

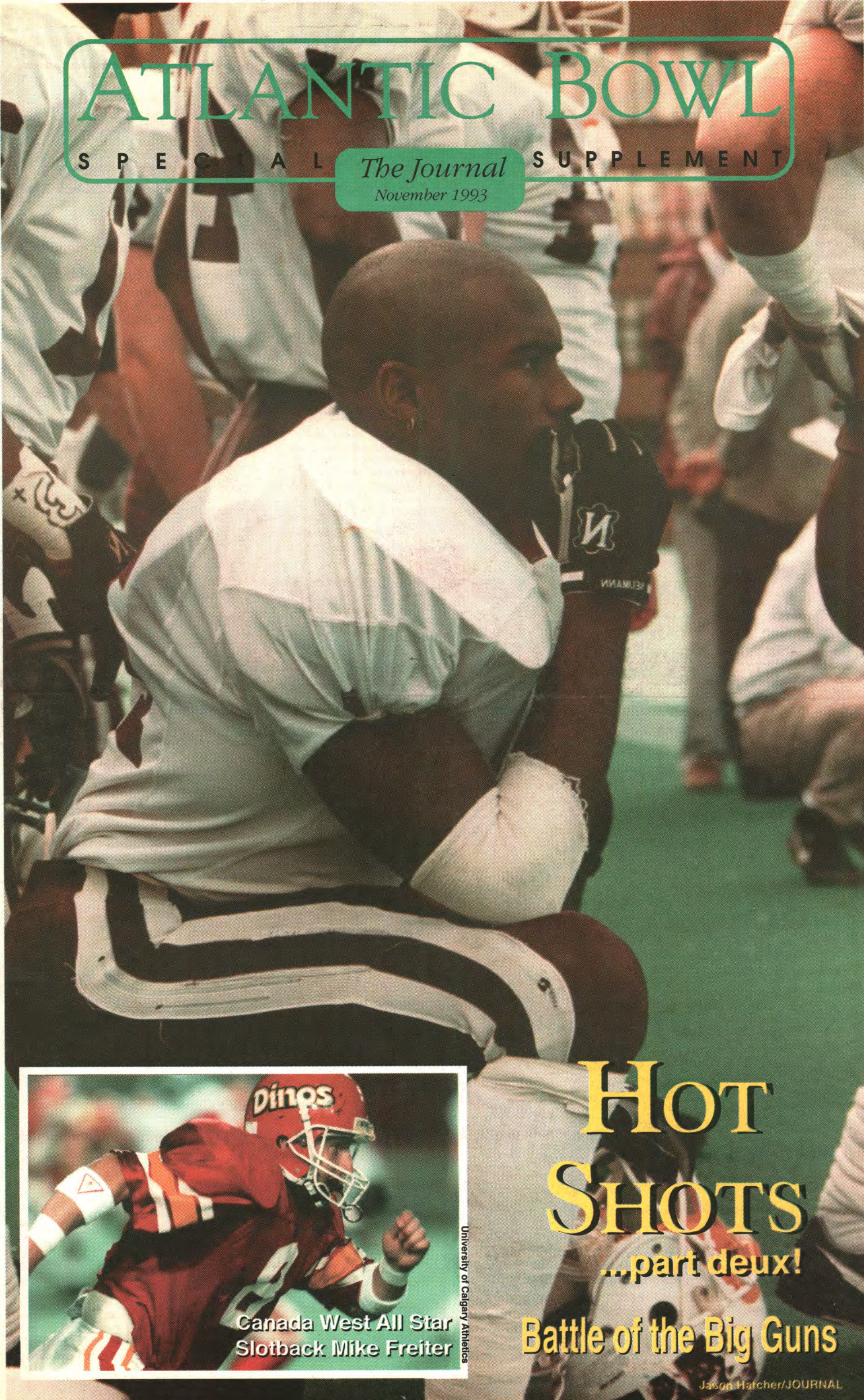
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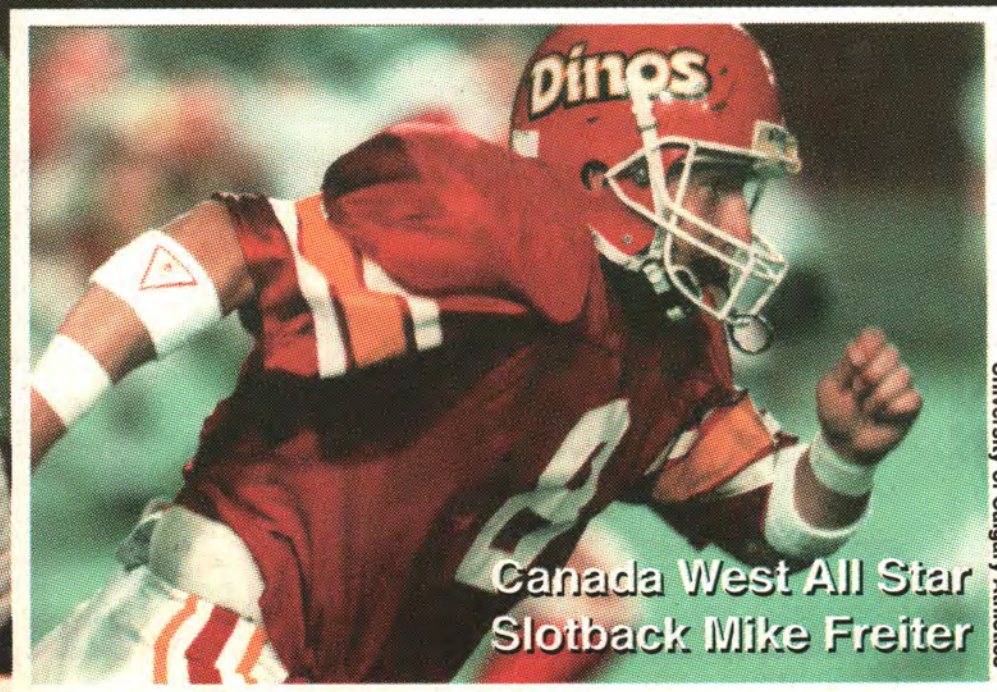


## HOT SHOTS

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### Battle of the Big Guns

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Canada West All Star  
Slotback Mike Freiter

University of Calgary Athletics

# Vanier Race Cut To Four

by Jody Jewers

The hunt for university football's most coveted prize has been whittled down to four teams as conference champions were crowned this past weekend and berths in the Atlantic and Churchill Bowls were claimed.

The Atlantic Bowl will feature the West champion **Calgary Dinosaurs** against the Atlantic champs, the **Saint Mary's Huskies**. The 32nd Maritime fall classic will be a rematch of the 31st game, when the Huskies downed the Dinos 23-11.



#5-ranked Calgary, appearing in their seventh bowl game, defeated #6-seeded University of Alberta Golden Bears 32-12 to successfully defend their Hardy Cup title. The Huskies, ranked #1 in the nation, needed overtime to down the #8 Acadia Axemen 48-28.

It will be the third meeting ever between the two schools, with both squads sporting one win apiece. Calgary's came in the 1988 Vanier Cup final at Toronto's Varsity Stadium by a score of 52-23.



The Churchill Bowl will feature the upstart Concordia Stingers against the Toronto Varsity Blues in a battle of the upset victors. #7 Concordia, led by former Axemen quarterback Dennis Pitselis, shaded #4 Bishop's Gaiters 10-7 on the Gaiters' home field in Quebec to take their first Dunsmore Cup since 1982.



The #3-seeded Varsity Blues, who had not won in London since 1975 marched into J.W. Little stadium and came out with a 24-16 triumph over the #2-ranked University of Western Ontario Mustangs to win the Yates Cup, symbolic of Ontario University Athletic Association supremacy, for the first time in a decade.

Both contests will be shown nationwide on The Sports Network on Saturday. The Atlantic Bowl is scheduled to start at 1pm at Huskies Stadium while the Churchill Bowl will get underway at 4 pm.

**NOTEWORTHY NUMBERS** - It will be the first-ever meeting between Concordia and Toronto in a bowl game. Concordia's only previous Churchill Bowl appearance was in '82 when they lost 17-7 to Western... Toronto has never won a Churchill Bowl but have won two Atlantic Bowl titles, those coming in 1962 and 1974... Neither of this year's Churchill Bowl participants have ever won a Vanier Cup. By comparison, the two Atlantic Bowl entires have a combined four Vanier Cup titles between them.

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Although the final score did not reflect it, Saturday's Atlantic Universities Football Conference championship was about as close as it could get.

Tied at 28 after regulation, the Saint Mary's Huskies rattled off 20 unanswered points in overtime en route to capturing their sixth Jewett Trophy in seven years with a 48-28 verdict over an Acadia Axemen club that refused to quit.

Saint Mary's will meet the University of Calgary Dinosaurs for the second straight year in the Atlantic Bowl. The Dinos handled the Alberta Golden Bears 32-12 to win the Hardy Cup and successfully defend their Canada West crown.

Only 1,500 fans showed up for the game as heavy rains kept many people away from Huskies Stadium. Those who did attend got their money's worth and more, as the Axemen scored 15 points in the final three minutes to force the extra session.

Acadia scored first, as they have in each of their games against SMU this

season, capitalizing on a fumble recovery when quarterback Larry Jusdanis plunged in from a yard away 8:09 into the game. A failed convert kept the score at 6-0.

The Huskies cut the lead in half on a Mark Dalla Riva field goal from 37 yards out 3:49 into the second and forged ahead nine minutes later when Trevor Burke ran a Steve McLaughlin punt back 46 yards to paydirt. Dalla Riva, who hadn't played at all prior to this game, sacrificed his year of eligibility to play and came through in spades.

"It was a tough decision because I wasn't sure if I wanted to save my year of eligibility or not," remarked the second-year kicker. "(Coach) Larry (Uteck) asked me on Monday, he gave me a few days, I talked to my parents about it and on Wednesday before practice I said 'Coach, let's go for it'."

James MacPherson led SMU to its next score, getting the call on five of six plays in the Huskies opening drive of the second half and racking up 71 of his 302 yards rushing to set the

stage for Dalla Riva's 16-yard trifecta at 5:36, upping the lead to a converted touch-down.

"I never would have expected this in a million years," said MacPherson about his performance, fourth best in CIAU history.

"The offensive line really came out to play today and so did our fullback Ewan Walker. I couldn't have done it without them."

The Axemen marched back 75 yards the other way to tie it, capping it when Jusdanis hooked up with Lee Barette on a 24-yard pass for the major.

MacPherson then continued his torrid pace, racing 70 yards to the end zone less than two minutes after the Barette TD. Dalla Riva added field goals from 34 and 13 yards and Tony Bailey contributed two more points by sacking Jusdanis for a safety to give SMU a seemingly comfortable 28-13 lead with 8:36 left to play.

The Axemen did not fold, however, and patched together a ten-play, 107-yard match to cut the deficit to eight with 2:14 remaining. Acadia's defence then held SMU to two plays, forcing the Huskies to punt and giving the visitors the ball back on their 37-yard line only to squander a chance when Jusdanis was picked off by Burke in SMU's end zone.

SMU's offence went two-and-out again and the resulting punt wobbled its way just 20 yards to the SMU 35. The Huskies drew two costly penalties on the play to bring the ball to the ten and as time expired, Jusdanis hit a diving Grant Davy for the touch-down to make it 28-26.

The Huskies thought they had escaped when McLaughlin could not handle the two-point conversion pass but SMU was nabbed for pass interference to give Acadia new life. Brad Zacharias then completed the comeback with a one-yard run on the next play.

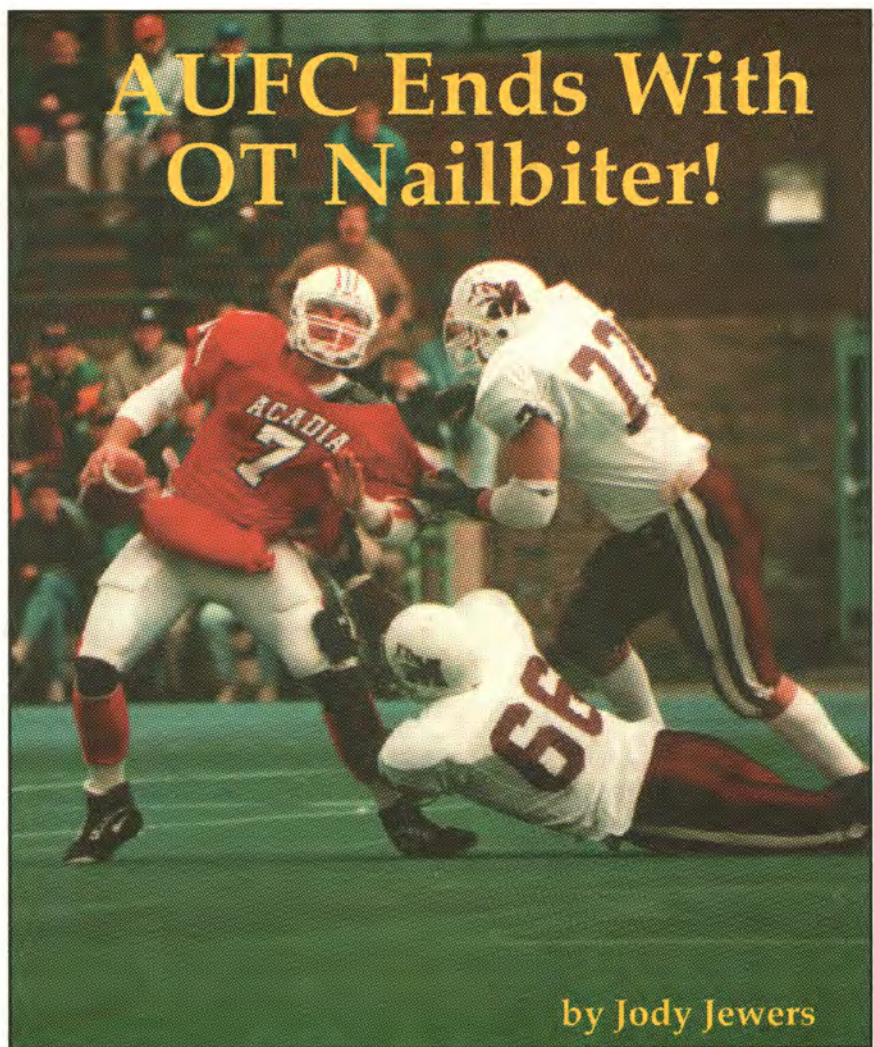
Saint Mary's aerial attack came to life in overtime as QB David Sykes, who failed to complete a pass in the second half, tossed a 23-yard strike to Charles Ashe for what would prove to be all the maroon-and-white would need 6:14 into the first ten-minute period.

Dalla Riva notched his fifth field goal of the night plus a single point, SMU's defence forced another safety, and MacPherson tacked on a 26-yard TD run to complete scoring.

"I thought we showed a lot of character in holding on and not getting down on the bench," noted McLaughlin, sporting cuts on his nose and lower lip as a result of the physical game. "We came back and were very high at that point but things didn't go our way in overtime, it went their way and they're very deserving of it."

"We wanted to work on our splits to give the backs some holes to run through," said SMU offensive lineman Colin O'Donnell, "and late in the game Acadia were sitting in the holes so we had to go away from that and the passing game came through at the end."

"I thought there were three stars in this game other than the unheralded offensive linemen who did a great job," added Uteck. "James MacPherson, Trevor Burke, and Larry Jusdanis for them. I think they all had fantastic games," said the eleventh-year coach.



Acadia quarterback Larry Jusdanis is hauled down by Tony Bailey (66) and Tom Fleet (72) of the Huskies in action Saturday at Huskies Stadium.

by Jody Jewers

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## Saint Mary's Huskies

**Hometown:** Halifax, Nova Scotia

**Head Coach:** Larry Uteck

**Years as Head Coach:** 11

**Coach's Career Record:** Regular Season: 51-30  
Playoffs: 10-6

**Vanier Cup titles:** one (1973)

**Atlantic Bowl titles:** five (1964, 1973, 1988, 1990, 1992)

**Atlantic Conference titles:** 13 (1964-65, 1968, 1971-74, 1987-90, 1992-93)

**Assistant coaches:** Bill Robinson, Joe Beuckx, Al Keith, Wayne Kirk, Stewart Francis, Pierre Lefebvre, Lance Bullock, Gus Karouzakis, Todd Barter, Neville Connelly, Ken Goddard.

**Offence:** The Huskies are led by 1992 Russ Jackson Award winner David Sykes at quarterback. Sykes, a fifth-year senior from Halifax, was the top-rated passer in the Atlantic conference (94.8 efficiency) and topped the league in touchdown passes (15) and completion percentage (62.6%).

The running game is spearheaded by tailback James MacPherson. The second-year Commerce student from Truro, N.S. took over the job when starter Sean Mongey went down for the season with ankle problems and finished second in the AUAA with 721 yards plus 139 yards receiving. Ewan Walker (176 yards rushing) adds depth and blocking power to the ground assault.

The receiving corps boast three conference all-stars in Steve Sarty (42 catches, 453 yards), Anthony Williams (37-462), and Mike Messam (30-337). SMU's main threat deep is speedster Charles Ashe (11-270).

The offensive line averages 6'3" and 264 lbs. and is led by all-star guard Colin O'Donnell (6'3", 270 lb.).

**Defence:** The defensive line sports three all-stars in team sacks leader Tony Bailey (6'4", 260), Tom Fleet (6'4", 268), and Noah Cantor (6'4", 260). 1992 President's Trophy winner Alex Eliopoulos (5'11", 240) and all-star Scott Purdie (5'11", 218) lead the linebackers.

The secondary picked off 18 opposition passes this year, with cornerback Brian Walker (six) and perennial all-Canadian safety Trevor Burke (five) topping the list. 1992 all-Canadian Andre Williams, Dwayne Provo, and Reno Barbaty round out an impressive backfield.

**Special teams:** All-star punter/kicker Dana Segin averaged 47.0 yards per kickoff and 37.1 yards per punt to lead both categories, but was a less-than-impressive 10-for-25 on field goal attempts. Mark Dalla Riva, who hit 5-of-7 attempts against Acadia in the AUAA championship, will likely handle the field goal duties.

Burke and Kent Gallinger will take care of the return duties. Gallinger topped the conference in punt return yardage with 294 yards and Burke racked up 261 yards combined on returns last week against the Axemen.

**Intangibles:** Saint Mary's have not lost on the turf at Huskies Stadium since the 1989 Atlantic Bowl, when they were beaten 38-33 by Western. . . The Huskies' overall record in the Atlantic Bowl is 5-6, 3-2 on turf.



## Calgary Dinosaurs

**Hometown:** Calgary, Alberta

**Head Coach:** Peter Connellan

**Years as Head Coach:** 11

**Coach's Career Record:** Regular Season: 59-28-1  
Playoffs: 13-4

**Vanier Cup titles:** three (1983, 1985, 1988)

**Atlantic Bowl titles:** one (1975)

**Canada West titles:** nine (1975, 1977, 1983-86, 1988, 1992-93)

**Assistant Coaches:** Tony Fasano, Paul Carson, Dennis Holowaychuk, Marcello Rapini, Tony Spoletini, Craig Watson, Chris Rusynyk, Bob Whitburn, Dan Wicklum, Don Ward.

**Offence:** The Dinosaurs have gone with the quarterbacking tandem of Jason Assen and John Kalin, the duo combining for 2012 yards through the air and 14 touchdowns. Kalin, who also doubles as a defensive back, has gotten the nod down the stretch and will likely start against Saint Mary's.

Sean Latter finished fourth in the rushing race in the West with 582 yards and will do the bulk of the groundwork. Kalin can also run with the ball, placing sixth with 304 yards on 44 carries.

Slotback Mike Freiter was the only Calgary player on the CWUAA offensive all-star team, finishing fifth in the conference with 41 receptions for 557 yards. James Buchanan (25-470), Ryan Williams (21-363), and Don Blair (20-321) will all see the ball over the course of a game.

The offensive line averages 6'3" and 263 lbs. and is led by fourth-year tackle Rohn Meyer (6'5", 285).

**Defence:** The defensive line boasts conference all-star Trent Schmuland (6'1", 255, five sacks) and checks in at an average of 6', 250 lbs. Chris Penner (6', 225 lbs.) and Roger Reinson (three interceptions) head the linebacker unit.

Fellow all-star Collin Newman accounted for six of the team's 21 interceptions this season and paces the defensive backs. Rob Schrauth (four interceptions), Dan Geremia (two), and Brian Baker (two) help round out an airtight secondary.

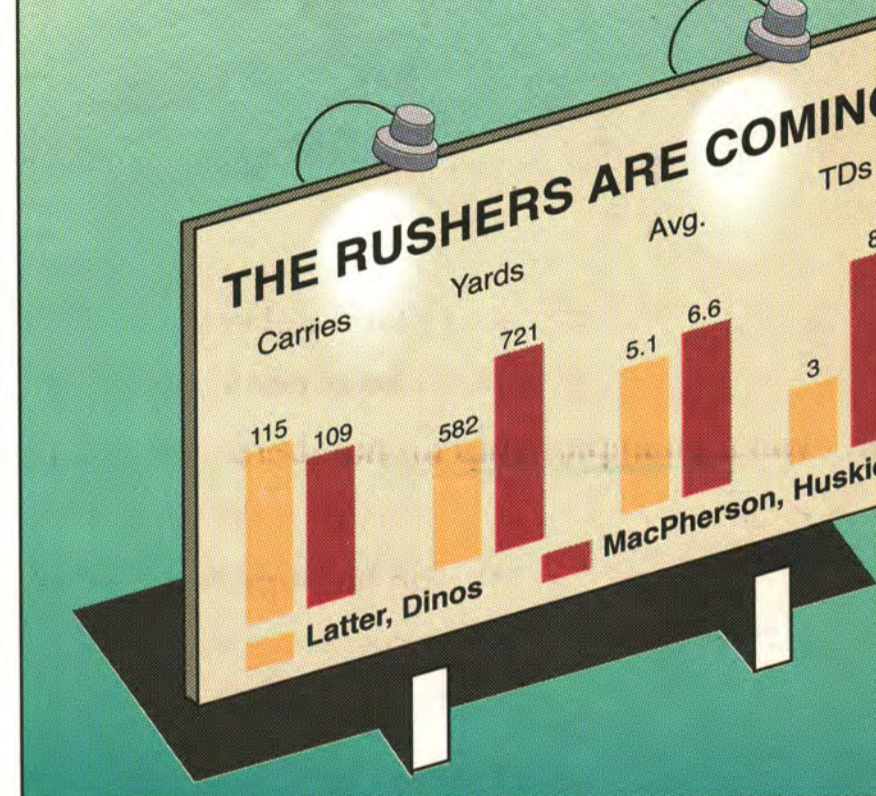
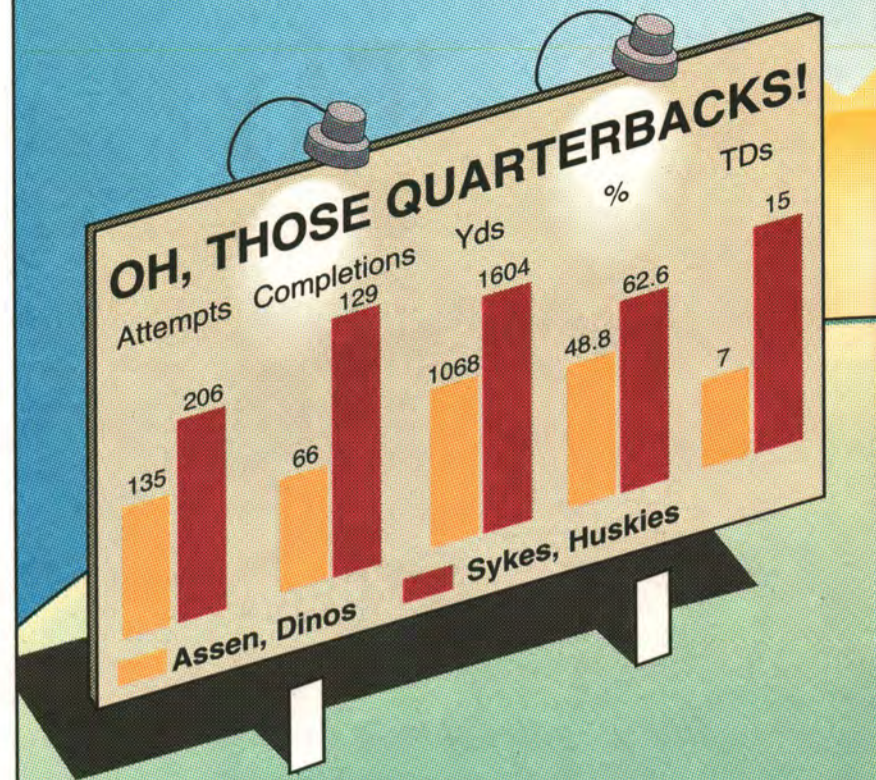
**Special teams:** Bruce Parsons handles both the punting and kicking chores, the third-year veteran hitting 18-of-30 attempts but only 11-of-22 from 30 yards or more. Parsons averaged 34.2 yards per punt this season.

Freiter and Buchanan take care of punt returns, the pair tallying 494 yards on 52 returns during the regular season. The kick return team is fairly spread out, with 12 players having at least one return this year. The Dinosaurs averaged 17.6 yards per return this season.

**Intangibles:** The Dinosaurs have never had a losing season under Connellan with their last losing season being 1982. . . The last time a Canada West school won the Atlantic Bowl was 1982 when UBC trounced St.F.X. 54-1. CWUAA schools are a combined 2-3 against the AUAA in the Atlantic Bowl.



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# Huskies Behind The Scenes

by Imran Adhami

David Sykes shatters CIAU record!...Huskies regain #1 ranking in the nation!...The Saint Mary's Huskies win another AUFC title!

These are some of the headlines you have maybe read or heard this past season, and with good reason. The Huskies have been outstanding! Saint Mary's has won six out of the past seven AUFC championships. They have made eleven Atlantic Bowl appearances, and competed in four Vanier Cup games of which their last and only National Championship title came in a 14-6 victory over the McGill Redmen in 1973.

What you may not read or hear about often is the outstanding community work that the Huskies devote their time to off the field. As if it isn't hard enough maintaining a full course load while playing a varsity sport at the same time, certain members of the football Huskies somehow find the time to devote to the community.

Enter Saint Mary's kicker Dana Segin. Segin borrowed an idea from CFL kicker, Lance Tromick. Tromick while playing for the Toronto Argonauts organization, would donate money to charities for every successful field goal made. This would be done throughout the year with the help of sponsors and was an effective way to raise funds.

Although Segin did not have the corporate backing to make contributions all year, he did decide to set up a 'Kick for Literacy' campaign for one game. Segin, with the help from team mates managed to gather sponsorships on a per yard basis for a game against the Mount Allison Mounties. The money raised would be used to help different literacy programs.

Although final totals of the money raised have not yet been calculated, Segin's campaign has been a success. "I had a lot of guys from the team help me out, guys got sponsors left and right and of course, the offence that day helped me out the most," commented Segin.

Segin, however, is not done yet. He will chair on a group starting up next year called 'Students for Literacy'. Good luck with the new program Dana.

Saint Mary's Quarterback, David Sykes is not only an all-star and leader on the field but one off the field as well. Sykes was the recipient of the James D. Bayer award last year awarded to the student athlete in the AUAA for significant contribution to sport and society.

Sykes has been part of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Metro organization for the past two and a half years. He is currently with his second little brother and encourages others to join the worthwhile cause. "It is a great program where kids who lack an adult role model to look up to, usually from single parent homes need someone who can show them that someone cares...it only takes up 4-6 hours a week."

Although Sykes also stresses that "it takes a full year's commitment and a while to get used to your brother/sister", but all in all is great to get involved with.

When it comes to volunteering your own time to help others, Brian and Ewan Walker of the football Huskies take top honors above everyone else, and that is exactly what they did at the Charter Day awards last year at Saint Mary's. The brothers from Oshawa, Ontario were recipients of the 'Student Leaders of the Year Award' which came as no surprise as both have been heavily involved in various community activities.

As Ewan Walker puts it, "Being from Ontario, we find SMU football and the community from the Metro area gives us so much, it only makes sense to give something back."

The Walker brothers have given a lot more back than they have taken from the Halifax community. Belonging to an organization called 'Athletes for Social Aides', the Walkers use the popularity of the football team to promote programs such as: 'Say no to drugs', food drives, and the alternative youth program which helps keep kids off the streets.

For the past four years, Ewan and Brian, along with other members of the football team have successfully organized a program in which team members help handicapped kids on rides at a local fair. The fair usually runs week-long and its four year history gives you an idea of its success.

Organizing basketball games in gymnasiums in exchange for a half an hour discussion on the importance of education has also been a hit with kids. The Ontario natives also hold events at the Simon Fraser school for the blind. These are only some of the activities of some of the members of the Huskies. Saint Mary's football plays a much bigger roll than just entertainers in our community. Good luck to Dana, David, the Walkers and the football Huskies in the future. Keep up the good work!



... took far more than just numbers, But while you may not be expected to win a championship on numbers alone, they certainly can't hurt. Here are some of the key stat line-ups for Calgary and Saint Mary's.

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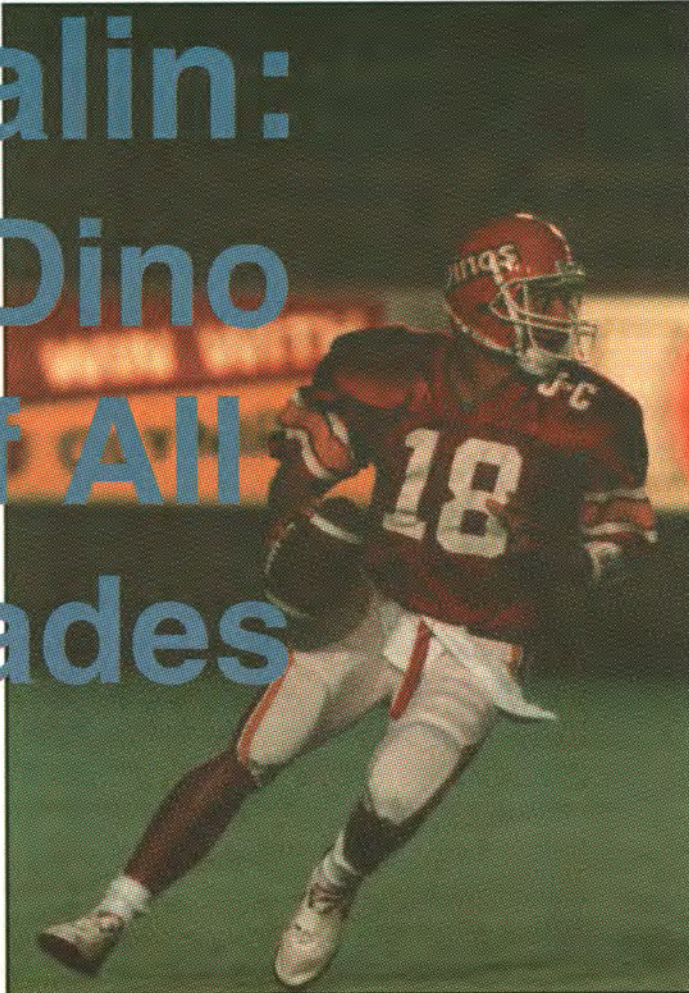
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# Kalin: A Dino Of All Trades

by  
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University of Calgary Athletics

**University of Calgary Dinosaur John Kalin has led his team to their second consecutive Canada West title. Now setting his sights on Halifax, this CWUAA Quarterback hopes to topple the No. 1 ranked Huskies.**

not a pure passer or a pure runner yet he can take charge of an offence and he's a real dynamic player. He's one of the fastest guys on the team and I know I'm extremely confident when he's leading us downfield."

Sharing the same stadium as the CFL's Calgary Stampeders does not hurt his chances at a pro career, either. When asked about a shot at the big leagues, Kalin could only speculate as

the 23-year-old offensive captain, who also enjoys mountain biking and dirt biking when away from football and school work.

Having played five years of CIAU football, Kalin has collected a extensive library of memorable moments with the scarlet-and-gold. He does not have to look too far back for ones that stand out from the rest, however.

"This year I had a good game

*I've grown and learned a lot, especially that it's not always winning championships but how you grow up as a person...*

*U of C Quarterback John Kalin*

**T**hey say the era of the two-way player has ended in football. Not so, says University of Calgary Dinosaur John Kalin.

The 6', 190 lb. fifth-year senior originally saw limited action as a wide receiver before taking over the quarterback job when perennial all-star Bob Torrance graduated to the Canadian Football League after the 1990 season. Kalin cites him, along with his high school coach, as important role models.

"My biggest influence would have to be one of my high school coaches, Rick Coleman, who used to be a coach with the university (Calgary) two years ago and he got me interested. Aside from that I would have to say Bob Torrance, who I played behind for three years. Some of the things I've learned from him were quite invaluable," noted Kalin in an interview from his Calgary residence.

Kalin, who gained experience at the pivot position in high school as a quarterback with the James Fowler Falcons, did not enjoy the measure of success then that he is now. While the Falcons never made it past the league semi-finals during his time there, the Dinos have won back-to-back Canada West championships, the latest coming Friday night with a 32-12 win over the University of Alberta.

"JK", as he is called by his teammates, has excelled at running an offence as well as stopping one. Kalin ranked fifth in the CWUAA in passing with 944 yards and seven touchdown tosses and made 15 tack-

les as a member of the Dino secondary not to mention placing sixth in the rushing race with 304 yards. His ability on both sides of the ball has not gone unnoticed by his peers.

"John is unique in that he's got a lot of physical attributes," remarked teammate Mike Freiter. "He's

to his odds of making it.

"I've heard that some CFL scouts have been in to talk to the coaches but as far as specific teams being interested in me, I don't know," admitted

against Manitoba that helped us clinch first in the West for us so that was a big moment and playing in the Atlantic Bowl last year against Saint Mary's, even though we lost, was special to me."

The son of a professional rodeo cowboy, Kalin is somewhat satisfied with his career in a Dino jersey for reasons other than the game itself.

"I would have to say (I've) been mildly successful. I've grown and I've learned a lot, especially that it's not always winning championships but how you grow up as a person that's important."

Sound advice, JK.

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# King James

by Imran Adhami

In recent years, the Huskies have been driven to repeated conference and Atlantic Bowl titles mainly by players who have had the uncanny ability to turn a game around at will. There was the Chris Flynn era with record breaking years until 1991. After his departure, running back Sean Mongey assumed the leadership role along with Quarterback David Sykes. When fifth year student and veteran Mongey went down indefinitely with a knee injury after the preseason Shriner Bowl game, many people wondered who will carry the load of the running game for the Saint Mary's Huskies.

James MacPherson is now in his second year with Saint Mary's.



Jason Hatcher/JOURNAL

James MacPherson has been a pleasant surprise for the Huskies this year after filling the offensive void left by an injured Sean Mongey.

Highly recruited but seldom played in his first year, MacPherson has taken the league by storm. What was to be a temporary replacement at the running back position turned into a full-time job and MacPherson's claim to

fame as he put on outstanding performances game after game.

"My first game wasn't that great and it wasn't a good game for the team either (Acadia won 40-7), the coaches were a big help after that... I knew it

was going to be a tough road ahead and with every game throughout the season it just got better and better, both playing-wise and confidence-wise."

The second year Bachelor of Commerce student from Truro's Cobequid Educational Centre (CEC) carried 109 times tallying 721 yards (6.6 avg) with just one fumble and eight touchdowns. He also caught 12 passes for 139 yards (11.6 avg) for another touchdown, not to mention the six punts he returned this year for 111 yards (18.5 avg).

MacPherson's brilliant performance continued in the post season as he totalled 302 yards rushing in Saint Mary's 48-28 overtime win against Acadia to earn the right to play in the Atlantic Bowl this weekend against the Calgary Dinosaurs.

MacPherson finished the year in second place in the AUAA scoring race behind team mate Dana Segin

# Driving Force Of The 90's

and second in rushing only to St.F.X.'s Sandy Walker by 44 yards. Saint Mary's head coach Larry Uteck spotted MacPherson's potential coming out of high school. He managed to bring him to SMU after MacPherson had taken a semester off to upgrade at Champlain College in Quebec as well as play football.

MacPherson admitted that the football program did attract him to Saint Mary's, however, "the biggest thing I was interested in at SMU was the commerce program".

After MacPherson's 300 yard plus performance against the Axeman, coach Uteck described MacPherson as "one tough guy...he got pounded today, but still had over three hundred yards rushing which is one of the best performances I have ever seen by a running back, he's a real gutsy guy."

"It all started in grade four when a friend of mine came home wearing football gear", remembers MacPherson, after which he joined the Bantam Truro Freightliners, eventually playing for CEC and ending up at Saint Mary's. MacPherson got little playing time last year and saw no action in the playoff's with the Huskies, serving as a back-up for defensive back Trevor Burke.

"The biggest step for me this year was getting my confidence up and showing that I could do it more than anything else," as MacPherson had spent most of his summer training for the upcoming season. However, MacPherson attributes a big part of his success this year to his team-mates. "Credit for the success of the running game has to go to the offensive line for sure, and my fullback, Ewan Walker."

Walker thinks highly of his colleague in the back field as well, and sees a bright future for the rising young star. "James has been the spark plug for the offence this year, he is an exceptionally gifted athlete and is quick... he is, however, still green, still learning, and when he settles down, he will do one hell of a job."

Walker also offered a comparison of the two styles of running games that Mongey and MacPherson offer.

"When Sean was injured, I admit we all were kind of worried as to who would take his place. The big difference between the two is experience, Sean knows the league inside out and knows what has to be done. James offers a powerful running game with great quickness and follows blocks well."

MacPherson was also named to the offensive all-star lineup for 1993 in his first season as a regular starter. He will definitely add to the calibre of Saint Mary's football in the future as the team's newest driving force.

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