

Pucksters crush SMU, UPEI

Striped machine takes two

by Chuck Moore

It was an enthusiastic capacity crowd, who watched Dalhousie Tigers defeat St. Mary's Huskies 7-4 last Friday night. One fan remarked after the game, "the tension could have been cut with a knife." At the end the teams were given a standing ovation for their performances. Five minutes after the game was over fans were still shouting "D-A-L-H-O-U-S-I-E."

S.M.U. scored first and looked like they would run away with the game, but Dal promptly tied the score. It was 2-1 for the Huskies at the end of the first period. The Tigers scored early in the second to tie the game for the second time. Then Dal went ahead! by one goal, and then two! At the end of the second period, the score was 4-3 for Dal. In the third period Dal scored three more goals and S.M.U. one.

Doug Chapman on defense for Dal played a most outstanding game defensively. Sean Boyd had 2 goals and 2 assists and scored a very pretty seventh, and final goal for the black and gold. Greg

McCullough added two goals and also had one assist. Ken McDonald scored one goal and connected with a goal post on another clear shot. Whip Thompson was a real asset to Dal's defense, clearing the front of the Dal cage of blistering hard shots from the point. Ted Scrutton's hard work paid off for him with a goal.

St. Mary's Richie Baye showed his powers as a puck-carrier and play-maker. He was in my opinion the best player on the ice. Dale Turner scored two goals for St. Mary's and also had one assist. O'Byrne's misconduct appeared to hurt St. Mary's. Passing finesse of the Huskies made their every play dangerous and the complexion of the game could have changed anytime. Needless to say an inch closer could have meant more goals for S.M.U.

John Henry, the Tigers goalie was No. 1 star of the game. Dale Turner was seen weeping after being robbed by the Dal net-minder.

The Tigers defense deserves a lot of credit for this win. A remark was made that "University spirit around Dal has never been so high for years" — Let's keep it up!!!

TAKE TWO

With only 29 seconds remaining Dalhousie Hockey Tigers scored their fifth goal to give them a 5-4 victory over the U.P.E.I. Pan-

thers. It was Ken McDonald who lit the light with his second goal of the game.

With the team hurting physically after Friday's game with St. Mary's Huskies, the Tigers gamely fought a rugged U.P.E.I. team. It was extra effort entirely that beat U.P.E.I. Penalties were costly to both teams.

Tom McDonald had two goals for Dalhousie with Sean Boyd adding one more. Ted Scrutton added three assists to his total with Pete Gagne having two assists. Greg McCullough, suffering with an injured leg, also played well. Doug Chapman, who was on crutches until just before game time, stood up to everyone who challenged. Dan Sangster must be very disappointed because he missed several chances to score.

Bill Adams for the U.P.E.I. squad scored 2 goals and had one assist. He was a real trouble-maker in more ways than one. Linc MacKenzie, who is always a threat, played hard. Paul Jelley, who played with Ch'town Islanders last year, was outstanding in the Panthers net. Luc Bedard on defense received several penalties for his rough play.

This is Dal's 5th win in 6 starts placing them in a first place tie. Congratulations to coach Gerry Walford and company, but don't wait so long next time.

Bingley Rides Again

The Sports Desk

by Phil Bingley

It's been a long time since my old typewriter ribbon's danced to the clicking keys, spelling out another story of victory or defeat in the world of sport. The old thing and the sportswriter on the end of it retired a while ago under the pressure of changing times, part of a vanishing and I guess old-fashioned breed of newspaper hacks who could see beyond scores and statistics and get into the real goings-on whenever two teams squared off on a rink or playing field.

The young blood that replaced me and my cronies at sports desks across the country go in for a less emotional product. They think all that's important is a play by play history of who scored, when, penalties, and a list of other figures as long as your longest arm, and they don't care too much for the human factors that make those beloved "stats" happen. Or maybe they just can't see.

At any rate, me and my sticky-keyed old typewriter have come out of that forced retirement maybe for just this once, because we don't like the new approach, and we ain't going to take this lying down.

I'm going to talk about hockey, the way it should be played — the way it was played last weekend in the Dal rink when St. Mary's Huskies and the U.P.E.I. Panthers were sent home packing.

To talk about those games you have to talk about the kinds of things that get into a team's head, the things that decide whether you're gonna have a team or a collection of individuals playing for themselves.

Now, I don't want to preach or get long winded but it seems to me that when a team's going all out and giving everything they've got then it's a team. When they don't, they aren't.

Friday night they were a team from the opening faceoff till they skated off with that 7-4 win that broke the back of the league leading Huskies, a team suffering, by the way, from too many "super-stars" and too many super-star complexes. They out-checked and out-played SMU, they dug in and sweated, and they won. It took a couple of periods on Sunday before they realized UPEI wasn't a second-rate bunch of patsies, but when they had to work they did, and won that game too. As a result, the fans are right for a change. They are indeed "number 1".

Somebody else's statistics can give you a more detailed look at how the games went. Right now I want to talk about a few things that emerged from the weekend games.

First of all, the officiating at intercollegiate hockey games is atrocious and must be upgraded if the calibre of hockey is to improve (and it can). The referees (Jollimore in particular) miss as many infractions as they call and half of what they call shouldn't be called in the first place. I may be exaggerating a bit but the point still holds. Another thing here is that the players are still getting a lot of penalties they shouldn't and doing a lot of damage to their teams in the process. James Cagney and Edward G. Robinson never made it as hockey players, and neither will their latter day imitators.



TED SCRUTTON

If I had to single out one player for plaudits (and I want to) it would be Ted Scrutton. I say Scrutton for many reasons, all adding up to an outstanding contribution to a team effort. Hustle is an overworked word but Scrutton has it and he never quits. He's a raunchy hockey player who hits hard and clean, a digger in the corners and a fine playmaker. Honourable mention here to Pierre Gagne, whose calm efficiency has kept the Dal machine from derailing time and time again.

Well, that's about it. The slide rule wizards and statisticians are in the wings waiting to move in for the kill again, and the dust is already starting to settle back in on my old Underwood. I have a feeling it's getting ready to settle in on me too.

P.S. Have a look at the latest McLean's magazine for some interesting ideas on bringin' it all back home . . . hockey, that is. Somebody's finally noticed that our national game's been stolen. So long for now.

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