

TIGERS LOSE THIRD

By Harry MacDonald

Dalhousie Hockey Tigers lost their third consecutive game last Saturday afternoon when the visiting Acadia Axemen defeated them 2-1 with both Acadia goals resulting from a man advantage. Despite the final score, the Tigers outplayed the Axemen most of the way but just could not put the puck in the net.

Throughout the game, Tigers were hampered by penalties as referee, Laurie Powers, called 11 out of 15 against Dal. It seemed that Dal players never got the benefit of the doubt and, consequently they played almost half the game short handed, and gave up two goals in that condition. However, the Dal defense, led by Ian Oulton and Ernie Paige, stood up well to the challenge.

For the fifth time in the last six games, the opposition got the first goal with Clark scoring to make it 1-0 for Acadia at 1:51 in the first period. Five minutes later, Dick Drmaj evened it up at 1-1 when he scored on a beautiful breakaway which was set up by Ray Kaizer.

Tied 1-1 going into the second period, both teams had ample opportunity to break the deadlock but neither had any luck. Early in the final period, Acadia attempted to capitalize on a Dal penalty but Bill Buntain, who had played well in a penalty killing role during the game, stopped them cold. For almost five minutes, he held sole possession of the puck in his own end and defied all comers in their efforts to take it from him.

Late in the third period, it looked like the game was going to go

into overtime. Then Al Kenny scored on a scramble in front of the Dal net with 45 seconds to go and Acadia won the game 2-1 again on a marker during which Dal was playing a man short.

Although Graham Mercer returned to the line-up John MacKeigan was out with sickness and Jerry Betik with a leg injury. To replace MacKeigan, coach Fitzgerald called up Doug Rowan from JV to play with Buntain and Mercer. Further changes became necessary during the game when Jamie Levitz was hit on the face and missed most of the first period action. As a result linemates Keith Sullivan and John Cruickshanks saw little action in that period while the other two lines were forced to fill this gap, as well as kill off a rash of penalties.

Acadia's goaltender Harry Powell played a fine game as he turned away 26 shots for the visitors. Included in these were a number of breakaways and many tough shots, but Dal forwards failed to score against him except on one occasion. Powell's counterpart at the other end of the ice, George MacDonald, also performed very well for Dal as he handled more than 40 shots, and despite the fact that there were a lot of garbage shots, he was forced to make a large number of tricky saves.

With the winning goal coming so late in the game on a scramble in front of the Dal net, it is obvious that the game could have gone either way but Dal seemed to be out of luck.



The two linesmen have just separated the two main participants in a mix-up that occurred in front of the Dal net in the Acadia game which Dal lost 2-1. Drmaj is being restrained while Kenny is being pushed away. Dal players George MacDonald, Ian Oulton and Bill Buntain are shown defending their mate while the puck lies untouched at the side of the net.

(Munroe Photo)

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

By PAUL FARLEY

Dalhousie's chances to better their last year's record took another nosedive last Saturday afternoon when they were edged by Acadia by a 2-1 score. Playing much better hockey than in recent games, the Tigers just didn't have horses to upset the first place team.

Probably a big factor was the loss of John MacKeigan and Jerry Betik. MacKeigan was suffering from a virus and Betik was recuperating from a ruptured muscle received in the game against St. Mary's four weeks ago.

However, the Acadia team was able to apply more pressure towards the end of the game and their hard work paid off with a goal with less than a minute to play. Dal had its chances too but could capitalize on only one occasion.

BUNTAIN BACK TO OLD FORM

Bill Buntain seems to be getting back on track again as he dazzled the crowd with an amazing display of stickhandling and puck control, especially when the Tigers were shorthanded. Along with goaltender George MacDonald, who made many key saves they kept the Tigers in contention all the way. The defense performed adequately, especially Ernie Paige who was constantly throwing himself in front of pucks. All in all the team played just about as well as it could but as things turned out, it wasn't good enough.

OFFICIATING HORRENDOUS

The officiating in the game left very much to be desired. The linesmen weren't on top of the play at all and there were off sides that were not called that could have resulted in goals. Referee Laurie Powers suffered much verbal abuse from the fans and although he did not deserve all that he got he did make what I felt were some mistakes.

Probably the call that most affected the outcome was the five minute major issued to Bill Stanish with less than five minutes to play in the game. Considering the tight situation that existed, the infraction was not obvious enough to warrant the major penalty. There were some other, what seemed to be, obvious infractions committed by both sides which were not called.

GOAL??

The greatest 'boo-boo' of all was a certain shot by one Axeman which went into the top part of the Dal net, bounced out immediately, and was ruled as 'no goal' by the referee. However, because this is the Dalhousie Gazette, I will not complain too much about this, but it is indicative of the poor quality of officiating to which all teams in the intercollegiate league are being subjected.

ROAD TRIP

This coming weekend the hockey team will journey to Fredericton to play UNB and to Chatham to play St. Thomas. From where I sit the outcome of both trips looks fairly grim. Dalhousie, not noted for being a good road team, plus the fact that UNB and St. Thomas are top flight teams and should make going very tough for the Tigers. However, anything can happen in a single given hockey game and if Dalhousie can come up with an effort similar to their first one against X, look out New Brunswick!

J.V.'S LEAD LEAGUE

It has been brought to my attention that the Dalhousie Junior Varsity hockey team have been playing their schedule, since Christmas and that the Gazette has provided no coverage. To the students and team members themselves I will say that the situation is being rectified. Our J.V. team is currently tied for first place in their league having beaten St. Mary's 4-1 and tying Nova Scotia Technical College 2-2.

Meds, Law tie for first

Interfac basketball continued on its merry way last week with the favorite teams emerging victorious and Pharmacy-Education defaulting.

MED'S WIN SECOND

The boys from Medical school held on to first place by downing the Dentists by a 36-12 margin. The Meds were powered to victory by the nine point performance by Peter House and an eight point game by Howie Parker, ex-varsity star. Meds appear to be the team to beat and it will take an outstanding performance from one of the other teams to upset them.

ARTS BEAT SCIENCE

The second game of the afternoon saw powerful Arts team defeat Science 42-19. Ex-varsity player Tor Boswick led the Artsmen hooping 13 points. He was closely followed by teammate Gray with 12. Bob MacDonnell was high man for the losers dunking eight points.

Engineers won their first game of the schedule when Pharmacy-Education failed, for the second week in a row, to dress five players. Engineers record is now 1-1.

LAW TRIUMPHS

A powerful team from the Law school walloped a fighting Commerce team 46-19. Law teammates Peter Herrndorf and "Flubber" MacDonald led the winners with thirteen points apiece. Other Law scorers were Peter Day, with six, Brian Noonan, with five, and Jamie Richardson, with four. Willard Strug was high man for the losers with six, closely followed by John Weatherhead with four and Don Gladwin with three.

The standings now leave Meds and Law tied for first place with 2-0 records.

ON CAMPUS

Mon. Feb. 3rd

7:15 p.m. Torchlight Parade

Tues. Feb. 4th

7:15 p.m. Ice Show

Wed. Feb. 5th

9:00 p.m. Ball at the Mall with Eddie Richards

Thurs. Feb. 6th

8:30 p.m. West Indian Carnival — Prizes for best costumes

Fri. Feb. 7th

8:00 p.m. Maritime University Talent Show

Sat. Feb. 8th

1:00 p.m. Snow-bowl Game

8:00 p.m. Ian and Sylvia Concert

Sun. Feb. 9th

9:00 a.m. Atlantic Sports Car Club Rally

2:00 p.m. Toboggan Party - Citadel Hill

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