

Success Spoils Tigers

The Dalhousie Tigers suffered their most bitter defeat of the season Saturday against the visiting Mount Allison. The Hawks edged the Bengals 62-56. The Tigers appeared to be in an excellent position to win their second straight M.I.B.C. game. Inspired by their upset of St. F.X., earlier in the week Dal was well rested and playing before an enthusiastic home crowd. None of these factors applied to the quintet from Sackville. More important still was the fact that Dal was obviously the better ball club. This was a game that the Tigers should have won.

After a slow start - the first quarter score was 11-7 in favour of Mount A. - Dal came on with a rush and took control. Bottling up Mike Harrison, the 6'8" Hawk guard who is reputed to be the best bigmen in the League, the Tabbies held a substantial 28-21 lead at the half.

In the dressing room Coach Yarr concerned himself with attempting to check a feeling of confidence that seemed to prevail. He cautioned his charges against superlative individual efforts in favour of a continuation of offensive teamwork as the second half got under way the Bengals appeared to heed Yarr's advice. With some eight minutes remaining in the game they led by five - 47-42. Suddenly, either unable or unwilling to work offensive plays the Tigers could not buy a basket. On the other hand, the Hawks led by Harrison began by hitting with deadly accuracy. By the time the Bengals could right themselves they were down by six points with only two minutes to play. It was too late and three field goals stood as the final margin of victory for Mount Allison.

Harrison led all scorers with 24 points after having only seven at the half. Blakney and MacDonald were high again for Dalhousie each hitting for 16.

This weekend the Bengals with a 1-6 record travel to St. Dunstan's and Mount Allison.

Tigerettes Bow 28-27

As a part of Winter Carnival activities the girls' basketball team played against Acadia on Friday afternoon. The tigerbelles came on the floor and action see-sawed back and forth during the first half. At the end of the quarter the score stood 12-9 for Dal and 17-16 for Dal at the half. The second half was similar to the first with baskets being exchanged. However, Acadia capitalized on the foul shots and the score ended Acadia 28 - Dal 27. However, Dal played a fast hard fought game and had a slight lead through the game. The team's main problem seemed to be in passing and blocking. The high scorer for the game was Wendy Stoker of Dal with eleven points followed closely by J. Aulund of Acadia with 10. Gill Rowan - Legg (8), Sue Lane (6) and Heather Grant (2) rounded out the scoring for Dal. This game was a definite improvement over the first game against Acadia which Dal lost 42-28. Although a tough game to lose, the girls are out to win in Newfoundland. Line:- Wendy Stoker, Gill Rowan - Legg, Heather Grant, Pat Balloch, Sue Lane, Kai-Mai Pold, Barb MacGinn, Cathy Shaw, Brenda Campbell, Peggy Herman, Ann Pike and Mary Ann Brown.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

By PAUL FARLEY

Last week was a very disappointing one in varsity sports except for one thing. DAL BEAT X. In an amazing display of ability, endurance, and CLASS supplemented by a determined desire to win, the varsity basketballers spoiled the Xaverians previously unbeaten string this season, upsetting them 73-72 in overtime.

The victory was a tremendous complement to coach Alan Yarr's ability to get his charges mentally prepared to beat a team of X's caliber. He, along with the whole team, deserve a great deal of credit for their tremendous effort which not only put a serious crimp in X's plans for the championship but also gave a big shot in the arm to the sad athletic situation at Dal. For the first time in many seasons Dal basketball fans really had something to cheer about and cheer they did. During the latter stages of the game when the lead was see-sawing back and forth Dal fans proved that their lungs were as healthy as those of any crowd in the league.

In a complete reversal of form the same terrible Tigers who defeated St. F.X., turned victory into defeat at the hands of the not so powerful Mount Allison Mounties. A seven point half time lead evaporated as the Tigers could not seem to dunk the many foul shots thrown their way. They also lacked in cohesiveness which had been so evident in their victory over X, thus enabling the Mounties to grab the victory right from Dal's grasp.

UNTO THE BOTTOM

Varsity hockey descended a little lower into the depths last Saturday when the Tigers were blanked by Mt. A. 1-0. The game was exciting but disappointing for Dal spectators who saw Dal take their third home loss this season. There's not much to say about the game except that Dal couldn't score a goal. They tried about as hard as they have tried all season but they lacked the finesse from the blue line in.

It is interesting to note that the football and basketball teams at Dalhousie receive full time coaching from members of the athletic staff. Hockey, on the other hand, receives part time coaching from a man who must earn his living in another field. Even though the part time coach may be very capable, his full time cannot be devoted to hockey and this is to the detriment of the team. I think that the situation should be considered by the powers that be and if a change is necessary it should be made soon.

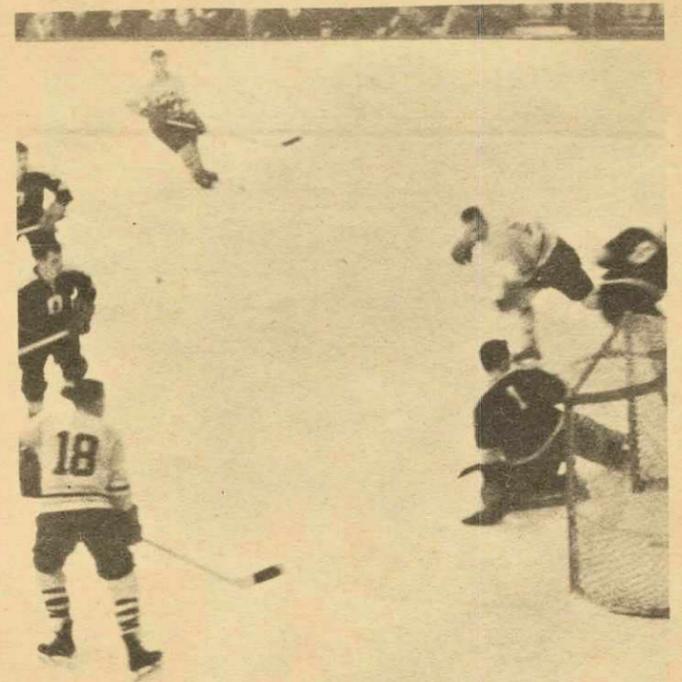
Tigers Shutout

Bill Hay scored for Mount Allison Mounties with 7 seconds of playing time elapsed in the game and this proved to be all that was necessary to defeat the Dalhousie Tigers 1-0. The game, played last Saturday afternoon at the Dal rink is just another in the lengthening string of recent Dal defeats. In gaining his first league shut-out, Mountie goalie, Chuck Lawrence, stopped 28 shots and was judged the most valuable player of the opposition.

The key-note of the game was defensive play. The Dal defense was quite busy in the first two periods as George MacDonald handled 27 shots. Dal had trouble in backchecking adequately while Mount A found it quite easy to break-up the Dal attacks. However, the situation mostly reversed itself in the third period when Mountie forwards seemed to tire and leave all the work to their defensemen. Lawrence kicked out 10 shots with his defenseman deliberately blocking a dozen more, while at the other MacDonald only made our saves.

Although Tigers were at full strength for this game, they still lacked the scoring punch necessary to win. Bill Buntain, who was chosen Dal's best player, Dal had. Although Tigers have good hard skating hockey players the three forward lines didn't score any goals and their play was at best sporadic. The main trouble with the Dal offense is that they couldn't finish their plays. Many times the puck was passed to the front of the Mountie net with no Dal man there to take advantage. Often wingmen got ahead of the play causing offsides and Tiger passes were ineffective at times inaccurate. This is not the way to win hockey games.

Nor were these faults common to the Tigers. In the first and second periods, Mountie defensemen were getting the puck up to the forwards who were doing a



GEORGE MACDONALD has just covered up on the short side as a Mountie forward has tried to jam the puck by his leg. Bill Buntain skates away with the puck while the defencemen Ian Oulton (bottom) and Dave McFarlane watch as does Frank Capelli (18). (Photo by Owen).

good bit of shooting. But in the third period, Dal forwards controlled the play most of the way and the Mounties organized few successful attacks.

Due to the fact that Dal only lost by one goal, it is obvious that at any time, the Tigers could have tied it up and gone on to win, although they failed to do so. Dal had its best break with less than ten minutes remaining in the game and Marshall in the penalty box for Mount A. Coach Fitzgerald pulled goalie George MacDonald out in favour of an extra player but this appeared to be unpracticed as it almost backfired when one Mount A player shot the puck down the ice and it just missed the open net.

It was a well officiated orderly game with only six penalties being

called - three to each club. However, neither team could take advantage of the extra manpower, and so it made little difference in the eventual outcome of the game.

Dal's last six starts have ended as losses with the opposition scoring 28 goals to our 11. The Tigers hope to regain the winning form they exhibited early in the season when they meet Acadia for the second time next Saturday at Wolfville.

BACHELORS BEWARE!

Valentines Day can be doubly dangerous for bachelors this year. It's Leap Year and according to the Valentines we saw by Coutts Hallmark Cards, many girls will be leaping after the men of their choice.

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