

TIGERS SPLIT AT St. F.X.

HOCKEY TEAM BLASTS XAVIER SQUAD

Tigers Win First Game In Intercollegiate Loop

Reardon Nets Four, Leslie Spectacular, Everybody Stars

ANTIGONISH, Feb. 5—An outstanding St. F. X. basketball team outclassed the Dalhousie Varsity squad here tonight to the score of 50-28, in the first game of a home and home series in the intercollegiate circuit. It was the second game in the loop for the Tigers as they defeated N. S. Tech last Monday, 64-45.

Playing on a floor much narrower than they were accustomed to, the Dal boys found it difficult to get organized and to use their plays to advantage. A combination of experience, greater height and more weight gave the X men the margin of victory.

The game began with both teams uneasy. Dal got the tip off and Scott Henderson laid up a beautiful one-hander from the corner to open the scoring. Bill Colquhoun made it 3-0 by completing a foul shot called on the same play. Then the X men started to throw their weight around, and to capitalize on their fast breaks. They led 8-3 at the five minute mark.

The Tigers were still nervous and a little uneasy about the floor. They were definitely at a disadvantage in height, and the careful type of ball they were trying to play only seemed to increase this disadvantage. Connally and Whalen were racking up points without any person guarding them.

Andy MacKay and Scott Henderson were playing a magnificent game on defence and cleared their backboard most of the time despite their opponents greater height. But the man to man defence played by the blue and white was too tight for the Tigers to penetrate for a lay up. They had to shoot from outside. The same problem was encountered by the Xavierians, but they were used to the floor and that type of game and therefore could make more of their chances. The field goals scored by the X men equalled their lay-ups. Dal, however, was forced to try and reach the basket the hard way and as a result lost the ball a number of times before they had shot. The score was 22-10 at half time.

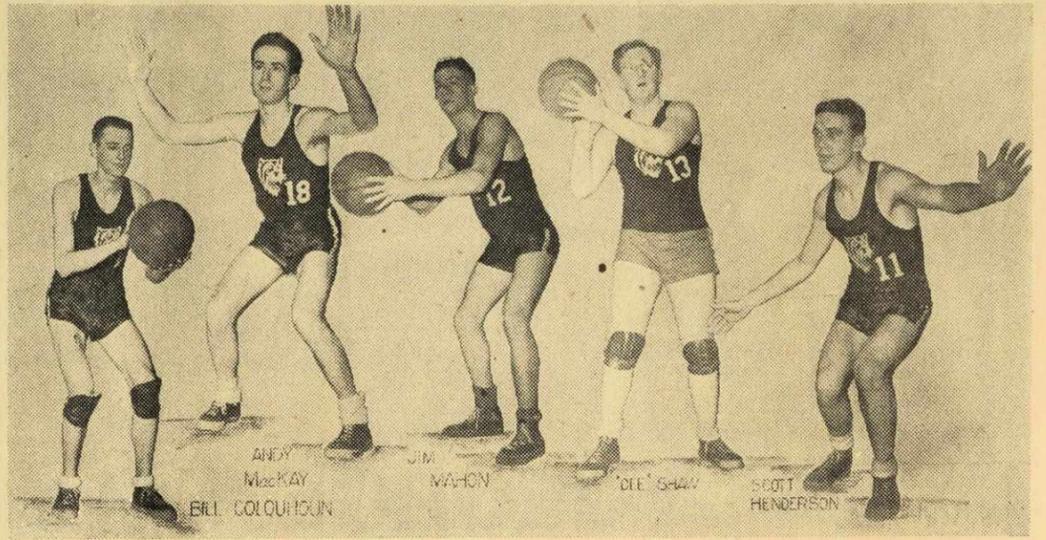
Jimmy Mahon opened the second half with a field goal. This was soon doubled and then tripled by the fast breaking Whalen for St. F.X. Again Dal tried desperately to penetrate their opponents defence but still had to shoot from outside and that shooting was way off. By the eight minute mark the X men had almost doubled the score as they led 40-13. In these last twelve minutes the Tigers seemed to find themselves and they out scored their opponents, fifteen to ten. Mahon was the sparkplug as he accounted for seven of the points.

Jim Mahon was high man for Dal with twelve points. Earl Smith was next with five, followed by Mason MacDonald with four. The outstanding player for Dal was undoubtedly Andy MacKay who played the whole game as guard and was responsible for holding the team together, when they tended to break up. He was the only one who could consistently nab rebounds off his own backboard. Scott Henderson and Mace MacDonald also put in stellar performances. For St. F.X., Lorne Whalen was high man with eighteen points and was the most potent man on the floor. Connally came next with seventeen which he gathered by a number of one-hand hook shots.

Dal line-up—Jim Mahon, 12; Bill Colquhoun, 3; Frank Rogers; Scott Henderson, 2; Andy MacKay, 2; Arp Robertson; Earl Smith, 5; Mason MacDonald, 4.

St. F.X.—Whalen, 18; Friault, 1; Connally, 17; Kehoe, 2; Nelson; Pace; Hanusiak, 3; O'Flarty, 7; MacLean, 1.

Referee, Ed Alan; scorer, Doug Dryden.



Dal Basketball Squad Outclassed By Xavier Team At Antigonish

Small Floor, Experience, Proved Decided Advantage To X-Men

ANTIGONISH, Feb. 5—The Dalhousie Varsity hockey team blasted St. Francis Xavier "X men" off their home ice here tonight to the tune of 9-7. Playing an inspired game before a hostile crowd of 1500 fans, they went all out for their initial intercollegiate win of the season. It was the first time a Dalhousie hockey team has beaten St. F.X. on their own ice since 1921 and it was done in the fastest, roughest and most outstanding game up to date, typical of the pre-war battles.

Led by the line of Reardon, Knickle and Adamson, and supported by superb goaltending of Bliss Leslie, the team fought tooth and nail for every inch of ground they gained. Far outclassing any other game they had played this year, they fought like mad on the defence and skated fast and smartly on the offensive, taking advantage of all their opportunities which at their best were few. St. F.X. had a strong, well balanced team but they lacked the teamwork, the aggressiveness and the do or die attitude of the underrated Tigers.

First Period

St. F.X. jumped into a comfortable 3-0 lead by the ten minute mark, with goals by MacIntosh and two by Ferren. At this time Dal snapped out of their sluggish play and proceeded to press ruthlessly on their opponents end. At the eleven minute mark, Ken Reardon slapped in a rebound off Bob Knickle's stick, on a play that was set up nicely by George Mattison. This ended the scoring for the period but this was largely due to the spectacular work put in by both goal tenders especially Leslie.

Second Period

The second period began at a furious pace with the X men on the attack. At the 2.18 mark MacDonald and Graham on a neat bit of passing slipped one in to make the score 4-1. They came very close to scoring a number of times. Then at the five minute mark Bob Adamson scored on a pass from Knickle. Despite the futile attempt of the X team to stop him, two minutes later Bill Brown spun into the X zone grabbed the puck and whipped it past Mullin on a beautiful low shot. Bows made it 5-3 for S. F.X. at the eight minute mark and seven minutes later Reardon pushed in three quick ones to end the scoring at 6-5 for Dal. The Tigers never relinquished this one goal led.

Third Period

Knickle flashed the red light early in the third period, and Dal went two goals in, the lead. Willie White playing a great defensive game for the Tigers was the only

man used by coach Ferguson other than his two lines and three sturdy defense men, Beaton, Anglin and Mattison. These four men did everything but swallow the puck to get rid of it. By this time the team was tiring and at the eight minute mark, when White was off on a boarding penalty, Ferren slapped in St. F.X.' sixth goal. George MacLanders got the clincher three minutes later on a pass from Adamson. Six seconds later Morrison whipped through the whole Dal team and found the open corner to make the score 8-7.

Fisticuffs

From here on in it was nip and tuck for both teams. The Tigers were trying desperately to clear the puck and hold on to their slim lead. This they did to perfection and the St. F.X. team began to break up. With two minutes to go a fist fight broke out between Adamson and Scattalone. They were soon joined by Mattison and Bows. Before the scrap was over four major penalties, two to each club, and two minor penalties to St. F.X. were handed out. Ferguson put on White, Clem Beaton and Jamie Anglin to hold the fort for the dying minutes of the game. With thirty-five seconds to go Anglin came in on a loose puck that had drawn Mullin out to the blue-line and calmly flipped it into the empty net to end the scoring at 9-7.

Everyone was a standout for Dal, but especially Reardon with his four goals, Adamson with his four assists and one goal, Knickle with his three assists and one goal and especially the performance put on by the defence combination of Beaton, Mattison and Anglin. Above all, credit should go to Bliss Leslie for those thirty shots he didn't let in. Ferren, Chaisson, Scattalone and Bows were the standouts for the blue and white.

ACADIA DEFEATS DAL GIRL CAGERS BY SLIM MARGIN

The Girls Varsity basketball team dropped a close game 18-16 to the Acadia Axettes last Saturday night at Wolfville, in an exciting fast moving tilt. This was the first game in a home and home total point series to be held in conjunction with the Maritime Intercollegiate Girls Basketball Championship. The winner will meet the New Brunswick champions, that is, the winner between U.N.B. and Mount Allison. Dal had eliminated Kings earlier in the season.

Pat Snuggs, starry Dal center, was forced to retire from the game at the four minute mark, after scoring four points, because of a knee injury. Other baskets by Betty Cousins and Eileen Landrigan gave the Tigeresses a ten to four lead at half time.

They carried this lead into the second half until A. Brooks of Acadia broke loose and snapped in a number of field goals to even the score and then to put Acadia in the lead. This they held until the final whistle, with the score 18-16.

The next game of the total point series will be held in the Dal Gym next Saturday, Feb. 12th, possibly at 12 o'clock before the hockey game. This time Dal hopes to have all its team intact including Pat Snuggs, and Betty Petric who missed the Acadia trip because of a shoulder injury. The team under the hand of coach Barbara Keddy intends to make this one good.

Dal line-up—Frannie Doane, 1; Pat Snuggs, 4; Eileen Landrigan, 7; Lib Doull, 2; Joyce Parker; Betty Cousins, 2; Jean MacLeod; Lucy Calp.

Acadia line-up—Lockhart; Smith, 2; Brinton, 2; Hawkes; Brooks, 12; Chew, 2; McLellan; Menzies; Stirling; M. Minrer.

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