

HOLT ON SPORT

The Pierre Pagé story

Right now I imagine that a great many Dal hockey fans are still in the dark over what happened to Pierre Pagé. Here is the story as it was told to me from a number of different sources.

In 1961, Pierre Page, aged 14, enrolled at Collège Classique in Quebec. This college goes beyond Grade XII to include the

first two years of university.

Page went through this system, graduating in 1968 with his Baccalauréat. He then went to St. FX for two years, graduating last year with his B.P.E. This fall he enrolled at Dalhousie in the M.P.E. programme.

As far as hockey was concerned, he played for the Collège Classique for the last two years that he was there and for the past two years played at St. FX.

When it was discovered this

past summer, that Pagé was going to be at Dal, the Athletic Director, Ken Gowie, began to check out his eligibility. He went to the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union and was informed that the CIAU did not recognize the two years which Pagé had played in Quebec, and that he had two years left to play in the Maritimes, or three years left in the rest of Canada. Satisfied with this, and having it in writing from the CIAU, Gowie felt that there was not question as to Page's eligibility.

Following the game against UNB, a protest was lodged with the Atlantic Collegiate Athletic Association, questioning Page's status.

The hockey committee of the ACAA ruled that Pagé was ineligible. They said that as far as they were concerned, the two years' playing in Quebec counted, and Pagé was in effect, in his fifth year of hockey, and therefore not permitted to play.

There is an appeal procedure, but the appeal is made to the same body that made the ruling in the first place. So there's not much hope for Pierre.

The ruling is ridiculous. The rumour going around is that UNB was put up to the protest by St. FX. The story is that Pagé told X that he was going to Dal for his Master's, but X wanted him to stay and take a

B. Ed there. If this story is true, then the whole incident is underhanded and petty.

The name of the game is to beat your opponents on the ice, not in the League office.

The Dal team found out about the ruling at 7:00 p.m. on November 17, one hour before they were to go on the ice against St. Mary's at the Forum.

The ruling had to have an effect on the team, but it still is no excuse for the horrible third period of that game (Dal lost 10-4, if you didn't know).

The biggest factor in the SMU game was the lack of players. Pagé was ineligible, Tommie MacDonald was nailed on a questionable call by the referee (Bob Warner of SMU charged MacDonald, and MacDonald never threw a punch), and Barter was thrown out when he refused to sit down in the penalty box.

The two (so-called) cool heads of the team, Pete Gagné and Ron Naud, took a couple of foolish penalties, and it was all over.

On Sunday against UPEI the team was flat; as it was, they only lost 5-4. There's not much more that can be said.

FOOTBALL

A short note here on a happier subject (not that football at Dal was very happy this year).

Dalhousie end Brian Gervais was named to the All-Canadian team last week.

Congratulations, Brian.

BASKETBALL

The basketball team looked great Friday night, beating Acadia 86-71. They then proceeded to stink the place out Saturday night, losing to St. Mary's 49-47.

It is a disgrace for a team with the experience and talent that the Tigers have, to only score 47 points in a basketball game. Full credit is due the St. Mary's defence, but they are not that good.

Alan David Yarr, "Where, oh where, is your zone offence?"

If it hadn't been for John Cassidy and Mike Flinn working the offensive boards, it is unlikely the Tigers would have scored 30 points.

This weekend (Nov. 26-27) the hockey team is off to Newfoundland for two games with Memorial. Memorial is 4 and 0 now, and the team will have to play much better to come back with two wins. I doubt if they will.

The basketball team is off to Waterloo, Ontario for the Naismith Classic, where they will run up against a number of good teams. Hope they don't play against anyone using a zone defence — we may not score at all.

Swim team sharp; post three wins

by Slim Slick

The Dalhousie Tigers Swim Team showed that they are potentially the best team ever at the recent Shearwater Bluefins Relay Carnival held at CFB Shearwater Sunday, November 14.

In Dal's first taste of competition they posted three wins out of a possible 12 events.

The Tigers took the Men's 200 Free-style Relay event in 1:56.5 (Bill Draper, Peter Guildford, Myles Leitch, Danny Mosher), the men's 400 Free-style event in 4:23.9 (Bill Draper, Richard Forsyth, Peter Guildford, Myles Leitch), and the men's 200 Breaststroke Relay in a time of 2:37.6 (Bill Draper, Jeff Kirby, Marcel Maessen, Danny Mosher).

The Tigers are coached by Nigel Kemp, a former member of the British Commonwealth Swim Team, and Peter (Bullet) Brown, a former Dal swimmer.

The women on the team also made a good showing in their first meet, coming third in the Women's 400 Free-style in 5:39.8 and fourth in the Women's 400 Free-style Relay in a time of 2:26.5.

Overall, Dal placed third out of seven clubs, with 41 points. The Trojan Aquatic Club came first with 67 (8 firsts) followed by the Halifax Otters with 43 (one first).

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Dal's Randy Sears (7) and John MacLeod (2) battle with SMU players during last Wednesday's game. SMU goaltender stops threat while Steve Omytruk (4) looks on. SMU won handily 10-4.

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