

Ice hockey

Co-eds outscore opponents 9-1 in two matches

The Dalhousie Girls Hockey Team scored a sweep of their weekend games with the Mount by scores of 6-1 and 3-0. This marks the second time in a row that the Dal girls have taken the series.

The first game was played in the St. Mary's rink as part of their winter carnival. Dalhousie opened the scoring soon after the game got underway when center forward Janet MacKeigan took a shot from directly in front of the Mount goal and sent the puck zipping into the lower right hand corner. The Mount came storming back and were able to tie the score when one of the Mount players took a shot that eluded Sue Baker and slid between her feet and into the net. This was the only goal that Sue was to give up to the Mount sharpshooters. The period ended with the score still tied at one all but the Dal girls had the better of the play by virtue of their superior positional play.

The second period featured two goals being scored. . . one by Nancy Young and the other by Sara Connor. Nancy used her superior skating skill to deftly sidestep the Mount defence before shooting the puck into the goal. . . this goal was but the first of three that Nancy contributed to the teams victory. That Sara Connor scored at all is a story in itself as she is normally the second string goalie. However, Coach McMaster was left one centerman short when Heather Stewart was not available for play. He decided to let Sara play in her stead between Pat Balloch and Virginia d'Entremont and so the rookie line was born. On their very first shift they scored to give Dal a three to one lead.

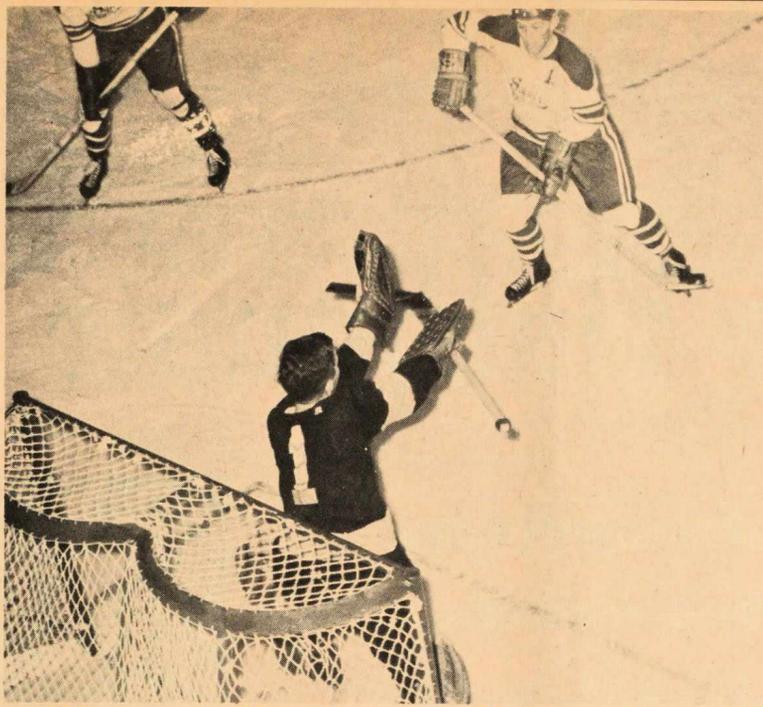
In the third period Dal broke the game wide open as they struck for three unanswered goals. Nancy Young tallied her second goal of the game when she fired a screen shot from the top of the slot that the Mount goalie is still looking for. Donna McCully made the score 5-1 when she took a shot

from her left wing position that struck a Mount player and caromed into the goal. The final goal of the game completed the hat trick for Nancy Young as she darted into the Mounts end, changed direction and moved in on the goal unopposed to beat the goaltender with a good shot. The final score of the first game was Dal 6 and Mount St. Vincent 1.

The return match of the series between the girls of Dal and the Mount took place in the Dal rink on Saturday afternoon and a very large crowd was on hand to view the game. This game proved to be the more exciting of the two and the fans roared their approval throughout. After having been thwarted on a breakaway try, Rosemond Bourque notched the first goal of the game on a similar breakaway play. This gave Dal a 1-0 lead and as such turned out to be the winning goal. Near the end of the period Kitti Murray, or was it Vicki?, let go a hard slap shot that hit the skate of a Mount defender and went into the net. The play was moving from end to end with good passing, skating and shooting. The Mount were able to get away only a handful of shots at the Dal cage but any that did find the mark were capably turned aside by Dals super goalie Sue Baker. The first period ended with the Dal girls out in front by two goals.

The second period was just as exciting as the first although no goals were scored. Dal had complete control of the game but all their scoring bids were blocked and they just missed on many other chances which had the large crowd oohing and ahing. The fact that Dal was in complete command was verified when the announcer gave the shots on goal for the period. . . the Mount had not had a single shot on goal while the Dal attackers had fired a dozen or so shots at the Mount's goal.

The third period was also an exciting affair as the teams battled on fairly even grounds.



Tiger goalie thwarts Husky thrust

(Photo: STEPHEN ARCHIBALD)

Tigers draw, lose on weekend

The past weekend saw the Tigers engage the top two clubs in the Intercollegiate loop. On Friday the team traveled to Antigonish to battle the X-men and then returned to meet the St. Dunstan's Saints in the Dal rink on Sunday afternoon. The latter match ended in a five all overtime tie whereas the former was a 7-2 loss.

St. F.X. took a three goal lead in the first period and were never in any real trouble for the rest of the game. Mackinnon opened the scoring for St. F.X. at 3:48 and was assisted by Churchill and Poirier. Less than two minutes later Kelly fed Fraser a neat pass and he beat Bell at 5:05. Fahey also garnered an assist on the play. Chi-Chi Farenzena scored the first of his two goals at 10:35 aided by Tardiff. The

period ended with X holding a three goal bulge.

The X machine continued to roll along in the second as Tardiff notched a goal at 4:37 after taking passes from MacDonald and Farenzena. Churchill gave the X-men a five nothing lead when he converted a pass from team-mate MacKinnon at 6:14. The teams battled on fairly even terms from this point onwards and Dal finally spoiled Tom Pursers shutout bid when Don MacPher-son scored at 19:05. Bill Stanish was credited with an assist on the play.

The Tigers closed the gap 5-2 when the ever improving Doug Quackenbush dented the twines, assisted by Bill Stanish and Don Nelson, at 3:19. Nazari gave X back their commanding lead, helped by Fahey and Fraser. The final goal of the game came off the stick of Farenzena when he scored in the dying moments of the contest.

Coach Walford felt that after the Tigers realized that the X-men were just a bunch of guys like themselves they settled down and played a very sound game. X has a good team but they are certainly not as strong as last year's representatives and they could easily be beaten one of these nights.

The second game of the weekend resulted in Coach Walfords charges being spotters as they played their finest game this year to come from behind to tie St. Dunstan's. The tie virtually eliminated any hopes the Saints may have entertained with regards to catching X; even if they beat them in their next encounter.

The first period displayed some fine skating and forechecking by the visitors and for a few moments looked like they just might skate the Tigers right out of the rink. The Saints reinforced this appearance when MacWilliams, left unguarded in front of the Tiger goal, lashed home a

hard drive past John Bell who was completely screened on the shot. The time of the goal was 4:40 and it entered the net on the short side. After St. Dunstan's had weathered a penalty Dal's Don Nelson was assessed a five minute spearing penalty at 16:41. Then MacWilliams took a penalty at 17:30, followed shortly thereafter by Levitz who received a two minute penalty at 18:12. With the teams in this manpower situation St. Dunstan's pulled into a two goal lead when Mike Kelly caught John Bell down on his knees and simply lofted the puck past him and into the net. The period ended with the Saints still in possession of a two goal lead over a Dal club that was displaying very little aggressive play. The shots on goal were 12-11 in the favour of St. Dunstan's.

The second period began to unfold the eventual story of how this game would come out. The Tigers came out strongly and drove the Saints into their own end and held them there. This type of effort resulted in Dal's first goal. Bruce Walker, who had had an in-different game against X, was flying into the opposition's end with the puck and let go a hard shot that struck Carl McQuaid's pads and bounced out in front of the net where Bill Stanish was cruising. Bill made no mistake as he unhesitatingly shot the puck past the lunging form of McQuaid. The play carried back and forth with both teams experiencing some good scoring opportunities but not being able to cash in on them. Then at the 8:03 mark of the period Joe Cheverie converted a goal mouth pass from Rick O'Donnell into another two goal lead for the Island squad. Moments after this scoring play the Tigers were swarming all around the Saint's net when Don Nelson let go a very hard shot that appeared to catch the inside of the post but

it bounced straight out! The Tigers again closed the gap to a single goal when Doug Quackenbush put John Rogers into the clear right in front of McQuaid. Rogers made no mistake as he drilled the puck into the lower left hand corner of the cage. The score at the end of two was St. Dunstan's 3 - the fast coming Tigers 2.

The overtime proved to be even more exciting as the rushing players sped from end to end. The Tigers were forced to kill off a penalty to Doug Quackenbush which incurred at 2:05. The final score was 5-5.

SLAPSHOTS

The Saints outshot the Tigers 47 to 31 which is testimony to the great game that John Bell put forth in aid of his teammates. He was brilliant at times but most of the time he was simply terrific as he blocked drive after drive from all angles. This was especially true during the torrid overtime when the Tigers were out gunned 11-2. Another fine performance was put forward by Doug Quackenbush. Doug always gives out a 100% effort and the effect of this was a factor in the teams fine showing. Jamie Levitz, playing a variety of positions put forth with his finest effort of the season as did rookie Glen Dickie. Bruce Walker also continued to show the fine play that he has contributed since coming up from the J.V. team. For St. Dunstan's O'Donnell, MacWilliams and Vince Mulligan put forth a fine display of how this game should be played.

The Tigers take to the road again next weekend for games against Mt. A. and Moncton. An effort such as the one put up against St. Dunstan's could enable the Tigers to move up in the standings and thereby improve on last year's record.

Basketball Tigers still Number One

Drop first game in 8 starts to SMU, 70-58

By DENNIS PERLIN

The Dalhousie Basketball Tigers suffered their first defeat in MAA play this season, 70-58, at the hands of the St. Mary's University Huskies at St. Mary's last Friday.

Playing before a large St. Mary's crowd, the Tigers were unable to get untracked. While they did take a 4-0 lead early in the first quarter and then did come back to tie the Huskies at 55-55 late in the fourth quarter, they did not look like the Bengals of the Blue-nose Classic, or the Bengals of the fourth quarter and overtime at X or the Bengals of the first quarter against X at Dal or the Bengals of the overtime struggle with SMU at Dalhousie.

On offence they missed innumerable opportunities for easy "picks" and easy "turnaround poppers".

In running a "control" offence even a simple layman knows that

the ball and the players must be continually on the move to open up the defence and especially when you are using the "shuffle". However, the Tigers were not moving themselves or the ball around last Friday.

On defence, they refused to put up their hands, yell, and play tough so that "shorties" like O'Reilly and Dougherty were passing through the defence to the big men underneath as well as popping them from in close, and the big men were intimidating our big men.

In other words, we had a bad game.

However, the biggest tragedy was the loss for 6-8 weeks of Kevin White with strained ankle ligaments. This will probably mean an unfortunate mid-season change in our 1-3-1 zone defence and on offence it will probably

mean that Beattie will have to move from the outside to the low post in order to help Bourassa in the rebounding. Of course, the latter is pure speculation.

As for some worries, about the ability of Alex Shaw or Lorna Ryan to fill in for White, the Gazette Sport's Staff is sure they will do the job expected of them and that we will beat UNB twice and Acadia in order to win the Conference Championship. All that is needed is alert and spirited ballplaying.

The Tigers, last Friday opened up a 4-0 lead but by quarter time were behind 13-7. After battling through the second quarter, Dal had cut the lead to 4 at half time, 35-31. During the second quarter, Dal had trouble breaking up the fun court press, however, this was rectified at the half-time break.

As the fourth quarter began the score was 46-37 in favour of SMU. But our Tigers never gave up and while not playing great ball still managed to scramble back and tie the Huskies 55-55 with about 4 minutes to go.

Dal, 2nd in ski meet

DENNIS PERLIN

Last Saturday, Feb. 4, the Dalhousie Ski Team (all-male) ventured onto the ski slopes of the Wentworth Valley and pulled up a surprisingly strong second to UNB.

The top individual would have to be Butch MacIntosh who came third in the Cross Country Nordic event behind 2 UNB'ers and was named to the Maritime Intercollegiate Ski Team which will travel to the CIAU Olympiad Ski Events at Banff, March 6-10.

Other great performances were put on by Keith Kingsbury who was fifth and seventh in the Slalom and Giant Slalom respectively and also by Evan Puttey-Jones who came 8th and 10th in the Slalom and Giant Slalom respectively.

Even, in his first runs of both events had the second best times but unfortunately in his second run in both events he fell thus putting him back to his eight and tenth place finishes.

In the Cross Country event, Bill Powers came seventh and Barry Black ninth.

Others on the team were Bill Anwyll, John Tilley, Harry Jost, and Max Stanfield.

By the complicated formula used for figuring out the team placings for each event, each and every member contributed to the cause as can be seen in Dalhousie's second-place finish.

Coach Scott, when questioned by the Gazette, called his team's performance "tremendous".

Congratulations to all of you!

Dal sinks Acadia

By DENNIS PERLIN

On Tuesday, January 31, the Dalhousie Tigers and Tigerbelles travelled to Acadia to meet the Axemen and Axettes in a dual meet.

The Tigers won their end of the meet 60-41 and for the first time this season, the Tigerbelles duplicated the Tigers effort in winning their section also to the tune of 60-41.

The outstanding performance of the meet was by Gordie MacMichael as he hit the qualifying time for the CIAU Olympiad in Edmonton next month in the 200 yard backstroke. The qualifying time is that of the fifth place person in the 200 yard backstroke final at last year's Canadian Championships.

This means that Gordie automatically gets a free trip to the Olympiad. His younger brother Doug qualified in the 100 Back at Mount Allison two weeks ago.

In the Boy's section, the Medley Relay Team of Gord MacMichael, Rob Murray, Lee Kirby, and Peter McCreath won its event. The Free Style Relay Team of Gordie and Doug MacMichael, Lee Kirby, and Rob MacGrail won its relay. The diving event saw Eric Patrick second.

In the 60 and 100 Free style events, Doug MacMichael came first and Rob MacGrail came second.

Urges new system to recruit Dal athletes

PERLIN POPS OFF

By DENNIS PERLIN Sports Editor

The present system of Athletic Recruiting will not attract the athletes required to create winning football, basketball, hockey teams at Dalhousie University. The system must be changed.

Those who think that the Dalhousie Basketball Team is indicative of what skillful use of the present system can do, are only right to a point.

The point is this: Coach Yarr could offer four of the starting five things that no other coach could offer and which luckily (and only by luck) were enough to offset in the minds of these four, the "gifts" which other universities could offer. No. (1) - Coach Yarr could offer these four starting positions as freshmen. (2) - Coach Yarr could sell the idea of an All-Canadian starting five winning this conference and possibly the Canadian Championship for the first time in modern history. (3) - Coach Yarr could say truthfully that the other universities were finding it increasingly difficult to get good American players up here and that in two years Dal could take the league with the best players in the Maritimes.

Coach Yarr could do this for his first team but now all the Maritime schools are looking for Canadian boys and many are offering unofficial athletic scholarships as well. So basketball will soon follow hockey and football if the present recruiting system of "talk", "letters", "phone calls", and "taking the athlete and his family out to dinner" is not bolstered.

As has been hinted, I feel that Athletic Scholarships and Bursaries are the answer.

Athletic teams can offer university life spirit and unity - two things extremely important in a "happy" university and two characteristics which can be offered to such a large degree by no other university associations.

However, the athletic teams must have one descriptive quality in order for them to give university life, spirit and unity and that is, they must be competitive. When they go into a game they must have a good chance of winning. Losing teams cannot give university life spirit and unity; they are of no benefit to the student body at large and should be abandoned.

Every parent today would love to have his child's university education paid for without any resulting increase in taxation. Also, all undergraduate schools in the Maritimes are the same; if a student gets a degree and makes a 65-70 per cent average in any one of them, he can get into the Dalhousie professional schools or Graduate Studies' divisions without any trouble whatsoever. So there, the parent has no worries in sending his child to any undergraduate university in the Maritimes. So the university which offers his boy

a scholarship or bursary is the one who he will be encouraged to send his boy to. Also to say to a student that Dalhousie has the best academic standing is not persuasive enough. Tuition every year is.

Dalhousie has the finances to be able to retain both its academic standing and to give out athletic scholarships. This combination presented to a student, along with the new physical education department, is unbeatable.

Entrance requirements present another problem to athletic recruiting and so need some changes. For example, Grade 12 should be accepted as Senior Matriculation from Ontario and not Grade 13 as now. However, it is rumoured that Grade 13 is being dropped in Ontario within a couple of years and so Grade 12 will then be Senior Matriculation. That would take care of one of the academic changes I would suggest.

However, in the Maritimes, this "Grade 13 problem" is still around in the New Brunswick and this limits the pick of athletes from our "bread and butter" area - the Maritimes. Students who want to get into Dalhousie from New Brunswick must also pass

Grade 13. This should be changed to Grade 12.

As for the problem that the MIAA ban the use of Athletic Scholarships and bursaries: The Dalhousie University Administration should still take the stand that it supports the use of athletic scholarships and bursaries in direct opposition to the rules of a conference in which we take part nor should we drop out immediately, we should at least be on record as supporting the giving of Athletic Scholarships and bursaries.

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