

TIRED TIGERS TRIUMPH

by EDITORIAL STAFF MEMBER

The effects of the Christmas break showed last week as the Dal Tigers edged St. Mary's Huskies 4-3 at the Forum. The Hockey Tigers had only one complete team practice before their 64 opener. Practices were held during the holidays but many varsity players were out of town. On the other hand, the St. Mary's squad played an exhibition game the weekend prior to the contests.

Burt McKusher, coach of the SMU team, had his players in perfect playing condition. While they were lacking in finesse they definitely outskated, outthrustled and outshot a tired Dal team. The fact that they failed to outscore the Tigers was due to their incapacity to capitalize on the numerous defensive lapses of the Dal squad. Another factor was the outstanding play of George MacDonald in the Dalhousie nets. The Dal netminder had another busy night as he kicked out 40 shots. In the three Tiger games to date Dal's goalie has allowed only 7 goals on 127 shots. George MacDonald is off to a tremendous start this season and may well equal his league leading record in the ill-fated Atlantic Hockey Conference.

THE "OLD PRO"

One fan talking to Coach Fitzgerald marvelled at the play of star winger Bill Buntain. He used the term "old pro". Buntain is playing his last year of hockey for the Dalhousie Tigers and earned accolades of the league last season being named to the first all-star team. Dal's "old pro" spearheaded the Dal attack with two goals. He opened the scoring at 7:13 of the first period assisted by two newcomers to the team, McClymont and Stanish. He scored the winning goal at 16:42 of the third period on a rink long dash which provided the picture play of the evening.

SIDE LINED

The rugged SMU squad sent two Dal players to the sidelines during the contest. Winger Graham Mercer suffered a separated shoulder after being checked by two St. Mary's players. He continued to play for a short time afterwards until he again was checked and slid into the boards aggravating the injury slightly. Mercer will be lost to the team for three to four weeks. Diminutive defenceman and "forward" Jerry Betik suffered a charley horse and was also forced out of the game. However there is a possibility that he might play this weekend. Winger Dick Dramaj saw limited service due to a practice accident previous to the game. His shoulder injury makes it doubtful whether he will see action for a few weeks. Jamie Levitz was forced to leave the game in the second period with severe stomach cramps. He should return to action shortly.

LINE-UP JUGGLED

These injuries upset Coach Fitzgerald's battle plans. Mercer, Dramaj and Levitz play on three separate lines and their loss forced the coach to juggle this entire lineup. MacKeigan, Kaizer and Buntain were forced to take extra turns. Two defencemen, Betik and MacFarlane, took turns on the offensive side. This juggling and lack of practice made the Dal victory a hard-earned one.

MacKeigan, who scored a goal and assisted on two others, played a good game for the Black and Gold. Two newcomers, McClymont on defense and Stanish on the forward line, showed real promise and will be an asset to the team.

The St. Mary's squad were lead by big number ten Smythe, who scored two goals while his team was short-handed and assisted on the third. His aggressive play inspired the entire SMU congregation.

The Tigers are thus far undefeated in league competition and with a little luck and many hard hours of practice could be a power in the Maritime Intercollegiate League.

NOTICE

Because of other events in the Forum precluding the use of the rink for hockey the game between Nova Scotia Tech and Saint Mary's on January 21st will be played at the Dalhousie Rink on January 21st at 8:30. For this reason there will be no Student Skating that night.

Basketball

Feb. 15 - 1:00 p.m., MEDS vs ARTS.
2:00 p.m., ENGINEERS vs DENTS.
3:00 p.m., LAW vs PHARM - ED.
4:00 p.m., SCIENCE vs COMM.

Interfac Hockey Schedule

- Jan. 15 - 1-2 Commerce vs Arts.
- 16 - 1-2 Science vs Arts.
- 20 - 1-2 Pharm/Ed vs Science.
- 9-10 Arts vs Engineers.
- 10-11 Dents vs Law.
- 21 - 1-2 Commerce vs Science.
- 22 - 1-2 Meds vs Pharm/Ed.
- 27 - 8-9 Law vs Science.
- 9-10 Pharm/Ed vs Arts.
- 10-11 Commerce vs Dents.
- 30 - 1-2 Dents vs Pharm/Ed.
- Feb. 3 - 8-9 Commerce vs Engineers.
- 9-10 Law vs Arts.
- 10-11 Meds vs Dents.
- 5 - 1-2 Commerce vs Meds.
- 10 - 8-9 Science vs Pharm/Ed.
- 9-10 Arts vs Meds.
- 10-11 Engineers vs Dents.
- 13 - 1-2 Law vs Engineers.
- 17 - 8-9 Pharm/Ed vs Commerce.
- 9-10 Science vs Engineers.
- 10-11 Dents vs Arts.
- 19 - 1-2 Meds vs Science.
- 20 - 1-2 Commerce vs Law.
- 24 - 9-10 Law vs Pharm/Ed.
- 10-11 Meds vs Engineers.
- Mar. 10 - 1-2 Munro Day Play Off Game.

THE TOPS

Ryerson Institute of Technology has been giving standings for the top ten teams in a bulletin called "Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic News". Comments that are in Quotations are those of the editor of the newsletter while those that are not in quotations are the opinions of the sports editors' of this paper. - Ed.

- 1 Toronto
- 2 McMaster
- 3 St. Thomas
- 4 Edmonton
- 5 Acadia
- 6 British Columbia
- 7 St. Francis Xavier
- 8 Laval
- 9 O.A.V.C.
- 10 Loyola

"The 1964 finals will see Toronto, Edmonton, St. Thomas and Loyola going to Kingston." The picks seems to be quite good for so early in the season but I would not count St. F. X. out of the picture just yet.

- 1 Windsor
- 2 Acadia
- 3 Toronto
- 4 Western
- 5 Saskatchewan
- 6 St. Francis Xavier
- 7 British Columbia
- 8 Sir George Williams
- 9 Laurentian
- 10 Carleton

"Going out on the usual limb I predict that Toronto, Acadia, Saskatchewan and Sir George Williams will represent their respective conferences. Acadia and Toronto will meet in the final and Acadia will win." "Once the season starts there will be upsets but not of the large teams such as Acadia."

The standings look to be as good as any at this time but as to Acadia not being upset it is quite possible that both St. Mary's and St. F.X. will beat Acadia which has already been given a scare by SMU.

I Think

The week the experts are expanding their ability to see into the very dark future to cover all varsity hockey and basketball in the Maritime Intercollegiate Leagues.

HOCKEY

SMU vs Acadia - regardless of who plays Acadia at home Acadia must be given at least a two goal advantage before the game starts and against SMU this should be sufficient to get by. Acadia 4, SMU 3.

SDU vs Acadia - Again at home Acadia gets the advantage and combined with SDU's poor defense Acadia should have no trouble at all. Acadia 8 - SDU 3.

Mt. A. vs. UNB - Since Mt. A. defeated the highly ranked St. Thomas squad before the Xmas break and since UNB is in what must be considered building stages after their poor showing against Acadia it will be a close game but a win for Mt. A. Mt. A. 5, UNB 3.

SDU vs Dal - Dal should just have too much overall offensive power for SDU which is lacking in defense. Dal 8 SDU 1.

Tech vs St. F.X. - Tech which is the worst team in the league will be the lambs led to the slaughter as X fans will see their team go into double figures. X 11, Tech 1.

Acadia vs X - Acadia will carry a most impressive record into this game but they will not be playing at home which is a big factor. X is just too good to lose to Acadia. X 6 Acadia 3.

Season Right 3
Wrong 1
Tied 0

BASKETBALL

Acadia vs Mt. A. - Acadia has too much experience and height combined with ability to lose to Mt. A. This game should at least give some indication of the type of team that Mt. A. has. Acadia 89, Mt. A. 47.

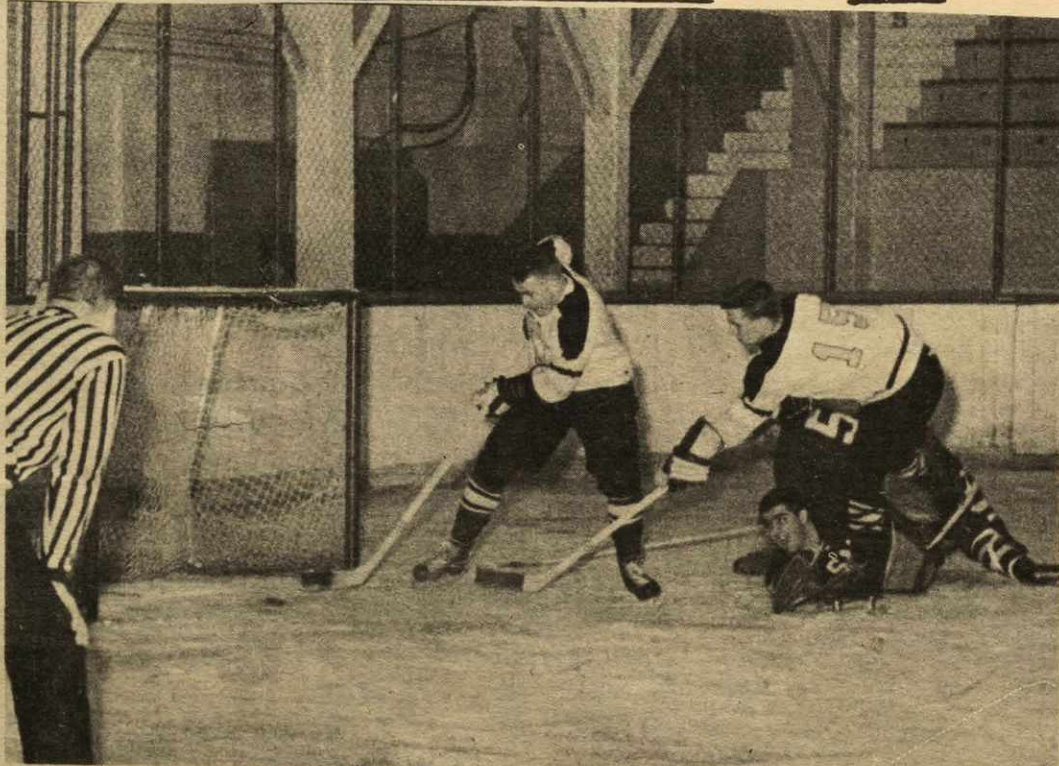
SMU vs Dal - This will be a repeat of the first game played between these two teams just last Saturday, but the margin of victory should be less. SMU 92 - Dal 73.

SMU vs UNB - St. Mary's gave Acadia a scare in the Bluenose Classic and should have no trouble at all in beating UNB. SMU 83 unb 67.

Acadia vs SDU - Acadia will play their deliberate type of ball and should win easily over the Island team. Acadia 77, SDU 52.

Mt. A. vs UNB - Since there is no way to compare these teams UNB must get the nod on the basis of their showing last year. A score is not very likely to even come close but here goes nothing. UNB. 69, Mt. A. 57.

Dal vs St. F.X. - X is definite threat to Acadia and the Tigers will act more like Tabbies due to their loss of key players. X 107 Dal 74.



BILL STANISH, having turned his interest from football to hockey is shown just about to score his first goal of the season. John MacKeigan (15) is making sure he doesn't miss while an anguished SMU goalie looks on. The game was one in which every goal counted as the Dal team were 4-3 victors.

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