

TIGERS TAKE 6-3 COMEBACK WIN; BUNTIN STARS WITH HAT-TRICK

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DAL SPORTS



Press Box Views

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Dalhousie's basketball and hockey varsity teams unofficially clinched second place in their respective Nova Scotia Intercollegiate leagues following the powerful St. Francis Xavier hoop and ice squads.

In the basketball wars the varsity team has compiled an impressive 6-2 record for 12 points receiving their only two losses of the season from the Xaverians. Friday night the Bengals tripped St. Mary's University 54-43 for their sixth victory thus clinching second place. In the semi-finals this week the same two teams will clash with the Bengals being heavy favorites to take the series in straight games.

Back on the other side of the fence in the ice lanes the hockey Tigers made an impressive comeback with a 6-3 win against the Acadia Axemen in Wolfville last Friday. The Bengals by virtue of this win against Acadia, coupled with Nova Scotia Technical College's loss against St. Francis Xavier last Saturday, have now clinched second place on the basis of their goals for and against (this is unofficial).

In the semi-finals of the Intercollegiate hockey wars the Tigers will face their old rivals Nova Scotia Tech and St. Francis Xavier will play Acadia. On the basis of the regular schedule play the Dal-Tech victory should be quite a battle. In their first encounter Tech eked out a slim 2-1 verdict but the Bengals evened the score in their second meeting with a 10-5 comeback victory. The winner of this series is anybody's guess and I fear to make a prediction. But if you read my column the week of the Tech victory over Dal I predicted that the Tigers would defeat the Engineers in their next encounter and behold the prediction was correct. Thus if the Tigers stay clear of more serious injuries which have plagued them this year they should take the total goal series by about three goals but it is going to be a long rough road for the Bangals.

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PRINCE OF WALES WEEKEND BIG SUCCESS

University of King's College under the leadership of the boss (Fred Christie) entertained Prince of Wales College from Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island last weekend. The King's teams as well as gaining a fine reputation as excellent hosts captured two of three exhibition encounters against the Islanders.

In the opening event the King's hockey team eked out a 3-2 decision over the visitors which featured the desire to win a little more than hockey talent much to the enjoyment of the fans who watched the game with great interest and excitement.

The second encounter saw the Prince of Wales girls show a little too much speed and polish for the King's gals as they pounded out a 25-13 victory thus tying the conquests for the day at one apiece.

University of King's College sparked by their stellar rebounding man, Pete Wilson, dropped the Prince of Wales boys 42-39 in one of the better games seen on the Dal floor in many weeks. Both teams battled through the contest with neither teams gaining any substantial lead and with less than a minute to go King's were in the lead 40-39. PWC had at least two shots before King's regained control of the ball in the dying seconds of the game when Andy Andrews fired a set shot which clinched the victory by a 42-39 margin.

FOUND—While wandering through the various sporting palaces during the Prince of Wales weekend I found a pair of grey gloves on the scorer's table at the LeMarchant School gymnasium. Anyone wishing to reclaim these gloves either contact me or leave a note for me in the sports department notice box in the Gazette office and I will gladly return the gloves to their rightful owner.

TIGERS FIGHT TO 54-43 VICTORY FINISH SEASON IN SECOND SPOT

By ROD MACLENNAN

The varsity Tigers completed their regular schedule in the N.S. Intercollegiate Basketball League Friday night with hard-fought 54-43 victory over St. Mary's. At half-time the scoreboard read 25-21 in favor of the eventual winners who seemed to have some trouble finding their shooting eyes in the sparkling, up-to-date SMU gym.

At several points in the first frame, the Studley squad opened up a good lead only to have the wine and white boys come on to almost tie the score. The individual scoring for both teams was well distributed in the first half. The finale opened at a fast clip and the Tigers grabbed a 12-point lead at the eight-minute mark as Ernie Nickerson, Dave (Running Deer) Matheson and Fred Nicholson poured points through the cords for the black and gold. This lead was never relinquished by Al Thomas' hoopsters

despite the efforts of a game St. Mary's crew.

In the final tabulations, Ernie Nickerson emerged as high man with 13 points. Close behind was Mullane of St. Mary's with 12 and Dave Matheson and Basil Carew, each collecting 11. Bill White played smart ball as he guided the play of the Dal quintette from the backcourt. Referees Struan (Arpy) Robertson and Dunny Dunlop called a sharp game before a good crowd. The win put the record of the

Three Bays Cop Wins—King's

In interbay competition last week three of the four bays managed to step into the winner's circle, Radical Bay being the only one who failed to show.

In the interbay hockey loop the "Home of Champions" pulled a moral victory out of the fire as their seven players defeated Radical 8-5. Radical, while having the better team on paper, was unable to stop the smooth team work of Chapel's stalwarts such as Steele, MacCordick, Turnbull and Wentzell.

League - leading Fern Wentzell paced Chapel as he scored on five occasions. Two other goals for Chapel came off the stick of Geoff Steele, and MacCordick was credited with a singleton. The theologs' marksmen were Hatton picking up a pair, Harris, Isnor and Greg MacLeod.

Turning now to the basketball court, Middle Bay won over Radical by default and North Pole edged Chapel 41-34. Rev. Hazen and Jake MacInnis teamed up to swish for 14 points apiece thus accounting for more than half of the Eskimos' total points. For the losers, veteran Bill Marshall captured individual scoring honors of the night as he netted 17 points while rookie Rolly Lines potted 12.

Dalhousie Tigers sparked by Valley star Bill Buntain made a comeback rally to drop the Acadia Axemen 6-3 in Wolfville in a regularly scheduled Nova Scotia Intercollegiate hockey tilt last Friday night thus (unofficially) leaving the Bengals in second place.

Buntain fired home three markers including the tying goal and the goal which sent the Tigers into a lead which they never relinquished.

The Axement jumped into an early 2-0 lead when Coleman and Prescott slammed home two goals in the first ten and one half minutes of play in the first period taking a 2-0 lead, much to the joy of the home town Acadia rooters. Dalhousie's captain Murray Dewis cut the Axemen's lead in half when he picked the disc out of a scramble in front of the Acadia net and fired it past MacKenzie. Buntain tied the count at 2-2 when he connected at the 19:34 mark of the first period.

In the second period it was Bill Buntain who fired the only goal of the period thus sending the Tigers into a 3-2 lead.

In the third period John Graham boosted Dal's lead to two goals at 8:39 of the final frame. Graham, who was a standout all night for the Tigers, finally collected his goal after hitting the post in the second period with a terrific blast and then later on he was robbed by MacKenzie who made a spectacular save off Graham's blazing slapshot.

Buntain completed his hat trick at the 16:55 of the period when he and Dick Snow combined to give the Bengals a 5-2 lead. Murray Dewis scored his second goal of the game at 19 minutes. Speedster Wayne Dickson fired the final tally of the game 45 seconds before the game ended when he and Prescott

swooped in all alone on Brown for Acadia's third and final goal thus giving the Bengals their fifth win by a 6-3 margin.

FIRST PERIOD

- 1—Acadia, Coleman 9:01
 - 2—Acadia, Prescott (Dickson, Dickie) 10:08
 - 3—Dal, Dewis (Sim, Snow) 14:52
 - 4—Dal, Buntain 19:34
- Penalties—Coleman, Corkum

SECOND PERIOD

- 5—Dal, Buntain (Hill) 12:50
- Penalties—Ferguson, Gardner, Corkum

THIRD PERIOD

- 6—Dal, Graham (Sim) 8:39
 - 7—Dal, Buntain (Snow) 16:55
 - 8—Dal, Dewis (LeMay) 19:00
 - 9—Acadia, Dickson (Prescott, Ferguson) 19:15
- Penalties—MacKenzie 2, Graham, Prescott, Coleman

STOPS

MacKenzie	.....	12	9	17	—	38
Brown	.....	5	5	5	—	15

Three Rinks Remain In Title Quest

Play has narrowed down to three rinks in the quest for Dalhousie's representative in the Maritime Intercollegiate curling bonspiel to be held at Mount A. on March 7 and 8.

As a result of last week's play, Harry Stevenson's rink of Dave Moon, mate, Al Beattie second and Rod MacLellan, lead, sets the pace with three straight wins. The other two remaining rinks skipped by John MacIntosh and Alex Campbell. In opening day's play Tuesday, Stevenson defeated Roy 9-3, MacIntosh only won three ends in defeating Nick Oxner 9-5, Campbell turned back Alex Weir 8-4 and Dave Silliphant came on strong to defeat Pete Corkum's rink 13-5. The four losing teams were thus eliminated. On Wednesday the four survivors hooked up in battle with the Stevenson-MacIntosh game the feature. Out to defend their championship, MacIntosh and rink of Dave Shaw, Bob Lusby and Nick Weatherston, went ahead twice in the early ends but faltered in the home stretch to lose an 8-3 decision. In the other game, Campbell held the upper hand throughout in downing Silliphant 7-3.

On Thursday, undefeated Campbell and Stevenson met in the best game of the playdowns to date. For seven ends the teams traded ones with Campbell leading 4-3 coming into the last end. On his last rock Stevenson took out Campbell's number one stone to tie three and win the game 6-4. MacIntosh eliminated Silliphant with a 7-5 win, three with the big break coming in the sixth end when Silliphant missed a three end.

MacIntosh and Campbell will now meet with the winner taking on Stevenson for the title. Should Stevenson win, it will be all over, but if they lose, another game will be necessary to decide our representative.

Scotians Romp Over Tigresses

On February 10, at Gorsebrook gym the Intermediate girls' basketball team met the Scotians in a rough and foul-filled game, losing by a score of 44-17. The Dal sextet started out slowly and rough, fast Scotians proved to be too much for them. Deciding to meet fire with fire, Dal picked up after the first half. However, due to poor shooting, they were outscored 19-8 in the last half. Jackson was high scorer for the winners with 18 points while

MacRae had a high of 7 points for the losers.

Dal: Boniuk 4, Hennessy 6, MacRae 7, Potter, Girvan, MacIntosh, Matheson, Mattinson.

Scotians: MacKay, J. 9, Jackson 18, McDermaid, Cox 1, Campbell 16, MacKay, M., Corkum, Husbands, Boyd, Smith.

Freshies Lead Girls B'Ball

In Inter-Class Girls' Basketball the Freshettes are presently in first place followed by the Seniors. Last Monday night saw the Seniors and Sophs battle it out in a closely-matched game which resulted in a win for the Seniors.

Standings:	W	L	Pts.	
Freshettes	3	1	6
Seniors	2	1	4
Sophs	1	1	2
Juniors	0	3	0

Sports Shorts

There will be an inter-faculty swimming meet on Wednesday night, February 19, starting at 7:30.

All interested call their faculty sports representative or Andy Burns at 3-8555.

- Events will be:
- 40 yard Breast Stroke
 - 40 yard Free Style
 - 40 yard Back Stroke
 - Diving
 - 80 yard Free Style Relay
 - 60 yard Medley Relay

Varsity squad at 6 wins, 2 losses, in regular league play. This record leaves them solidly entrenched in second place in the league which means that the team will probably meet SMU in the semis of the loop playdowns.

Dal: White 6, Wickwire 10, Nicholson 10, Matheson 11, Nickerson 13, Schurman 4, Weatherston, Fisher—54.

SMU: Phenny 9, Walker 2, Mullane 12, Varaeggi 7, Shea 2, Carew 11, Murphy, Cooper—43.