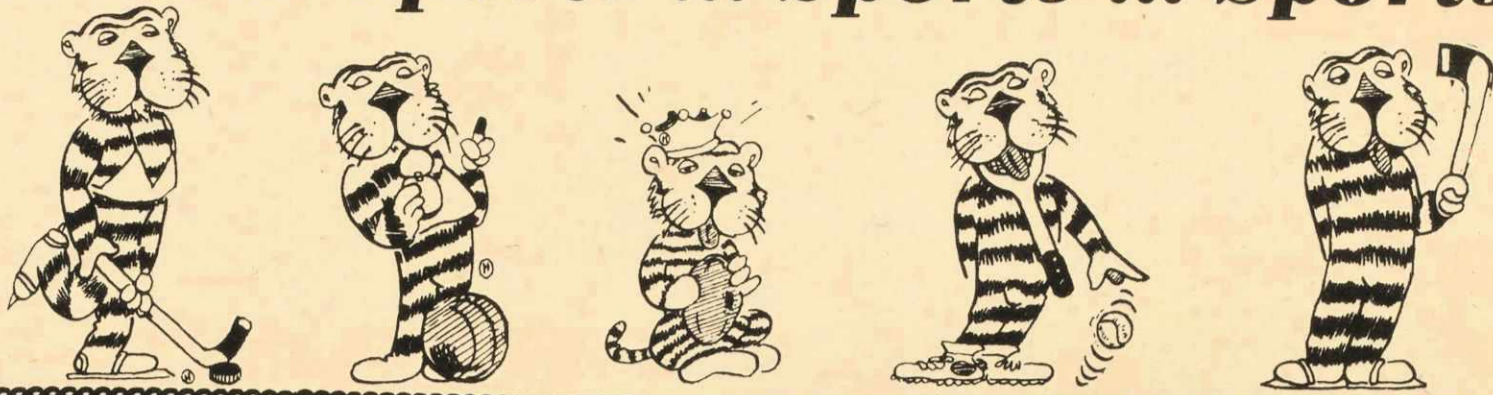


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Slaunwhite will be Missed by All

by Al Yarr

The concept of team implies that people are working together towards a common goal. To coordinate the efforts of several persons in striving for a difficult goal under emotional conditions takes an exceptional ability.

Albert Slaunwhite has led the Dalhousie Basketball Tigers through three seasons in which the team has consistently performed up to their potential. He has led stars such as John Cassidy, Brian Peters and Peter Sprogis, and this year has quarterbacked a group of freshmen and sophomores into a play-off position. As you read this article the play-offs may be underway and if the Tigers

upset one of the league powers, Acadia or St. Mary's, it will largely be due to the floor leadership of one of the top athletes ever to don a Dalhousie uniform.

Albert has consistently

demonstrated an unselfish team attitude and his quick, alert defensive play along with his ability to set up the offence against any kind of pressure will be attributes missed by the players, coaches, and fans.

Since Dalhousie returned to the Studley campus the Tigers have impressed their fans with an 85-59 victory over U.N.B. and a spirited comeback try against St. Mary's that ended with Dal on the short end of 75-67 score.

The Tigers were down as much as 16 in the first half and the half-time score was 40-29. Dal closed the gap to three points with nine minutes remaining and outscored the

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The role of "spectator" in sports

by Doug Hargreaves
"SPECTATOR!"

That doesn't look like a four letter word, but for some people it has similar connotations. With the emphasis on participation in today's physical education and athletic programmes, the large variety of recreational activities available and the continued increase of leisure time, it is

possible to foresee an encouraging decrease in the number of spectators. Put more positively — increased participation.

One of the side effects of this movement will be a population better educated in the strategies, tactics and skills of North American sport. At the same time as this increase in knowledge, the calibre of the games will improve at the top of the pyramid (whatever name we wish to apply), competition

will be of an extremely high level, and the people involved in the sport at the lesser levels will probably attend these events as critical spectators.

Until that day arrives, there is a large number of hurdles to overcome, one of which is educating the present day spectator.

There are a number of attributes evident in today's spectator, some of which cause concern among the partici-

pants, coaches, officials and administrators. "Referee-baiting" appears to be number one on this list, and usually is preceded by complete ignorance of the rules of the game.

Officials, like players and coaches, make mistakes. Good officiating is one of the keys to good athletics, but "referee-baiting" is driving the best personnel from the field and the sport.

The "shock" cheers prevalent in our spectator core have served their purpose to the point where they are now the accepted "norm" by today's generation of spectators. Unfortunately, this approach has driven off other generations of spectators, and perhaps more tragically, has set a standard which could produce a "horror-show" when the next generation attempts to "shock" their predecessors in the stands; today's spectators: you.

Without infringing on anyone's freedom, there must be resolutions to the problems so the sports may proceed. Everyone is free to do as he or she wishes until they infringe on another person's freedom. It then becomes necessary to seek other solutions.

Are there course offerings in referee-baiting; separation of spectators by age groups; or closing the games to spectators?

Let's have your ideas.

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