

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

An injury-ridden Dalhousie Tiger Hockey team played one of its poorest games of the season last Wednesday night and won. The same team, weakened even more on Saturday, played one of their best games of the season and lost 5 - 1. Commenting before the X game Dal coach Walter Fitzgerald said "The team that get the breaks should win it." These words were only too true as the frustrated Bengals let labeled shot after shot go at the X net only to be thwarted at the last instant by some unforeseen quirk.

COMMANDED THIRD PERIOD

The Tigers had X on the ropes for the entire third period, had at least three clean breakaways, two by Buntain and one by Kaizer, and still couldn't tally. It was almost a complete reversal of the game played in Halifax between the same two teams when X commanded the play but couldn't score.

Dal had hard luck right from the start. The game was slated to begin at 7.00 but due to the tardiness of the referees it was almost an hour late. The Xaverians struck hard and fast in the first period in their usual manner and Dal was down 2 - 0 before they could get untracked. However, it's all ancient history now and its up to another league team to beat X to give Dal a shot at the title.

ROAD TRIP IMPORTANT

Speaking of Dal's chances to win the Championship, much will depend on how they do on their road trip to UNB and St. Thomas at the end of the month. They will play two very highly-rated teams and must win both to stay in the running, The Bengals are not noted for being successful on the road and this mental block will make victories even more difficult.

"ROOKIES" BRIGHT SPOTS

However, one of the brightest being rookie Keith Sullivan. Despite this being his first year in intercollegiate competition he has already proven himself very reliable. He took a regular turn on the ice at Antigonish and had several good chances to score. Dave McClymont another rookie, performed well at St. F.X. and promises to become one of the regular stalwarts of the Dal defence.

Coach Fitzgerald was forced to do much line juggling due to key injuries to Dick Dramaj and Graham Mercer, two good left wingers, and this placed a heavier-than-usual burden on Buntain, MacKeigan and Roy Kaizer. The slack was ably taken up by newcomer Bill Stanish and sophomore Jamie Levitz.

GRUDGE TO SETTLE

Next week will see the Bengals play a vengeance game against St. Dunstan's who unexpectedly thumped the Tigers 12-5 last year on a disastrous road trip. With an added year's experience, and the advantage of home ice, the Dal team hopes to return the favour this year and Saturday's contest promises to be very interesting.

TECH TIE MT. A

A surprising game in the Dal rink last Saturday saw N.S. Tech earlier badly beaten by Dal and Acadia, tie the supposedly powerful Mount Allison Mounties. Mount Allison caused a surprise themselves earlier by upsetting St. Thomas Tommies 4-3, so it would appear that there are quite a few teams who have their eye on the league title.

NET MINDER PERFORMING WELL

Dal goaltender George MacDonald is enjoying one of his finest seasons to date. In four games his goals against average is 3.00 despite a five goal bombardment by St. F.X. He performed well against the Antigonish team, and during the first period the score could easily have to give much higher had it not been for his steadiness.

HARD TIMES AHEAD

Another hard year seems to be in store for the basketball team. In recent years opposing teams have enjoyed setting league records against teams from Dalhousie and the basketball team was not to be denied. Bob Lahey scored sixty points against the Bengals, a single game record, and led the Santamarians to a 117-63 victory. Reports indicate that the Tigers fared a little better against St. Dunstons on Saturday, making a hard-driving finish and falling short of the Island team by seven points. However, it must give coach Yarr nightmares to think of playing St. F.X. and Acadia.



A SMU attacker is thwarted at the goalmouth by Dal goaltender George MacDonald and pushed back by defenceman Ian Oulton. Action is from last Wednesday's night contest at the Halifax Forum when the Tigers won their second game of the season defeating the Santamarians 4-3 in a closely fought battle.

(photo by Munroe)

Hockey Tigers Lose to X-Men

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from Hollihan. Twelve minutes later, Duncan scored the winning goal on a shot which seemed to hit the cross-bar, change direction, hit a post, and bounce in. At the time, Dal was crippled by a penalty. Two minutes later, Stanish scored Dal's lone goal after taking a pass from Oulton and skating in to beat Hall on a quick shot.

At 2:46 of the second period Murphy extended X's lead to 3 - 1 after being set up by Synishan and Hollihan. At 15:11 Synishan scored his second of the evening to make it 4 - 1. At 18:45 of the third period, Murphy got his second goal of the evening with his own team a man short to close the scoring 5 - 1.

TEMPERS FLARE

With 6 minutes to go in the game tempers flared as Stanish and Pete started to slug it out in the corner. Immediately MacKeigan and McQuaid started to shove each other around. However, prompt action by the officials to separate the offenders brought an impending brawl to a halt.

Dal was definitely out played in the first period with George MacDonald keeping the score down to 2 - 1 by handling 19 shots on the Dal net. However, except for the first five minutes of each period Dal had their

GIRLS' SPORTS

BASKETBALL

The basketball teams are continuing practices on Monday and Thursdays. The team will be picked this Monday evening and will play their first games away from home this weekend at Mount Allison and Mount Saint Bernard. The team has also received an invitation to play at Memorial University in Newfoundland during their Winter Carnival. Both the girls' basketball and swim team will visit in February. The team is definitely hoping to improve its performance from last year and things look good.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

After trying all fall to obtain pool time for synchronized swimming we have finally succeeded. We can have the YMCA pool on Wednesday nights from 9:45 on. Heather Worsley has agreed to give us a hand in training a team. Last year this sport proved to be very popular and Dal was represented by a well-trained team. All girls interested should sign up immediately in the Athletic Office or on the posters at Shirreff Hall.

BADMINTON

The tryouts for the badminton team will be held on Saturday the 18th at 10 a.m. in the gym. All girls interested in playing should be out practising now. The intercollegiate tournament will be held at Mount Allison on March 4th. In order to pick Dal's representatives a tournament similar to the tennis tournament will be run off. If you are interested contact Miss Arnold.

Girls' sports are gathering impetus on the campus in the New Year. Best of luck to all teams and let's have good participation in intramural sports.

share of the play through the rest of the game. Although Dal forwards had many ideal break-aways and opportunities, luck wasn't with them as they did everything but put the puck in the net. This play is particular-

ly true of the last five minutes of play when, even though they were down in the game 4 - 1, they continued to skate hard in the hopes that something would happen in their favour.

ONCE THERE WAS A SLEEPING COUNTRY THAT HAD SPENT EIGHT YEARS UNDER A SPELL. NOBODY TALKED. NOBODY ARGUED. EVERYBODY SLEPT.



THEN ONE DAY INTO THIS COUNTRY RODE A HANDSOME YOUNG PRINCE. "IT'S TIME TO GET MOVING AGAIN," THE PRINCE DECLARED. THE COUNTRY STIRRED IN ITS SLEEP.



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS PEOPLE ACTUALLY BEGAN TO TALK. THEY ARGUED. THEY TOOK SIDES. "STOP TALKING SO LOUD!" THE REST OF THE COUNTRY GRUMBLED IN ITS SLEEP. "HAVE SOME CONSIDERATION FOR THE REST OF US."



BUT THE TALKING ONLY BECAME LOUDER. MORE AND MORE PEOPLE AWOKE AND, ANGRY THAT THEY HAD TO BE AWAKE, BEGAN TO TALK, BEGAN TO ARGUE, BEGAN TO TAKE SIDES.

THEN ONE DAY THE YOUNG PRINCE WAS KILLED - NO ONE COULD AGREE BY WHOM. EVERY SIDE ACCUSED EVERY OTHER SIDE. BUT CALMER HEADS PREVAILED.



"SEE WHAT WE HAVE COME TO WITH THIS WICKED DISSENSION," CALMER HEADS ARGUED. "LET US CLEANSE OUR SOCIETY OF THIS DIVISIVE DEBATE!"



AND THE COUNTRY, SUFFERING FROM WOUNDS AND GUILT, CHEERED. DEBATE HALTED. ARGUMENT DIED. AND THERE WAS NO MORE TALK IN THE LAND.



AND AS THE COUNTRY PREPARED FOR SLEEP IT HOPED NO ONE WOULD EVER ASK IT TO MOVE AGAIN -



FOR IT REALLY DID NOT WANT TO KILL ANY MORE PRINCES.