

"Two minutes for slashing"

by Chris Murray

Country on Ice by Doug Beardsley takes a look at the game of hockey and its impact on those who know it best — the Canadian people. Beardsley discusses an old topic but in a new and revealing way.

Most books on this topic are written through the experiences of former players, coaches or announcers, all at the professional level. Beardsley, however, reveals his views by sharing memories and experiences of his own amateur hockey career. The anecdotes he uses will ring true for all those who have played hockey at any level or even to those who only watch from the sidelines. His emphasis is not on

the professionals who are highly paid to please the viewing audience. Beardsley examines the enjoyment of an exciting game between friends even when the score is of no importance. He sees beyond the professional urge to win to the sheer desire of the player to perform at his best.

The central theme that arises throughout the book is what hockey actually means to us as a nation. Beardsley analyses the people of Canada to see how we view hockey and how we express ourselves through the game. The results are fascinating and will linger in one's memory after the book has been read and set down.

Beardsley does eventually lead into an evaluative analysis of the National Hockey League, past

and present. He discusses issues such as the increasing number of highsticking incidents and what causes them. He provides an in-depth look at why fighting has become such a major part of the game and the effect Americans have had on our unofficial national sport.

Beardsley uses a straightforward writing style which makes the book easy to read and enjoyable even for those who do not usually follow hockey. The author tries to point out that the game is a part of all Canadians, and even those who do not realize it or deny the fact, feel a profound impact from the presence of the game. He points to the increase of female players across the country and shows their love for the game is as strong as their male counterparts.

The book is published by Polstar Press and costs \$19.95 in hardcover.

Tigers win two



by Brian Lennox

The Dalhousie men's basketball team proved over the weekend that they can play with any team in the country. The Tigers placed third in their six team tournament, winning two of the three games they played. Their only loss was to the Concordia University Stingers, 97-92 in overtime. The Stingers were the fifth-ranked team in the nation.

The victories over Maine-Machias and the University of Prince Edward Island give the Tigers good momentum heading into the conference schedule. The Tigers' victory over the U.P.E.I. Panthers was especially sweet as they came back from a 20-point deficit. UPEI were ranked eighth in the nation, and defeated the two-time defending national champions, Brandon University, one week earlier in Toronto. The Tigers used a combination of full and half-court pressure defenses, taking the Panthers out of their offense.

Head coach Bev Greenlaw has to be pleased with the play of his team. The Tigers are blessed with talent and they have a deep bench. The main problem for Greenlaw is finding enough playing time for all the players. Over the weekend, Paul Riley showed why he is one of the best power forwards in the AUAA as he was selected as a tournament all star.

Will Verbeek continued his steady performance with 20 points in the Tigers defeat over U.P.E.I. Freshman Dean Thi-beaudeau displayed some of his unlimited potential on Sunday with 22 points against the Panthers, earning player of the game honours.

The next seven weeks will be the most important part of the schedule as the Tigers play 14 conference games. The Tigers are a good bet to make the playoffs and even challenge Acadia and U.P.E.I. for the conference championship.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS

On November 25, 1988 students were advised of a number of special arrangements that had been made in the aftermath of the strike by the Dalhousie Faculty Association. These included a provision whereby students could withdraw from the University or drop one or more of their classes without academic penalty up until December 20, 1988.

So as not to place students whose Christmas grades were not available to them prior to December 20 at a disadvantage, the Senate of the University has extended the deadline for withdrawal from A, R and C classes without academic penalty until January 13. Further, special consideration for withdrawal will be given to students who receive their marks later than January 13.

Normal tuition refund policies will be applied in the case of students who withdraw or drop classes after December 20.

Students should also be aware of the following other changes in the academic schedule:

- (1) Christmas grades handout, delayed from January 5-6, to January 12-13.
- (2) Last day to apply for supplemental examinations in "A" classes, extended from January 25, to March 3 to allow for the fact that some grades will not be available until after February 17, and to allow students time to make a decision on whether or not to write a supplemental examination if one is available to them.
- (3) Supplemental examinations, delayed from February 13, to March 13.

For "B" Classes

(4) Last day to add "B" classes, extended from January 16 to January 20 to allow students one week after Christmas grade statements are issued to make decisions about adding "B" classes.

(5) Last day to drop "B" classes without academic penalty, extended from February 13 to March 10 to allow for late receipt of Christmas grades.

(6) Last day to withdraw from "B" classes, extended from March 10 to March 31.

For Potential Graduates

(7) Last day to apply to graduate in May, extended from February 15 to March 6 to allow for late receipt of Christmas grades.

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