

Hope for playoff spot diminished

by Greg Zed

When the Dalhousie hockey Tigers came back after their Christmas exhibition play one thing was obvious to every player or person involved with the team. Even the Dal fans were heard talking about the Tigers' chances of making the playoffs. In fact, although the road ahead was rough, very few counted the Dal squad out. Since the new year started the club

has suffered two fatal defeats which makes their chances of making the playoffs virtually nil.

Saturday afternoon the Tigers ran up against a fired up club from Mt. Allison and were trounced to the tune of 6-2. The Sackville club under the direction of Bill Drover, fired three first period goals to give them the commanding lead- a lead that kept them on top until the final

buzzer. Gary Baldwin, Scott Giffin and Dave Snowie were the Mounties' marksmen. Dal's Hal Davidson put the Tigers on the scoreboard when he fired a shot through the pads of Mt. A's goalie Steve Dowbiggan. The Tigers had several close calls in the second period, however, when the frame ended they had to settle with the one goal. In the third period Mike Schurman fired a tally for the visitors that was the back-breaker. Dal's Paul Finlay who has been playing good solid hockey accounted for the Tigers second goal of the game but Jim Clark and Al Leard notched goals for the Mounties, who took the two points home to Sackville.

All in all it was another frustrating game for the Tigers and certainly a blemish on their record. Although the Tigers were outplayed for most of the game it was quite apparent that the Tigers just didn't get the breaks and hence the fatal defeat.

On Sunday afternoon the Tigers ran into the high flying Bleu Eagles de Moncton. Fresh from their 9-3 win over the Axemen, the Moncton

club, who have begun their uphill battle for a playoff spot needed to beat the Tigers. Jean Beaulieu led the visitors with three goals while Denis Gingras fired two. Singles went to Serge Loiselle and Guy Savard. Tom Coolen, Earl Theriault, John Gillis, Bob Lewicki, Don MacGregor and Paul Finlay all replied for the Dal club. In their third win of the season Moncton battled consistently with the Tigers for three solid periods. At the end of the first period the score was tied at four goals apiece. The second frame ended 7-5 Moncton. Dal's mid-period goal in the third frame was not enough momentum to earn even a tie. The 7-6 loss could be seen as a retaliation for the 8-8 tie that the Tigers earned before Christmas in Moncton after being down 7-2. At that time the Tigers were hungrier but that drive has since vanished.

At this time in the season the Tigers identity of frustration and inconsistency have been clearly spelt out; in fact their playoffs hopes are certainly diminished.

Please Note: Dal vs. Memorial at the Dal Rink Saturday 8:00 and Sunday at 2:00.



A happy group of Tigers.

Intramural sports round up

The Intramural and Recreation program has enjoyed a first term of active participation in our various sports activities.

This year more time than ever has been made available, including keeping the facilities open until 2:00 a.m. The Intramural activities are divided into four divisions: Men's Inter-Faculty, Residence Halls, Co-Ed and Women's.

The first Intramural event of the year was the ever popular Annual Golf Tournament held at Hartlen Point Golf Course in Eastern Passage. Fifty seven participants made it the largest and best tournament to date.

Bob Book of the Dalhousie Track and Field Team returned the fastest time for the Turkey Trot (Cross Country Race). Kevin McSweeney of the faculty of Arts crossed the finish line first in the Inter-Fac division.

The weather certainly didn't do the Tennis enthusiasts any favor this year but in spite of it all Dave MacRae racked up a win in the Men's Singles finishing in first place giving the faculty of Medicine the honors and Valerie Dyer took

Inter-fac basketball

Studley Gym was the centre of activity Sunday, January 11, when the first round of Inter-Fac Basketball games were played.

This year there are sixteen teams entered in the league with enthusiasm running high.

The biggest upset of the day was shouldered by Psychology when the sharp shooting Science I team tossed in 116 points to defeat Psychology 116 to 7. Commerce battled the P.E. team to a closely played game, hooping 58 pts to P.E.'s 55 pts.

The faculty of Law was represented by "A" and "B" teams, both teams pulling off victories. Law "A" upset Engineers 41 - 22 and Law "B" defeated Oceanography 31-22.

Dentistry battled a close one with Medicine. The final tally saw the Dentistry team press for a hard won victory 22 - 16.

first place in the Women's Singles.

The Halifax Commons hosted the Softball Tournament with Cameron House slugging their way to a first place win in the Inter-Fac standings and Dentistry running a close second.

Among other activities that have been offered this year are Men's, Co-Ed and Women's Volleyball. The Co-Ed division found Pharmacy ranking 1st and for the Women Shirreff Hall #3 placed first. The Transitional Year program spiked Medicine (last years winners) in the Men's division.

Lake Banook was where the action was when P.E. paddled their way to a first place win in the Intramural Canoe Race.

Medicine booted their way to a victory in Soccer this year and Phys. Ed. ran the touchdowns for the trophy in Flag Football. Hockey, paddleball, bowling, badminton, swimming and floor hockey and basketball are all yet to be played.

The Supremacy standings to date has Medicine in first place, Dentistry running a very close second and the faculty of Law hard on the heels of "Dents" for third place.

"You" are invited to come and join the fun and games. Further information maybe obtained by calling 424-3372 the Intramural Office or give the Dail-A-Rec line a call 424-3374 for all Intramural schedules.

Intramural hockey

The best game of the season saw Pharmacy down Physical Education 4 - 2 in Intramural Ice Hockey action on Sunday Jan. 11th. in "A" Division. In the "B" Division we saw Pharmacy B pull out grinding 4 - 2 win over Engineers B. In the "C" league, Arts and Commerce battled fiercely to a 3 - 3 draw.

Good skating, hard checking and fine goal tending. All this going on right in our Dalhousie rink, while students watched Philadelphia defeat the Red Army. If you want some good hockey action, just come on down to the rink on Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

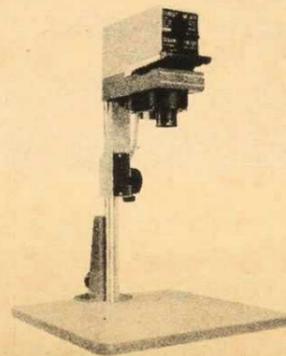
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It was never my intention to lean on the commercial aspect of our business in this series. However, at several recent public colour printing demonstrations a very blunt question has been asked. "Why is Durst equipment so much more expensive than other brands?" To fully appreciate the reasons for price difference we must refresh our understanding of the true function of an enlarger.

Any enlarger performs one major function: that of taking a small negative or slide and magnifying it into a print of the required size. This may be anything from album-size to a wall mural. Print quality depends on efficiency of the lighting system and correct alignment of negative carrier and lens system. When these two all-important components function poorly the end result suffers. The question is, what do you look for to make sure that every possible enlarger benefit is working for you. Notice that I use the word benefit, not feature. If you analyze a "feature" list, many of the facts listed mean nothing at all when translated to terms of what they do to create a better enlargement.

First, is the enlarger steady? Is the column rigid enough to support the head steadily, and designed to allow turning of the head to project on a wall or even the floor when you want a bigger print than can be done on the baseboard. Is the elevating mechanism firm enough to permit easy raising and lowering yet hold the head in a fixed position during printing? As to the lamphouse itself, how is it constructed? On a Durst it will be either a one-piece casting or stamped rigid metal. If the unit has bellows are they plate-riveted in place or only glued? Are the lamphouse and mounting plate held together securely? Is the negative carrier an integral part of the lamphouse assuring perfect alignment with the light path? Can you adjust the lamp ver-

tically and horizontally to compensate for flaws within the bulb itself? While we're on the lamp, with Cibachrome taking its place in the amateur darkroom the need for bright, efficient illumination becomes more important as this superb material is slower than presently existing colour printing paper. Thinking colour automatically raises the question of a colourhead. Two of our lower priced units do not accept this, but all Durst enlargers have a filter drawer as standard equipment. Can you change negative formats quickly and easily? Are accessory negative carriers and condensers available? Is the lens-mount standard? Do you need a compact unit that disassembles easily? The "take-apart" unit for portability and easy storage was created many years ago by Durst.



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