



## On The Sidelines

BY DON HARRIS

Eureka! They do it! In every young man's life there comes a time—to be able to pay tributes, in full, to "Gold and Black" representatives, and Saturday's exhibition of basketball rates such a tribute. The win was okay but the main point was in the method of posting this victory, which was the result of TEAMWORK all the way. For the first time in several years, all five members of Dal quintet remembered that they had teammates, with the result that they swamped their opponents, even though their shooting was slightly off in the first half. As the result of passing, passing and more passing, the team could not help but score some baskets, as they put men into scoring position time and time again.

In the second half, the shooting improved and the Dal squad posted an average of better than a point a minute, to run their final score to 57. Coach Ken Chisholm deserves some credit for the win, since he stressed the idea of passing and shooting when in range, not waiting for layup shots only.

It is not always a good idea to judge a team on early performances, but we will venture to say that they will be at the top of their league, should they continue to show the form displayed last Saturday. They may not be the best team turned out at Dal in recent years, but they are as good as any we have seen.

This writeup is not meant to make the team overconfident, but it is a nice feeling to be able to say: "Well Done, Dalhousie!" The boys will continue to win only as long as they play as a team, and over-confidence, plus a drop in team play, will bring with it a speedy change of fortunes. Win or lose, they will earn the support of Dal students, so long as they TRY, and that they did on Saturday.

### APOLOGIES TO MR. HATFIELD

An item in last week's column caused some consternation in the ranks of the Law students, who felt that they had been unjustly criticized re basketball entrance in the senior league. In a letter to this writer, Byron Hatfield took upon himself to clarify the situation, and did so in a very satisfactory manner, without ranting and raving, as do many people when they feel something is wrong.

He explained why some members of the Law team had considered entering the senior league, in order to give Dal a senior entry, and not let the league down, and why he, among others, felt that he could not play for the Dal team, since it would not be fair to those coming regularly to practices, if he made the squad without attending practice sessions, as mentioned in last week's Gazette.

It is not the easiest thing in the world to admit you are wrong publicly, but when matters are explained in a manner such as that used by Hatfield, the formality is simplified. Due to its length, the letter itself will not be published, and is not written as if it were intended to be published.

To Mr. Hatfield and any other members of the Law team whom I may have criticized unjustly, in the light of these facts, and only these facts presented by Mr. Hatfield, I offer my apologies for the statements made last week about those players.

Q. E. D.

### JUNIOR MUDDLE IN BASKETBALL

Some criticism has been levelled at this column for not mentioning the muddled situation re Junior basketball at Dal. The reason for this unnatural silence upon the part of this writer was that the issues were so confused that it was, and to some extent, still is, difficult to place the blame.

Quite possibly both parties are in the wrong, although each is inclined to place the responsibility upon the other. The readers may judge for themselves wherein lies the error.

The facts are presented in this issue, and the evident conflict of views shows that someone has let down the University, perhaps more than one party. A lack of co-ordination is clearly shown, since this matter could never have arisen otherwise, and regardless of where the responsibility for this predicament lies, a checkup and improvement in the general athletic situation seems necessary.

# Junior Muddle - 3 Sides To The Tale

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Approximately three weeks ago the D.A.A.C. approved the withdrawal of our entry in the City Basketball League, one of the main reasons being to give the coach a chance to organize and develop junior players. It so happened that, unknown to us, a group of Dalhousie students had already organized themselves independently and had entered a team in the Junior League, having done so on the natural assumption that Dalhousie would not be entering itself.

Without several of such players, a Dalhousie junior team would be unduly weakened, and two or three of them were regarded as good prospects for the Intermediate team, when they withdrew from the noon practices, presumably to join the other group.

When approached by the D. A. A. C., regarding a proposed combination under Dal colors, they declined, stating that they had gone to a lot of trouble to organize themselves, get their own coach, and acquire their own practice facilities, and that having gone this far, they did not want to see it go for naught.

We say that this attitude under the circumstances, is probably justified. But it so happened in this instance, that this team drew to its own side, players who had been attending Dalhousie practices, and who stood a good chance of making the Intermediate Squad. One player, in particular, had been selected already for the Intermediates when he decided to transfer.

The D.A.A.C. has been asked to take a definite stand on this matter, and lay down a policy which would take care of such a situation.

We feel that every Dalhousie student is under a moral obligation to serve his collegiate interests first, where they conflict with others. The fact that a student does not feel so compelled, reflects equally on the university as well as the student. The morale of a university that has to resort to legally forcing its students to play on its teams must be at a pretty low ebb. We consider that force is neither necessary nor proper. A player required by circumstances to play for a team to which he feels that he owes no allegiance, would be absolutely of no value, and furthermore, would not be wanted by the rest of the squad.

Let me point out that this represents our attitude in the event of cases ranging from one ex-

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SUKAROCKS

Mr. Editor:

During the past few days the members of the Sukarocks Basketball team have been charged with a lack of college spirit. This accusation would appear to stem from the fact that we have a strong team in the Junior League, while Dal, due to indecision and lack of foresight by the management, has been unable to gain entrance in the Junior League up to the present time. It seems to us that the stand taken by the D.A.A.C. on this issue is most unreasonable and the whole situation is intended to cover their own errors.

The members of the Sukarocks team are all young enthusiasts from Dal who contemplated playing basketball this winter. In order to meet our desires, we approached the secretary of the D.A.A.C. and asked him if we might enter a team under the Dalhousie name. He took the matter up with the D.A.A.C. and later informed us that they had no desire to enter into Junior competition and would not, therefore, sponsor a team. We were not downhearted.

We proceeded to enter a team independently in the Junior League of Halifax, playing with our own players, coach and manager. It was not our idea to sit around and become dormant through lack of basketball practice. The prospective team agreed to abandon their Junior hope if a sufficient number made Dal teams.

At the start of the season in basketball all members except one tried for positions on Dal teams. The majority were refused but two stayed on. When the D.A.A.C. withdrew from senior competition, these two players realized that there would be little playing time for them on one team of roughly twenty players. Consequently, these two players came, of their own accord, to the ranks of the Sukarocks. After winning our first game, in which one player scored 27 points, and another 26 points, the D.A.A.C. charged us with stealing two of their best players. These players did not consider themselves capable of attaining regular positions on the Dal team, due to the attitude of the coach, Ken Chisholm.

In closing, we would like to express our deep regret at the unfortunate attitude taken by the D.A.A.C. on this matter. The executive seems to feel that we harbor a grudge against Dal. On the contrary, we have the greatest respect for Dal and Dal teams. Most of us have played on Dal teams in the past, and hope to play again in the future.

Yours sincerely,

SUKAROCKS.

CHISHOLM

Dear Don:

Here are a few comments on basketball which you asked about:

Three men were picked on the Intermediate team. I'll call them A, B and C, and append the names for your information. A (Byron Hatfield—names added to this letter by the Editor), after several practices, told me he could not continue, and I told him I would like to use him in games and would be glad to have him, realizing that he could not turn out regularly for practices.

B and C (Keith Roddam and Don Rogers) were picked on the team and failed to turn out without further explanation. C (Rogers is now playing on a junior team.

D and E (Don Kerr and Mason MacDonald) turned out for only one practice, would definitely have made the Intermediate team. They failed to turn out again and are also playing for a non-Dalhousie junior team.

We were late organizing for a junior team, asked a team of Dalhousie boys not representing the college in the league, if they would combine with a regular Dal entry. They refused. I believe had this group a semblance of college spirit, they would have played for their college, when the opportunity presented, even if the organization plan came later than their own.

Worse than the lack of college spirit was the action of this group of juniors in taking away one of the men Dal planned to use on its junior team (Frank Rogers), for a game last Friday.

If space permitted I would have liked to have gone into this matter much more thoroughly. Suffice it to say that, for my part, I believe the action of several Dalhousie students in this basketball situation is the sorriest commentary on college spirit I can recall.

KEN CHISHOLM  
(Basketball Coach).

## D.G.A.C.

We hate to remind you, but exams are pretty nigh and therefore this will be the last of this column for the year. As is always the way with last issues, there is loads of space and no news. This week we rushed around looking for the latest on all sports and found that ground hockey and basketball were having a last spree before they disappeared for the year.

An interesting game of ground hockey was played last Thursday against the boys. However, it was hardly fair to judge it, as the girls had to be rather lenient on their inexperienced opponents. The latter seemed to find it difficult to realize that the object of the game was to tackle and wham the ball, not the girl. With practice they should show improvement. (Ed's Note: in tackling the girls?).

Two more interclass basketball games were played off on Tuesday night, the Seniors vs. Sophs, and Juniors vs. Freshettes.

The first game was an exceptionally well matched one, the score remaining almost even

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