

Bengals Enter Intermediate Finals with Wins Over Yarmouth

TIGERS LOSE TO X-MEN IN PLAYOFF

PROS AND CONS

by JOE LEVISON

As is the custom about this time of year in colleges from coast to coast sports columnists are supposed to select those athletic individuals who in their opinion have contributed most of their respective sports during the terms. Witness then the following half dozen: Gordie McCoy, Bill Janes, Jim Cruickshanks, Betty Petrie, Joanne Beaubien, and Marilyn MacIntyre. This doesn't mean of course that any of the three boys named will win the Climo award—they have a committee to select him.

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McCoy



Janes



Cruickshanks

McCoy gets my nomination for being a great competitor in both rugby and basketball — an aggressive individual, a good combiner, plays clean, good in the clutch.

Bill Janes gets my nod as the hardest working member of a hard working hockey team which played a larger part than most people know about in bringing Dal its new rink. To those boys and Janes in particular here is notice that your continuing in competition when the odds against "winning" were stacked hugely against you has not gone unappreciated.

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Finally for the men—"Big Jim" Cruickshanks. A fine competitor and good fellow, it was Jim's presence at Dal last year and this as the nucleus of the boxing team, which has helped to elevate boxing to the prominent position it now enjoys in the itinerary of the D.A.A.C. Good luck at U.N.B. Jim—may you graduate a champion.

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MacIntyre



Beaubien



Petrie

For the girls' sports Marilyn MacIntyre gets my number one spot. As versatile as they come Mac has enjoyed a good year starting on two Maritime championship teams and as well as played and excelled in just about everything the D.G.A.C. has to offer. For being reliable, keen, and a good team player, and keeping her head size down to normal where so many others have failed its "Mac" for number one.

Joanne Beaubien as a triple badminton champ this year and a valuable member of the Maritime Championship swimming team in the last two years. "Jo" has been a big cog in giving the D.G.A.C. its biggest championship year in a decade.

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Finally Betty Petrie as the "Rock of Gibraltar" on the Maritime Intercollegiate champion basketball team. The pacer for the team, Betty has turned in her usual reliable performance in every game in this, the D.G.A.C.'s biggest basketball year. To a girl who always sets a good example to her team mates in sportsmanship and team play—a place at the top of the list.

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And while we're passing out the orchids there are four parties that must be acknowledged. These four units have worked together with complete co-operation and harmony during the year with the result that more benefit has come to the student body in 1949-50 than anyone had ever imagined possible in one year. These units are: the University, Gabe Vitalone, Betty Evans, and the students athletic clubs. I would like to congratulate the last three for their bringing in the "new school" of co-operation with the University, thereby showing the confidence they felt in the integrity and fair play of the head administration. And this corner would like to thank the university for reciprocating, and showing its confidence in the student athletic clubs, and in Mr. Vitalone and Miss Evans by making their appointments permanent and in giving athletics one of the sports, a full voice in the Senate.

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To our physical director and directress no greater compliment could be paid than the action of the University. It is worthy tribute to those two for the efficient administration they have given, for the excellent teams they have developed, the guidance they have contributed, and the example they have set to all who have come under their jurisdiction.

Bengal Hoopsters Down Yarmouth

Displaying their worst form of the current season, the Dal Tigers edged the Yarmouth town hoopsters in a lackluster exhibition of basketball played at the Studley Gymnasium on Wednesday evening. The Bengals were forced to come from behind in the final two minutes of play to edge the visitors by a 39-36 count. The contest was the opening game of the provincial Intermediate semi-finals. In earlier play-offs the Yarmouth squad eliminated the Liverpool cagers and the Tigers, Halifax Intermediate champions, edged a vastly improved Navy team and took a total-point win over the Acadia Axemen.

The Yarmouth boys, a team of youngsters led by former Xaverian hoop and rugby star Fraser Mooney, were tagged as a push-over by local railbirds, but their unorthodox style of play seemed to baffle the Vita-Men who displayed their usual championship form on only two occasions throughout the contest.

The Yarmouthians took an early lead, and with a minute and a half left to play in the first half, the Tigers trailed by a 16 to 12 count. Then the Bengal offence began to click for the first time, and, led by set-shot artist Scott Henderson and co-captain Chuck Connelly the Black and Gold hoopsters poured in four straight baskets to go ahead by a 20-16 tally.

As the second half began, the southerners took over once again and forged ahead. The picture looked black for the college crew until, with time running out, the Tigers turned on the heat and took a seven point lead. In the final minute the Yarmouth squad came back hard and cut the Bengal lead to two points. Dal added a foul shot in the closing seconds and emerged on the heavy end of a 39-36 score.

On Friday night in Yarmouth the Tigers clinched the series as they swept to a 56-42 win on the tiny floor. Big "Red" Findlay flashed his best form of the season; even Coach Vitalone came on the floor in the closing minutes and racked up three points. The winners now advance to the provincial Intermediate finals against the mighty X-men from Antigonish.

Dal Swimmers Take Title at U. N. B.

The Dal girls' Varsity swimming team swam their way to the Maritime Intercollegiate Championship at U.N.B. last week, coming out victorious over Acadia and U.N.B. Dal copped the title with 39 points against second place Acadia's 33 pts. Each team had three first places, but Dal managed to take every second place in the meet. In the 20 yard free style U.N.B. came out on top with Jean Titus of Dal coming in second. U.N.B. took another first in the 40 yard free with Marilyn MacIntyre coming in second. Acadia won the 20 yard breast stroke followed by Joanne Beaubien of Dal. The Axette again pulled in first in the 40 yard breast stroke. Caroline Logan brought Dal its only first in the 20 yard back stroke and the 40 yard back stroke.

In the 80 yard relay U.N.B. came in first with the Dal team consisting of Jean Titus, Joanne Beaubien, Caroline Logan and Marilyn MacIntyre taking second place.

In the 60 yard Medley relay Acadia came in victorious with MacIntyre, Logan and Beaubien placing second.

June Baker of Dal won the diving title with Acadia placing next.

X-Men Win in Sudden-death Game To Take N. S. Intercollegiate Crown

The St. Francis Xavier University X-Men swept to the Nova Scotia Intercollegiate Basketball title at the Truro Central High Gym, Wednesday evening, by virtue of a convincing 53 to 36 win over the Dalhousie University Tigers. Hard driving Henry "Hank" Propper led his team to victory by swishing 14 points through the hoop. Propper, playing his second season in intercollegiate basketball treated a packed house to a spectacular exhibition of deadly set shots, driving lay-ups and sparkling floor play.

X-Cagers Win Over Junior Squad

The St. Francis Xavier Jr. Varsity basketball team defeated the Dal Juniors 35-32 in an exhibition game last Saturday afternoon at the Dal Gymnasium. The game was featured by ragged passing and sporadic shooting of both teams, and the Xaverian aggregation held a definite edge in play during the first half. The Tigers had difficulty in bringing the ball up the floor and in penetrating the pressing defense of the close-checking Xaverians.

Garson opened the scoring for Dalhousie by sinking a long set shot. McNally scored for St. F.X. on two foul shots thus evening the score. Then the Blue and White boys really put on a drive and lead by McNally and Connors they established a lead which was held for the rest of the game. The score at the end of half time was 20-12 in favor of St. F.X.

Dalhousie came roaring back during the second half and played a greatly improved brand of ball. Clancy and Garson were very effective for the Tigers during this half. The Dal team outscored their opponents 20-15 in the second frame, but they were unable to overcome the lead which the X boys rolled up during the first half.

McNally was high man of the game with 22 points followed by Clancy and Garson of Dal with 12 and 9 points each. Referee Blair Dunlop called a total of 26 fouls in the game, 15 of these on St. F.X. Due to the absence of Coach Vitalone, who is away at Yarmouth with the Intermediates, Gibby Reid handled the Dal Team, and did a fine job of coaching the boys.

Injuries Blight Dal Sports During Week

The injury bug descended in full force on Dal this week with four players and one coach ending up in hospital. Estelle Martin of the Badminton team started things rolling by crushing her foot with a weight from a badminton net. Peter Doig was next, smashing his knee-cap while defending the honour and glory of Arts and Science in a hockey game. Andy Berna of the Boxing team was No. 3, when he wrenched a muscle during practice. The climax came when Struan "Sharpy Arpy" Robertson, one of the bright lights of the Varsity Hoop Squad came in contact with some chairs during the Dal-X game in Truro last Thursday and added another smashed knee to the list. Just to top things off Coach Percy Paris of the Boxing team developed some eye trouble and ended up on an operating table. It is doubtful if Coach Paris will be able to go to Fredericton with the team, but in his absence ex-coach Jack McKenna and Manager Don Kerr will handle the team.

Here's hoping that these will be the last of this year's casualties and that they all make a speedy recovery.

The game was necessitated because of a deadlock at the end of the regular league schedule. Both teams had won against each other in their home games, and each had two wins at the expense of the Acadia University Axemen. It had been hoped that a home-and-home playoff series might be arranged, but the decision was reached to play a sudden death fixture on a neutral floor.

Dalhousie's intermediate playoff chances received a blow when diminutive "Arpy" Robertson suffered a fracture of the left knee cap late in the second half. Robertson, in attempting to block a driving lay up by Joe Flaherty, fell heavily to the floor twisting his knee beneath him. He is presently receiving treatment in the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax. A brilliant play maker, the loss of Robertson will be keenly felt by the Dalhousie team.

The Xaverians jumped to an early lead in the first few minutes on a basket by Russ McNeil, and two foul shots by Pat Conley. Play was fast and a well executed Xavier defence prevented the Tigers from getting shots away from the inside. First tally for the Dalhousie squad was obtained when Scott Henderson sank a looping one hander from "outside". Finlay, McCoy and Scott Henderson scored successively and Dal took its only lead of the evening.

The Dalhousians lead was short lived as Conley connected for a lay up and a foul shot. Flaherty followed with two baskets in quick succession from the guard position and the X-Men did not relinquish the lead from then on. The end of the half found the X-Men with a 6 point lead.

Although pace of the game was fast throughout, it was cleanly played, and referees Alf and Snowden Johnson had it well in check at all times.

In the second half Xavier began to pull steadily ahead but the gap was not widened to an insurmountable margin until the half way mark. A tight defence forced the Tigers to desperation shots from well outside. At this point McNeil and Propper commanded the rebounds at both backboards.

Whenever Tigers pressed Propper took command. Try as they would Dalhousie could not find a man to shackle him. He hit on seven out of thirteen shots he threw.

Mt. A. Girls Ice Squad Tops Tigeresses 5-3

The Mount Allison Girls' Ice Hockey team made a visit to Halifax last Tuesday for a game with the Dal Girls' Varsity team. Although the tilt was just an exhibition match both teams went all out as though the Stanley Cup was at stake. Joyce Carney was really the star of the game putting in two of the three Dal markers. Jan Robertson also turning in a strong game, put in the other tally for the Black and Gold. The Mount A. girls came out on top as the final score ended up 5-3. The Dal girls really put up a good show considering that the Sackvilleites have their own rink and have lots of practice time available. Just think how well the Tigeresses will do when we have our own rink.