

TIGER TALES

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HUZZAHS FOR THE PUCKSTERS

Tonight the hockey Tigers try to wrap up their semi-final round in the AHC playoffs. Dal leads Stad Anchors in the two-game total goal series 7-3 thanks to a great team display a week ago Monday. The finals will start at the Dal Rink Saturday evening with Dal meeting the Shearwater-Tech winner (decided two days ago). Monday the finalists play again at Dal and the third game, if necessary, will be played Wednesday at Dartmouth or Thursday at the Dal Rink. Plans are to wrap it up in two games and rest for the Acadia trip Saturday to avenge the pre-Christmas setback.

Last week, Dal showed their early season form in the first period as they fired five unanswered goals into the Stad net. A short lapse in the second period gave Stad a pair of goals but the last 30 minutes were all Dal's as the Sailors looked completely "at sea."

Bill Buntain played his best game of the season scoring a pair of breakaway goals and setting up Frank Sim on one of the picture goals of the year. Buntain scored one of his goals in a penalty killing role when Dal was two men short.

Roy "Slab" Velemirovich also played his best game of the year. He started the play on which Sim scored his goal when he passed perfectly from the blueline to Buntain standing at the left side of the net. Bill drew the goaler to his side and slipped the puck to Sim on the other side and the little guy just banged it in. It's rare when two perfect passes are made inside the blueline in this league but Dal sure made them Monday night. Slab also played steadily on defense with Bullet Kelly as his side-kick. Add Bob Ferguson, Gene Scheible and Ernie Paige and Dal again has the finest blueline corps in the league.

The Parsons-Bauld-Keddy line was a going concern with all three scoring goals. The Cameron-Brown-McKeigan unit also performed capably with "Frog" scoring on a fine backhand shot. Vaughan Briggs, probably the most versatile player on the team, played his usual consistent game as did bespectacled netminder George MacDonald who had few shots but handled the toughest with ease. The slump by the whole team has ended and a new era is beginning. It's too bad Xavier won't get the chance to play Dal's best team in the last few years.

TWO HOT TEAMS, ONE COLD — TWO LOSSES?

It's just Dal's luck to run smack dab into teams that have just upset the NSIB League leaders. In each of the last two basketball games, the Tigers have faced a team that is fresh from an upset of the "vaunted" Acadia Axemen. Saturday night, a splendid first half kept the Bengals even with St. F. X. (11 point victors over the Axemen earlier in the week) but the usual cold second half followed and another loss was recorded. Last night, Dal hosted SMU (upset winners over Acadia Saturday) and at press time the outcome was unknown but predictions had Dal on the short end.

NO TEARS FOR ACADIA

We could say "we told you so" but the playoffs are still to come and Acadia probably "ain't dead yet." Saturday night the Stu Aberdeen coached crew showed they are haunted by the absence of Warren Sutton (who incidentally has turned a mediocre Schooners team into a top-notch outfit.) Acadia, as was said previously, are capable of being beaten by any team in the league on any given night and this was proven by X and SMU. Unfortunately our Tigers don't get another crack at them unless they meet in the playoffs. However, the "best team in the Maritimes?" has had its blade dulled and will have to scramble mightily to retain their sharpness and their championship.

All season long, the Tigers have been unable to put two good halves together. Against Acadia, here they were great in the first half but wilted badly in the second and faded right out of the picture. Against Acadia there, Dal had a miserable first half but came on in the second half to make somewhat of a game of it. Saturday against X, they again played marvelous ball in the first half, but shortly after taking the lead in the second half, relinquished it and suffered an eight minute drought in which they scored eight points, all on free throws. After rebounding brilliantly and taking advantage of the many X errors in the first half, the Bengals could do nothing right in the second until the game was lost.

A NEW STAR IS BORN

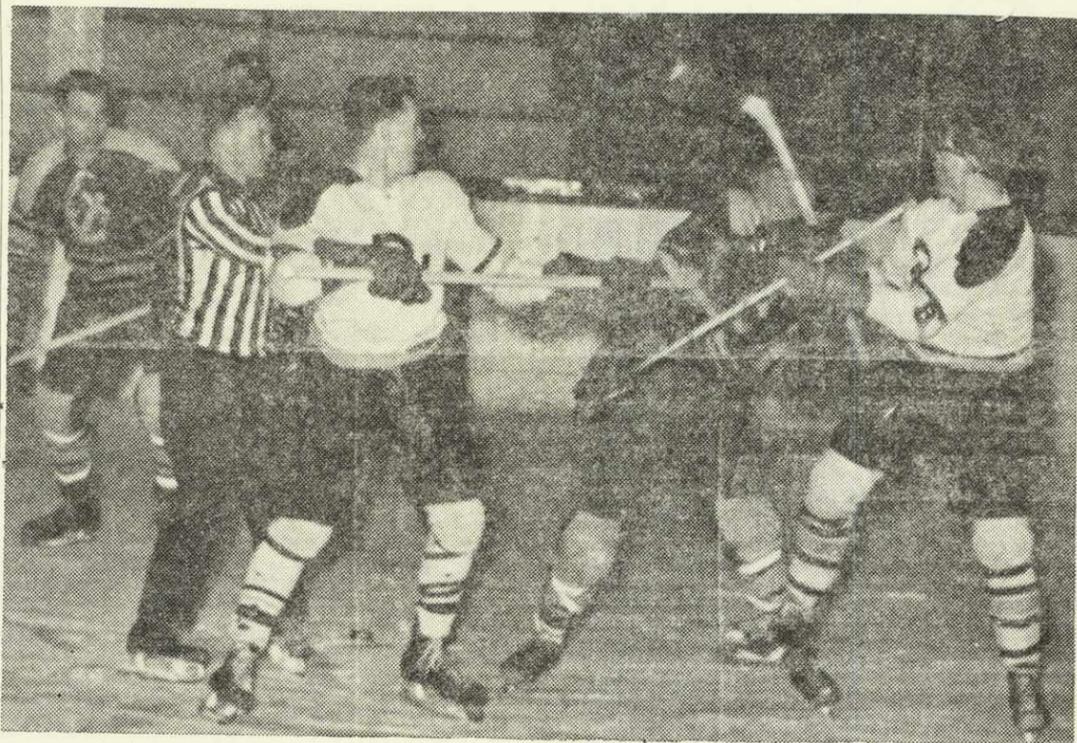
The killer in the game was Bob Napolitano, the new hotshot guard in the league. He brought back memories of great guards of the past; e.g. Freeman Dulac, a top-notch playmaker with the X-Men in the days of Moran and Davenport (circa 1955-58); John Riley when he first came into the league and built SMU into a power; and Warren Sutton who was the big man last year and put Acadia on the basketball map. Now that he's gone and now that Riley has lost some of his shine, Napolitano is the man to watch. He's a small sized junior who played two years at Boston College as the 12th man before coming to Xavier. His fine 25-point performance plus his splendid playmaking earned him the plaudits of the crowd and gave X their win Saturday night.

Howie Parker and Ted Brown were the two bright lights for Dal in Saturday's game. Parker scored 22 points, 15 in the first half. Brown added 13 with two long jumpers at the start of the second half giving Dal a brief lead. Bruce Stewart leads the Bengals in shooting with a 33% average while Brown and Blair Dixon are firing at 32%. Parker is averaging 30% on field goal tries. The overall team percentage is 28.2 from the field and 60.7 from the foul line. The Tigers have been averaging 28% in the first half and 31% in the second according to team statisticians Ken Glube and Gerry Levitz. However, the high second half percentage does not tell the story as the Tigers usually start off cold come on strong near the end when the game is out of reach.

Packy MacFarlane, Xavier coach, seemed quite surprised at Dal's strength and thought they played extremely well. Harry Wilson, mentor of the Bengals, was also somewhat pleased with his team's showing and seemed optimistic about future games. "They've been playing better together with each game and we avoided the completely cold second half in this one. I think we'll continue to improve as we're just hitting our stride now." Let's hope so as wins are sorely needed with the NSIBL schedule drawing to a close.

This week is another big one as the Bengals try to get on the win side of the ledger in their two games with SMU. The two teams meet Friday evening at SMU in the wrap-up of their two game NSIBL series. They'll meet again in a pair of Senior B League games later in the season.

TIGERS TRIP TARS TAKE 4 GOAL LEAD



FENCING AT THE ARENA! — Brown and Cameron mix with Stad player in Tigers 7-3 win in first game of semi-finals.

The battling Black and Gold surged into a 5-0 first period lead and coasted to 7-3 victory over the Stad Anchors last Monday night. The win gave the Tigers a four goal edge in their two game total goal Atlantic Hockey Conference semi-final series.

Frank Sim opened the scoring at 5:53 for the home crew as he and Bill Buntain and Roy Velemirovich combined talents. During the final stages of the first period, Dalhousie cut loose and rattled home four goals in less than six minutes. Don Bauld and Eric Parsons each fired singletons, while Buntain flashed the red light at 16:04 and 19:03.

Stadacona took care of the second period scoring as Rollie Parent chalked up two markers. Parent broke George MacDonald's shutout when he picked up John McLean's rebound and whistled it behind the helpless Dal netminder. A minute and 41 seconds later, Parent earned his second goal, this time combining with Mike Granville and Sonny Campbell.

Jim Ferguson in goals for Stadacona was scintillating in the second period. After blocking 11 shots in the first frame, he stopped an even dozen in the sandwich session. One of his excellent saves came late in the period when John MacKeigan was sent in all alone on the

Anchor netminder, but a sprawling save foiled the Dalhousie attacker.

Wayne Keddy sent the lead to four, when he hit the mark on a backhand screen shot, after having received a crisp pass from Bauld. "Sonny" Campbell quickly got that one back for the Anchors, but before the frame ended Dave Cameron scored for Dalhousie to boost their margin to four.

Ferguson blocked six shots in the third period bringing his total to 29, while MacDonald stopped 24 shots.

FIRST PERIOD

- 1—Dal, Sim (Buntain, Velemirovich) 5:53
- 2—Dal, Bauld (Velemirovich) 14:22
- 3—Dal, Parsons (Keddy) 14:54
- 4—Dal, Buntain 16:04
- 5—Dal, Buntain 19:03

Penalties — MacLean (2), Brown, Campbell, Briggs, MacKeigan, Cameron, Velemirovich, Scheible.

SECOND PERIOD

- 6—Stad, Parent (MacLean) 1:04
- 7—Stad, Parent (Granville, Campbell) 3:45
- Penalties — Urie (2), Parsons (misconduct), Scheible.

THIRD PERIOD

- 8—Dal, Keddy (Bauld, Parsons) 3:55
- 9—Stad, Campbell (McNeil) 5:40
- 10—Dal, Cameron (Brown) 9:39
- Penalties — Kelly, Velemirovich, Burns, Scheible, Urie, Parker, Brown, MacKeigan (misconduct).

Kings top Meds.

Interfaculty Hockey

In "A" division action last week the up and coming Kingsmen whipped the front-running Meds 3-1 to move into a first place tie with the Meds at 16 points. Elsewhere the Engineers came from behind to squeeze by Law 4-3 on the strength of a last-minute goal by Campbell. This was Law's tenth straight defeat giving the Engineers two points for a third place total of eight.

In "B" division play, cellar-dwelling A & S won over second place Commerce 7-6. Doug Langley netted four goals, including the winner, for A & S along with singles from St. Louis, Covert, and Rondau. For the losers, Brian Beckett fired a hat trick along with a pair from Brown and a lone tally by MacLean.

Attention all societies! Societies wishing coverage of their activities by The Gazette are requested to inform Gazette editors of activities at least a week in advance. This applies especially to activities taking place on the Forrest Campus.

Boswick Sparks JV's

Dal JV's tripped Dal Grads, 51-50, in a Halifax Senior "C" Basketball League game at the Dal gym.

Boswick paced the winners with 17 points. House and Ashworth each had 11. Smith of the losers was high for the game with 20.

Dal JV's — Medjuck, Christoff, Jacobson, Porter 2, Shortt 2, McCarty 5, Lillienfeld 3, Ashworth 11, House 11, Boswick 17 - 51.

Grads — Robertson 9, McInnes 3, Conrad 10, MacKay, Brown, Cluney, Medjuck 2, Sinclair 6, Smith 20 - 50.

JV's trip RCMP

Last Saturday night the Dalhousie Junior Varsity hockey team avenged an earlier defeat at the hands of the R.C.M.P., whipping the Mounties 8-3. The game was fast and clean with few penalties being handed out.

Delefus and Carty were among the stars for the winners. The mounties shorthanded at the beginning of the game played with several of the Dal players filling in on loan from the home team.

This win evened the J.V.' record at one win and one loss for the season. The defeat coming also at the hands of the R.C.M.P.

Meds. "B" take Bowling lead

Medicine B took over the lead after two weeks of the four week total pinfall interfac bowling tournament being held at Fenwick Bowl. Med B rang up a 1334 team score and took a 37 pin total score lead over Arts with a total of 2638. Arts have a 2601 summation while Pharmacy A are two pins back. Action continues this Saturday at 3 p.m. at Fenwick Bowl.

Rick Kinley paced Med B to their 1334 with the tourney's high triple to date, 100 - 116 - 95 - 311. Commerce A scored the team high in the tournament as they scored a 1358 which combined with last week's 1228 gave them a 2586 total good for fourth place. Tim Tracey topped the Commerce trundlers with a 107 - 91 - 111 - 309. Don Robart scored a 113 single for the moneymen.

Ernie Swersky of Science came up with the high single of the tourney as he posted a 117. Science placed third behind Commerce A and Med B in the days proceedings with a 1327 thanks to triples of 300 and 299 by Dave Seaman and Mim MacAulay respectively. Seaman counted a consistent 102 - 102 - 96 - 300 and MacAulay added a 101 - 88 - 110 - 299.

Standings (after two weeks): 1. Med B 2638; 2. Arts 2601; 3. Pharmacy A 2599; 4. Comm A 2586; 5. Comm B 2576; Science 2568; 7. Pharmacy B 2568; 8. Engineers A 2553; 9. Pine Hill A 2518; 10. Dent A 2510; 11. Med C 2487; 12. Dent B 2466; 13. Pine Hill B 2439; 14. Med A 2365; 15. Men's Res A 1272; 16. Engineers B 1244; 17. Men's Res B 1220.

Individual Singles (after two weeks) Swersky, Science 117; Kinley, Med B 116; Cumming, Commerce A 116; Stewart, Med B 115; Stan MacDonald, Pharmacy B 114.

Individual Triples (after two weeks): Kinley, Med B 311; Tracey Comm A 309; Cumming, Comm B 305; Hillis, Arts 301; Stewart, Med B 300; Seaman, Science 300.

ATTENTION VOLLEYBALLERS!

Tryouts for the Men's Inter-collegiate Volleyball team will start Tuesday evening, February 13 at 7:30 in the Gym. The tourney will be held in Mount A March 9 and 10. Any changes in practise time will be posted on the Canteen bulletin board.