

Pucksters out for glory

by Brian Miller

The two weekend games against Memorial University of Newfoundland provided the hockey Tigers with the opportunity to fatten their goal scoring averages. That is about the only good thing that could be said for the two games. The Tigers won the first game 17-5, and the second game 10-4.

On the part of the Tigers, defence was thrown out the window for the sake of personal interests. The only reason the Newfoundlanders did not score more than 9 goals over the weekend is because of their lack of skill on both an individual and team level. There was almost an inverse relationship between the amount of goals scored by each team and the effort exerted by the respective teams.

Quite often the colour surrounding a sports event is sufficient to provide some entertainment that might be lacking in a non-competitive game. However, the only colour in evidence over the weekend radiated from Coach Walford's wardrobe, which by the way, consisted on Saturday night of a bright gold double-breasted blazer, dark brown shirt, offwhite tie, mauve flaired slacks and brown boots.

Hockey, as compared to baseball for instance, is a body contact game. Players are permitted and even encouraged to knock down the opposition players. It seemed as if there were a pact between the two teams to avoid any contact. I'm sure you could see as much hitting at the semi-annual meeting of the Upper Mushaboom ladies sewing circle. Quite often when a team is outplayed to the extent of Memorial they will resort to what is generally referred to as dirty tactics. To their credit, Memorial did not resort to "head hunting". The only injury

over the weekend to the Tigers was suffered by goalie Doug Farquar. Farquar injured his back in the Saturday night game when filling in for John Henry.

It was unfortunate that Farquar sustained this slight injury because these games would have provided him with the opportunity to gain some intercollegiate experience. Also it was quite evident that John Henry was not up to par. The diagnosis from the press box is that he had the flu, an assumption based on the fact that you could hear him coughing almost from one end of the ice to the other.

Most of the play in both games was very sloppy, unexciting and generally just plain bad hockey. Good positional play was over-looked for the sake of goal hunting. It was not uncommon to see a Dal defenceman spending most of his shift standing in front of the Memorial goal. Only the line of Geddes, Sear and Lavelle seemed interested in working as a unit. Pierre Gagne should also be singled out for contributing some effort to defence as well as scoring 4 goals over the weekend.

Our condolences should really go out to the Memorial coach who had to stand behind the bench and endure the slaughter. At times the play was so one-sided that it made a farce of the generally competitive league. In the first period of the Saturday game the Tigers outshot the Memorial team 29 to 1. That one shot came at the 19:10 mark of the period. On the game they were outshot 62-23.

To be fair to Memorial, it should be mentioned that they had not been able to practice for a week as their rink burned down and they were unable to get ice time in the city arena. They also had transportation problems leaving Newfoundland on Saturday morning.

Quite possibly the first game would have been closer without these problems. As play progressed in the two games the Newfoundlanders seemed to improve. In fact, they scored the last three goals in the Sunday competition.

This year's schedule has left the team with nothing but weaker opponents for the last few games of the regular schedule. Let's hope the team can regain the cohesion that existed in the earlier games of the season. If they continue to play in a disorganized fashion, the team may end up with the leading scorer but no championship.

Win two anyway

The men's and women's varsity basketball teams went for a bus ride to New Brunswick over the weekend. The women beat Mt. A. 88 - 28 and only compassion kept them from breaking 100. Against UNB they lost 66 - 60.

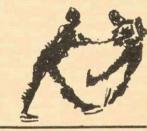
This falls into the category of a "moral" victory as UNB has been beating all the other teams in the league by 30 to 50 points over the last several years.

Mt. A.'s men lost to the Tigers 79 - 59. At Fredericton, Dal had to

overcome a first half deficit of 5 points to finally win by only 8 points, 70 - 62.

Finances plays an important part in college athletics as in any organization. So in the name of economy the men and women travel together. This time it turned out to be quite a trip as they left Fredericton at 8:00 p.m. Sat. and did not arrive in Halifax until 7:00 a.m. Sun

Interfac Roundup



by Chuck Moore

Due to the lack of participation of players, two teams of the interfac hockey league have been dropped. These teams are Grad. B and Science A. The players on these dropped teams can play on their faculty's remaining team. The interfac hockey schedule has been completely revised and most games are effected. The scheduled games for this week are as follows:

JANUARY 31

12:30 — Phys. Ed. B vs Med. B

1:30 — Grad. A vs Social Work

2:30 — Med. A vs Pharmacy 3:30 — Science B vs Engineers

4:30 — Commerce vs Law A

5:30 — Dents vs Arts

FEBRUARY 1

8:30 — Grad A vs Engineers 9:30 — Phys. Ed. A vs Social Work

10:30 — Law B vs Dents

FEBRUARY 3

8:00 — Commerce vs Phys. Ed.

9:00 — Dents vs Engineers

FLOOR HOCKEY—The double knockout tournament is under way. Sat., Jan. 23, some games were played. The wrap-up of this series will be on Sat., Jan. 30, in the Dal. Gym between 9 and 3. If you want to play in the tournament call your faculty rep. and get in the game. There is nothing like a broomhandle across the shins to keep you coming back.

BASKETBALL — Most of the teams can use more players. If you want to play basketball go to the scheduled game and be ready to play. T.Y.P. has dropped out of the basketball league and the Arts team were asked to withdraw. This has resulted in all the games being pushed ahead to fill these times. PING PONG — On Saturday,

January 23, a ping pong tournament was held. No results in yet. There is more ping pong action scheduled.

CURLING — Physical Education lost to Law, who really clobbered them last played the same night had Dents beating Grads, Commece defaulting to Engineers and Science against Pharmacy, but no results are known from that game.

Friday night. Other games

For women . . .

There will be Novelty Swimming on Monday, February 1, at the Centennial Pool from 10 - 11 p.m. Swimming experience is not required. All girls are welcome to come join our Splash Party.

Tuesday, February 2, will bring our last evening of basketball—in the main gym from 6 to 9 p.m. All girls are invited to play. For information, call Beryl English at 423-9857 or Mary Kimball at 429-7538.

Ice time is available for free skating every Monday from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Dal. rink. Also, you could go swimming every Wednesday evening at the Infirmary pool from 8 - 10 p.m. Join the girls from Mt. St. Vincent University.

For information on any D.W.R.A. activities, call Mervin at 424-2330 Monday to Friday, 1:00 - 1:25 p.m.