

CATS CAGERS SINK SAILORS 57-27

PROS AND CONS

By DAVE JANIGAN

Whether or not you are a keen supporter of the game of basketball, you have to acknowledge the amazing progress the game has made here in Halifax. A few years ago the game was confined to the "experimental" few who, like unsung heroes, played the game before scant crowds and tolerable criticisms. Now the craze is well pronounced. This is well shown by the number of leagues that are in operation. So now more people than ever are playing basketball; even in Hollywood those celestial forms called "stars" are taking to the game. (It is interesting to note that the most effective style of offence is called the screen play.) So far this paragraph has been devoted to illustrating the growing popularity of the game. Now comes a plug for the initiation of a Dominion Inter-collegiate League. Canadian universities could be incorporated into different conferences according to their geographic location and the winners of these conferences play for the Dominion title. In other words, just like the "States".

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Tomorrow night the Dalhousie squad will face a team which has already established a legendary aspect due to a player called "Bozo" Johnson. The game should feature play on a par with the calibre of action in the St. John-Atlantic game. Like all pals, we should get out and cheer for the team.

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Boxing, the only sport that features queer nasal sounds (except perhaps bullfighting) is collecting momentum on the campus with the Intercollegiate meet soon on tap. Many have turned out to contest as representatives for the eight weight divisions.

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Last Saturday Mr. Dick Birch stifled the efforts of Noel Hamilton and Dick Rouse in a sprightly exhibition of badminton. The Dal boys showed more ability and finesse than had been attributed to them. As for Mr. Birch himself, he displayed his powers like an old master as far as badminton was concerned, but his cogent remarks and his beaming smiles were as annoying as a subdued burp. One comes to an athletic event to see the sport and not a couple of rows of dental ability. Perhaps this observer is a little too harsh and biased about Mr. Birch. After all, professional men develop secondary personalities. Actors, for instance, develop a stage personality aside from their own. I guess I should have deduced that Mr. Birch has a "bird" personality.

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We are informed that, contrary to the opinion of the ever-present groaners 'round the campus, the Varsity hockey squad is surprisingly strong. The boys have a dark horse in the person of John McKinnon, late of the Antigonish Bulldogs, and are all set for their big annual trip to Grand Falls. On the 27th of this month they leave, by plane, no less (no more dog sleds for our boys) for the Isle of Newfiejohn.—Brickbats to Mr. Fred Kelly for not sending us a copy of the Intercollegiate schedule. Nobody knows who plays who or where.

Dents, A. & S. Win To Open Cage Loop

The Arts & Science entry in the Interfaculty Basketball League defeated a hapless but energetic Pre-Med team 47-19. The Arts and Science team led by Dave 'Spider' Janigan, and Jack 'Hooker' Schwartz took the lead early in the first half and were never in danger of losing it for the rest of the game. The score at half time was 15-12 in favor of A & Sc.

The second quarter opened with a bang, the bang of human bodies flying about. This half was characterized by rough play, "Ozark Ike" peg shots, and ragged refereeing. There were a total of 17 fouls called on both teams during this half alone. Gibby "Red Flash" Ried, in his new red flannels, was outstanding in his coverage of the play. He called them the way he saw them, and turned in the most egoirredescent arbitration ever seen in the Dal Gym. Much credit should be given Mr. Reid for his amount of control over the game.

The Arts and Science men, after a lengthy pep-talk by co-coach Dave X. McCurdy, really opened up and lead by Ian Henderson and Dave Genge, outscored the future M.D.'s, 32-7. Cruikshanks and Drysdale were the big guns for Pre-Meds.

In an interview after the game, Coach McCoy stated that he expects big things from his boys in the future, and with the League still in its infancy, they still have lots of time to show their stuff. Coaches McCurdy and Henderson predict a league title for their boys this year. Ralph Medjuck turned in a spectatarly accurate job of timing. Doc Fancy was chief scorer.

Tremendous Tigers Trample Tough Tars to Lengthen Hoop Loop Lead

In one of the roughest basketball games seen this year in the Halifax Intermediate Basketball League, Dalhousie Flying Tigers added to their string of victories by trimming the Stadacona Sailors, by a 57-27 score. The Navy were aided by the stellar floor work of big Ed Healy, former South End star. The South End squad, cellar-dwellers since the start of the season, have dropped out of the league, and the Sailors were lucky enough to grab Healy, one of the loop's leading scorers, before his former team-mates, the Grads, could sign him up.

The contest took place on Tuesday night at the Shearwater Gym as the opening attraction of a double-header. In the wind-up the Grads topped the Shearwater squad by a 59-33 score.

Starting a very slow first quarter, Stevens of Navy opened the scoring with a long set-shot. The Cats surged back, led by slick Chuck Connelly, to rack up four consecutive baskets, and two foul shots to lead 10-2. Kitchen of Navy countered with two nice hook shots and a foul to close the gap to 10-7. From this point on, it was all Dalhousie. Big "Bucky" Tanner came up with the sweetest play of the game as he pivoted in the keyhole and shoveled out a perfect hand-off to Earl Smith who laid it up for two points. Guard Scott Henderson went on a rampage as he dropped in three straight one-handers from center and the half ended with the Tigers on the heavy end of a 27-12 tally.

As the second half started, Mahon, Henderson, and Connelly teamed up to score 19 points in four minutes with only one retrun from the Navy. The remainder of the game was fairly slow with the Sailors holding their own as Healy and Coe flipped in long shots, and Pattendon, the leagues leading scorer, roared in for several lay-ups. Bob Black, tall center-man of the Tigers sank two baskets to end the scoring with the Bengals on top, 57-27.

Henderson, Connelly, Mahon, and Tanner stood out for the Tigers while guards Coe and Healy shone for the Sailors. The win keeps the Bengals on top of the league with five victories and no defeats. Grads are in second place, with one loss in five games followed by Navy with two wins. Shearwater trails the pack with one win and four losses. Big news of the week comes from the Grads who have obtained the service of big "Doc" Accocella, former Fordham star, and during the baseball season, hard hitting rightfielder of the Dartmouth Arrows ball club. "Doc" is at present conducting a basketball school in the harbor town, and should be of tremendous help to the Grads. Too bad they couldn't have grabbed Ed Healy also. The Grads are only one game behind the Tigers and the addition of Accocella should make their next encounter very interesting.

Dalhousie—Mahon 14, MacDonald 1, Connelly 12, Henderson 13, MacKay 2, Robertson 1, Findlay 2, Tanner 2, Black 4, Smith 4.

Navy—Kitchen 5, Pattendon 9, Robertson 1, Coe 3, Stevens 4, Healy 5, Edwards, Shelton, Hall, Alder.

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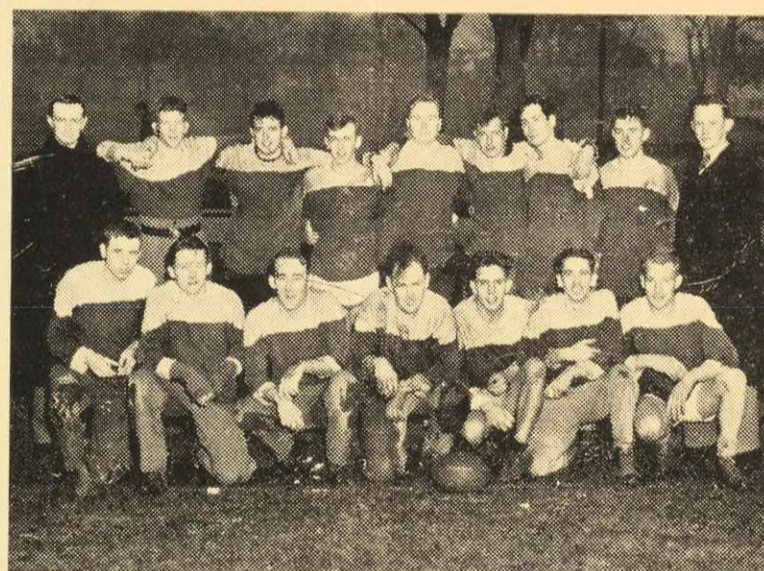
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'B' Team Downed by Dartmouth

"B" team in the girls hoop loop went down to defeat at the hands of the Dartmouth Basketball Club on Tuesday night. The game was very ragged, with neither team shining in any particular way. The score ended up 28-13 for the visitors from across the Harbour. Our forwards haven't got their shooting eye as yet, and our guards—well—let's say that there were just a few too many openings, here and there.

The team and we quote a reliable source, is in "awful shape". No excuses are being made, but the "B's" are out to regain their prestige which was slightly shattered in Tuesday's (and we quote again) "general brawl".

Lillian Butts led the scoring for D.B.C., Helen Smith put in a strong game, and Gertrude Somers, with her "one-handed-push-shot"

(more quotes), kept D.B.C. out in front.

Joan Baxter (of Intermural league fame) was top "B" point getter. She put in 9 of our 13. Caroline Weld put in a stellar performance on the guard line. This was the first game for the home team, so they are all out to notch up their first win when they encounter the Grads.

Varsity Basketball will get underway soon. There will be a home-and-home series with King's and a trip to Acadia for the winner, (let's hope it's the Black and Gold).

Hockey got underway at the Forum on Tuesday, Miss Evans put the girls through their paces. Before too long we should have a good team. The truck to take the players up leaves the Hall at 12.30. And remember tube-skates are better than figure skates!!