen to some of my Greek music to calm me down. At our position if we go bananas it will just cause penalties or offsides, so at our

keeping good humour and have a lot of fun the day of the game, we're never going crazy and smashing heads, we're pretty much joking around and having a good time." Salmas goes on to show that this team isn't taking anything for granted and although the ultimate goal is the Vanier Cup, this team knows there are steps that have to be completed before the team can get there. "Our main goal is, of course, to make it to Toronto and to the Vanier Cup, but first we have to win the Atlantic Bowl."

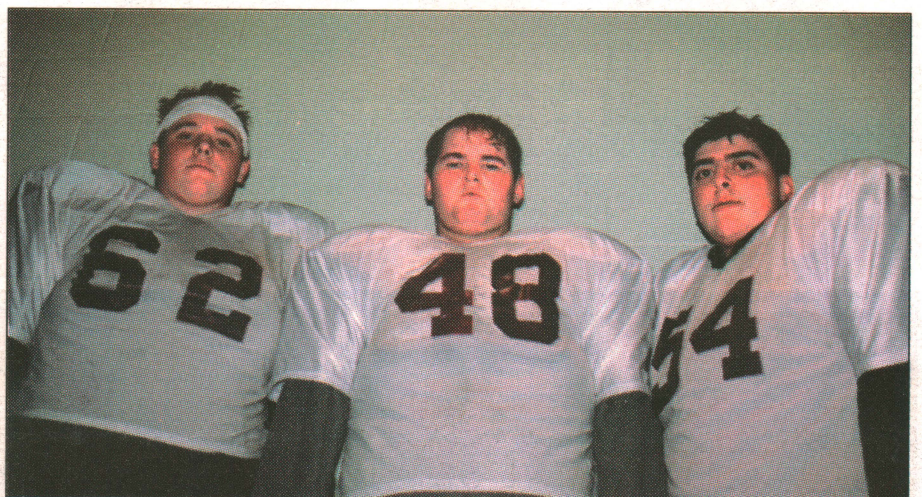
Role models and heroes are important in the development of anyone's career, sports or otherwise. Ian Ferguson, another key lineman for the Huskies, shows that often times these role models are right in front of you, not solely in the professional ranks. "When I came here guys like Charlie Toth and Kelly Ireland, some of the older guys, took us under their wing and guided us through the highs and lows of being a lineman. That's who I looked up to because those guys were already big names at this level, so as opposed to looking at the professional level, why not look at a friend, a buddy of yours." Steve Morley at 6'7", 315lbs dwarfs most anyone around him, and he is quick to point out the importance of quality coaching in the lives of all players. "We have a great coach in Gord Beattie who goes out of his way to pair the rookies up with the older guys to help show them the ropes, and I find that it really helps those guys out."

"For the offensive linemen, the team goals are the ones that count," says the 310lbs Colin Oldrieve. He goes on to say, "Our personal goals live through the team, they are to get Luis those 100-yards a game, and have Ryan

no award and win a Vanier Cup than have us all be All-Canadians." Ian Ferguson also shows how important overall team health is to the success of the Huskies. "Personal goals are not our top priority, just as long as we win and take it step by step. We have to be sure that our quarterback, running

progression throughout his collegiate football career.

that this line, led by Salmas, Ferguson and Oldrieve, does almost perfectly.



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	ATTEMPTS	YARDS	AVE	TD
LUIS PEREZ	141	1257	6.5	5

PASSING

	ATTEMPTS	COMP	ACCURACY	YARDS	TD	INTERCEPTIONS
RYAN JONES	190	120	63.2%	1657	21	10

RECEIVING

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVE	TD
JASON CURRIE	42	582	13.9	3
PATRICK THIBEAULT	26	538	20.7	6
PAUL FLEMING	21	351	16.7	1

QB SACKS

ERIK LYMAN	6
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No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Home
2	Demers, Mathieu	LB	6'0"	225	Longueuil, QC
3	Bonaventura, Joseph	LB	5'10"	235	Hamilton, ON
4	Jones, Ryan	QB	6'2"	210	Halifax, NS
5	Macko, Atlas	WR	6'2"	190	Richmond, BC
6	Panella, Steve	QB	6'2"	217	Halifax, NS
7	Arruda, Denis	DB	5'11"	195	Hamilton, ON
8	Robinson, Bill	QB	6'2"	200	Halifax, NS
9	Marques, Steven	DB	5'10"	191	Edmonton, AB
10	Roberge, Philippe	DB	5'8"	175	Granby, QC
11	Watson, Derek	DB	6'3"	190	Brampton, ON
12	Nash, Curtis	DB	5'8"	180	Lasalle, QC
13	Cicciarella, Rocco	QB	6'2"	185	Pickering, ON
14	Breckenridge, Chris	K	6'0"	170	Sarnia, ON
15	Mullings, Leslie	RB	6'1"	220	Hamilton, ON
16	Labucki, Josh	CB	5'9"	180	Bedford, NS
17	Simmerling, Christian	RB	6'1"	202	Vancouver, BC
18	Tyler, Travis	WR	5'10"	183	Edmonton, AB
19	Thibeault, Patrick	WR	6'2"	200	Baie-Comeau, QC
20	Bollers, Trefton	DB	6'0"	185	Edmonton, AB
21	Lubin, Alex	RB	5'8"	180	Brampton, ON
22	Jones, Dean	RB	5'9"	180	Irma, AB
23	Al-Shaghay, Mohammed	FB	5'11"	235	Bedford, NS
24	Rozier, John	CB	5'11"	161	Calgary, AB
25	Shields, Carter	SB	5'11"	195	Hamilton, ON
26	Lubin, Stephane	RB	5'6"	170	Brampton, ON
27	McPherson, Michael	RB	5'9"	185	Bedford, NS
28	Kyriacopoulos, Alex	DB	6'0"	175	Manchester, NH
29	Custer, Danny	QB	6'3"	240	Fort Hood, TX
31	Hakim, Eric	FB	6'1"	238	St. Bruno, QC
32	Nowak, Erik	RB	6'1"	225	Halifax, NS
33	Harvey, Gabriel	FB	5'11"	215	Sackville, NS
34	Perez, Luis	RB	5'9"	202	Brampton, ON
36	Barbati, Joe	LB	5'10"	210	Hamilton, ON
37	Panagopoulos, Alex	RB	5'9"	163	Halifax, NS
38	Fulton, Joseph	DB	5'11"	182	Toronto, ON
39	Noel, Marcus	DB	5'9"	170	Burlington, ON
40	Morrison, Kyl	DL	6'2"	222	Pickle Lake, ON
41	Scanlan, Ryan	OL	6'1"	265	Halifax, NS
42	Metelj, David	LB	6'0"	200	Halifax, NS
43	Fox, Matthew	LB	5'11"	210	Ladysmith, BC
44	Lyman, Erik	DE	6'2"	230	Morrisville, PA
45	Huet, Pierre-Paul	LB	5'11"	220	Victoriaville, QC
46	Peters, Matthew	DT	6'5"	270	Dartmouth, NS
47	Ancona, Nick	DE	6'2"	245	Waterdown, ON
49	Arsenault, Joey	DE	6'3"	230	Charlottetown, PE
50	Nahas, Norm	DT	6'2"	245	Halifax, NS
52	McHugh, Nathan	OL	6'4"	285	Dartmouth, NS
53	Steeves, Daniel	OL	6'3"	300	Fredricton, NB
54	Conroy, Byron	OL	6'5"	240	Truro, NS
55	Moodie, Jeff	LB	6'0"	215	Halifax, NS
56	Najm, Chakib	DL	6'3"	250	Ottawa, ON
57	Oldrieve, Colin	OL	6'3"	310	Dartmouth, NS
58	Hutt, Troy	LB	6'0"	220	Belnan, NS
59	Terris, Jason	DT	6'1"	270	Riverview, NB
60	Ferguson, Ian	OL	6'1"	265	Moncton, NB
61	Sylvain, Jean-Michel	OL	6'3"	315	Montreal, QC
63	Nelson, Bruce	DL	6'3"	245	Irma, NS
64	Morley, Steve	OL	6'7"	316	Halifax, NS
65	Salmas, John	OL	6'0"	290	Edmonton, AB
67	Sembalerus, Kris	OL	6'1"	290	Saskatoon, SK
68	Archer, Paul	OL	6'3"	285	Toronto, ON
69	Brothers, Stephen	OL	6'4"	280	Montague, PE
70	Chaters, Jonathan	K	6'0"	195	Brampton, ON
75	Pedley, Ryan	WR	6'0"	185	Arnprior, ON
77	Borden, Doug	DL	6'3"	310	Dartmouth, NS
78	Kachn, Ryan	SB	5'9"	190	Fort Saskatchewan, AB
79	Bartolacci, Domenico	K	6'1"	205	Halifax, NS
80	Fleming, Paul	SB	6'0"	N/A	Halifax, NS
81	Currie, Jason	WR	6'4"	195	Halifax, NS
86	Ahronson, Sean	SB	5'9"	175	Edmonton, AB
88	Stala, Dave	WR	6'2"	195	Halifax, NS
95	Hakim, Julieh	DL	6'1"	230	St. Bruno, QC
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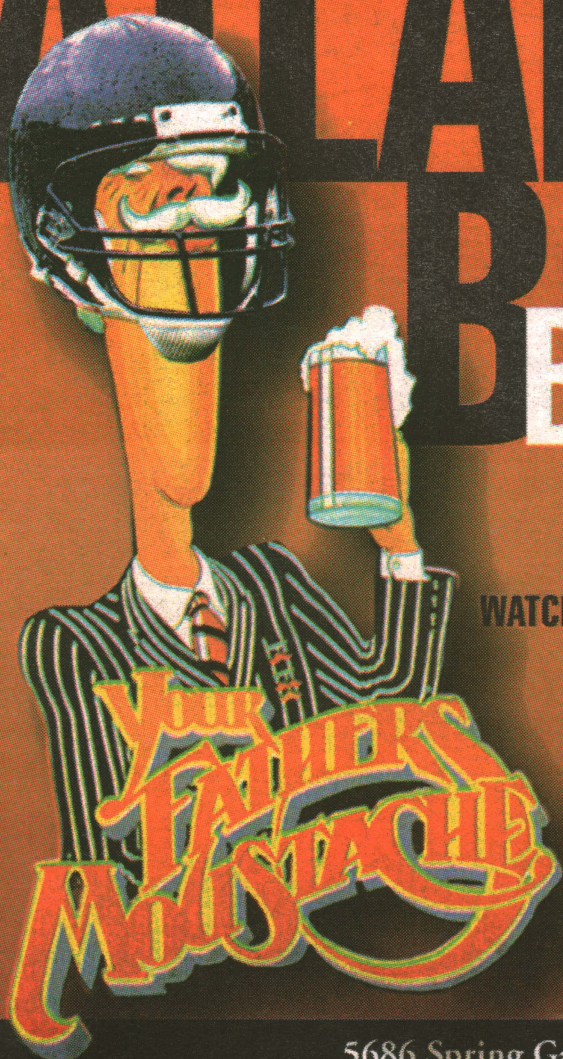
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No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Home
3	Cook, Andrew	DB	6'0"	175	Abbotsford, BC
5	Chenier, Paul	REC	5'10"	183	Shawbridge, Ottawa, ON
7	Dewan, Curt	DB	6'0"	190	North Vancouver, BC
8	Hartley, Strachan	DB	5'11"	187	Montreal West, QC
9	Shink, Greg	DB	5'8"	177	Toronto, ON
10	Rego, Marco	K	5'10"	157	Stoney Creek, ON
12	Pillai, Anand	K	6'0"	188	Montreal, QC
13	Cleyn-Pallett, Jonathan	QB	5'11"	166	St-Leonard, QC
14	Cantin, Philippe	QB	6'0"	177	Verdun, QC
15	Lanctot, Patrick	WR	5'11"	180	Cambridge, ON
16	Sommerfeldt, Josh	QB	6'0"	193	Sault Ste. Marie, ON
17	Walker, Ted	DB	5'9"	174	West Vancouver, BC
19	Reading, Robert	WR	6'0"	182	Montreal, QC
20	Eich, Chris	DB	5'11"	168	Boucherville, QC
21	Tardif, Olivier	TB	5'7"	158	London, ON
22	Sura, Chris	DB	6'1"	194	Trois Rivières, QC
23	Martin, Félix-Antoine	CB	6'0"	167	Greenfield Park, QC
25	Hoffmann, Nicholas	TB	5'11"	217	Regina, SK
26	Mao, Scott	REC	5'8"	159	Thornhill, ON
28	Chiarocci, Mark	TB	5'6"	173	Regina, SK
29	Oledzki, Garret	CB	5'7"	152	Calgary, AB
30	Tam, Leon	RB	5'11"	180	Burnaby, BC
31	Tai, Daniel	TB	5'4"	173	Calgary, AB
32	Tomkinson, Peter	RB	6'1"	167	Ottawa, ON
34	Gibson, Craig	DB	5'8"	156	Hamilton, ON
35	Porco, Pat	LB	5'10"	223	Barrie, ON
36	Freer, Marc	FB	5'10"	219	Ridgeway, ON
37	Longval, Nicholas	DB	5'7"	178	Dorval, QC
40	Manzano, Jason	DL	5'11"	213	Lac Mégantic, QC
42	Guay, Gilbert	LB	5'10"	188	Longueuil, QC
43	Desilets, Xavier	DB	6'0"	208	North Vancouver, BC
45	Golden, Adam	LB	6'3"	221	London, ON
47	Cotwell, Steve	LB	5'11"	220	Thornhill, ON
49	Richardson, Dave	LB	6'1"	180	Ottawa, ON
50	Penny, Mike	OL	5'11"	266	Toronto, ON
51	Pampe, Morgan	LB	6'1"	189	Ancramdale, NY
52	Stockl, Matt	DL	6'4"	260	Greenfield Park, QC
53	Clarke, Kerwin	OL	6'3"	282	Simcoe, ON
54	Macdonald, John	DL	6'1"	280	Regina, SK
55	Mahoney, Mike	LB	6'2"	217	Montreal, QC
56	Lavoie, Marc-André	LB	5'9"	218	Vancouver, BC
57	Leblanc, V. J.	OG	6'3"	282	Windsor, ON
58	Miller, Ian	OL	5'11"	305	Simcoe, ON
59	Merrick, Jim	OG	6'2"	285	Montreal, QC
60	Anestin, Adler	LB	6'0"	222	Markham, ON
61	Mccalmont, Mike	OL	6'2"	293	Orleans, ON
62	Landry, Nicholas	OL	6'5"	322	Garibaldi Highlands, BC
63	Mckenzie, Cole	DL	6'2"	215	St-Augustin, QC
64	Roy, Guillaume	DB	5'11"	190	Pittsburgh, PA
65	Petley, Mark	OL	5'11"	272	Manotick, ON
66	Poston, James	OL	6'4"	261	Longueuil, QC
67	Csoman, Jonathan	OL	6'0"	258	Petrolia, ON
68	Godfrey, Matthew	OL	6'1"	259	Montreal, QC
69	Griffin, Curt	DL	6'3"	230	Regina, SK
70	Grad, Ryan	LB	6'1"	230	Vancouver, BC
71	Leblanc, Robert	REC	6'1"	188	Coram, NY
73	Algje, Alex	DT	6'0"	241	London, ON
75	Libis, Mike	REC	6'3"	177	Stony Plain, AB
76	Weatherald, Jason	REC	6'1"	179	Charlottetown, PEI
77	Rashed, Ray	RE	6'4"	226	Markham, ON
80	Brown, Andrew	REC	6'11"	185	Winnipeg, MB
81	Kohaykewych, Stefan	WR	6'0"	156	Regina, SK
82	Nguyen, Khahn	SB	5'8"	162	St-Georges-de-Beauce, QC
84	Céolin, Steve	REC	5'9"	183	Ottawa, ON
86	Mcguire, Christian	REC	5'8"	160	Dartmouth, NS
88	O'Hara, Tim	REC	6'2"	177	Scarborough, ON
89	Young, Stephen	RE	6'5"	240	Montreal, QC
92	Brunet, Pierre-Olivier	DB	5'8"	146	Ottawa, ON
N/A	Eden-Walker, Simon	REC	5'10"	153	

RUSHING

	ATTEMPTS	YARDS	AVE	TD
MATHIEU BRASSARD	108	698	6.5	5

PASSING

	ATTEMPTS	COMP	ACCURACY
MATHIEU BERTRAND	186	104	55.9%

	YARDS	TD	INTERCEPTIONS
MATHIEU BERTRAND	1455	9	1

RECEIVING

	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	AVE	TD
MATHIEU BRASSARD	25	392	15.7	3
J.F. TURGEON	26	388	14.9	4
ENRIKO PIERRE	23	300	13.0	2

TACKLES (UNASSISTED)

ETIENNE VANSLETTE	36
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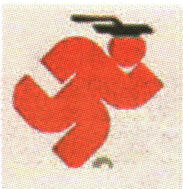
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The long and winding road

Laval's trip to the Atlantic Bowl has been a bumpy ride

by Daniel Bonner

For a team that was seeded second in the country in the



preseason, the trip that the Laval Rouge et Or have taken to the Atlantic bowl seems rather tumultuous. Regardless of the journey,

however, the important part for Laval's players and staff is that they are here, despite the long journey. The season for the Rouge et Or began on a sour note, and only looked to go further before the team was able to stop the bleeding on the strength of two team leaders who rose to drag the team to the top of the QIFC.

The season opened on a shocking note for Laval, on what should have been an easy victory in their home opener against the Concordia Stingers. In front of a record setting regular

season crowd of over 18,000 partisan Laval fans, the Rouge et Or fell to the Stingers by a 20-8 score, dropping them down to sixth in the national poll. Laval came storming back, however, to take their next two games by a combined score of 62-2, including a 25-2 thrashing of said Stingers in the rematch. Disaster struck for the Rouge et Or again in the fourth week, as their record was dragged back down to .500 in their first meeting of the year against the McGill Redmen, with McGill taking the game 24-17. Laval was finally on the right track after this loss, however, as they strung together a three game winning streak to improve their record to a respectable 5-2, tops in the

QIFC. Then came the second loss of the season to McGill, this time by six points to once again throw doubt on the playoff picture for the Rouge



et Or. Laval won their last game of the season to set things up for a McGill vs. Laval Dunsmore Cup to

determine who would go to Halifax in the Atlantic Bowl.

This season has been all about the performances of a few key pieces for the Rouge et Or, in particular a pair of Mathieus. Mathieu Brassard a 5'8" 195-pound running back, led all rushers in the QIFC with 698-yards on 108 carries to garner him the QIFC MVP award, and Hec Crighton consideration. In his fifth year, the Rouge et Or utility running back has often provided the spark required for Laval, and when it hasn't been Brassard, Mathieu Bertrand has stepped up. Bertrand has stepped up offensively for the Rouge et Or, as the fifth year quarterback has thrown for nearly 1500-yards this season, along with nine touchdowns. Not bad considering Laval has become a run first, pass later team under Brassard. The Rouge et Or required big games from both if they were going to take the Dunsmore Cup away from pesky McGill.

After knocking off the number eight ranked Concordia Stingers, and taking the season series from Laval 2-1, the McGill Redmen had to be considered a serious threat to the Rouge et Or this past weekend. The game, however, ended up being not nearly as close as anticipated, and involved some surprising weather. In front of 12,000 fans in PEPS stadium in Laval, the Rouge et Or stormed out to a 21-0 lead in the first twenty minutes on the strength on two Brassard majors. McGill came right back into the game, however, on two very different touchdowns, a one-yard plunge and a 98-yard punt return to make the score 21-14 at half. In the third quarter the snow began to fall and the running games took over, giving the Rouge et Or a decided advantage. Brassard found paydirt again late in the third to extend the lead to fourteen points. In the fourth quarter, with the snow approaching blizzard quality cutting down visibility and completely covering the field, Brassard ran in yet another touchdown to put the game out of reach, the eventual final being 42-14.

The win in the Dunsmore Cup for the Rouge et Or booked themselves a ticket to the 40th, and final, Atlantic Bowl to be held at Huskies Stadium in Halifax. While the journey wasn't necessarily as pretty as the Huskies 9-0 record this year, it got Laval to the important games, putting them just two wins away from their second Vanier Cup in three years.

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A call for mercy

by Daniel Bonner

Early this season, the Huskies defeated the Mount Allison Mounties by a 105-0

letting up, I don't know what is.

The second response to this line of thinking, is to question whether letting up is even the

the AUS, most likely into Quebec.

The second finger of blame that was pointed this past week was pointed squarely at the CIS. Upon hearing that the SMU game was going to be televised on Eastlink cable, I managed to get this airing taped. Later while viewing the program, I discovered that in addition to the football game, I also taped local sports icon, Alex J. Walling, harping on about the necessity of the CIS to institute a 'mercy rule'. Again I have to say that this is a preposterous suggestion. I have to draw the comparison to Peewee football, and if we were talking about ten year olds I would totally agree with Walling,

the occasional basement dweller from getting hurt feelings? I'd argue no.



count. Immediately following the game, the Huskies came under harsh criticism, but were the Huskies really to blame? One could argue no.

The first finger of blame was pointed at the Huskies themselves and more specifically at their coaching staff. Many people have said that in the spirit of sportsmanship the Huskies should have let up against the weaker Mount Allison team. To this there are two responses. The first is that in my mind the Huskies did let up against the Mounties, by half way through the third quarter the majority of the team's starters were on the sidelines watching the game. The fact of the matter is, the Saint Mary's team is just so deep, the second string Huskies were better than the Mounties. Failing to put in the second stringers, what more should the team do? Just literally hand the ball over to its competition? I'll take this opportunity to remind anyone out there that the score was 49-0 after one quarter (on pace for nearly a 200-0 win), and 77-0 after one half (on pace for a 150-0 win); if this alone isn't evidence of the Huskies

right thing to do. This is hardly peewee football, this is top flight football, second only to the CFL in Canada. There comes a point when a player has to worry about playing the game and not about whether or not they're hurting the other team's feelings. In many cases the players who play on this team will never play top football again in their lives; however, for a few, every move they make is watched by the scouts of professional leagues. If these players were to let up, it would compromise their prospective futures. I think that at the level that these players are supposed to be playing it is ludicrous to suggest a team should let up. If anything, this is a testament to what head officials at Saint Mary's already knew when they voted for the interlocking schedule with the Quebec conference. That is, there is a great imbalance in the AUFC, and at least, at this moment, Saint Mary's is the top dog. In a conference as small as four teams there will always be great inequality. Hopefully, this will help persuade the AUS (if it isn't already to late) that they need to have a schedule that goes outside of

but this is supposed to be top-flight football, and top-flight football consists of four 15-minute quarters of hardnosed action from whistle to whistle. This is to say nothing about the statistical nightmare that such a rule would create. Take for example this past weekend, if the game would have been stopped at halftime Luis Perez would have had under 80 yards in total rushing. Many backs in the country finished their regular length games with over 100 yards rushing. Why should someone be penalized for playing on a good team? As it happened in the second half Perez broke a 50-yard run and ended up with 138 total yards. Just project this kind of a loss over an entire season, or an entire career, and all of a sudden a good player who plays on a good team would look mediocre, at best, in the record books. This can be said for any form of punishment to the good teams which include, running the clock continuously after a team reaches X number of points.

The fact of the matter is, football has been played in the CIS (formerly CIAU) for many years and until this point it has yet to see reason to institute any sort of rule. So why start now? This is hardly the first time a defeat of this magnitude has ever happened. In 1967, St FX beat up on the Dalhousie Tigers by a score of 105-20. If a new rule was instituted, then an entirely new statistical record should be begun, because the entire compilation of records previous would have been played under a different set of rules. Is all that really necessary just to prevent



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