

# DAL SPORTS

From The Sports Desk

by Joel Jacobson



### THE BILL GILLIES INCIDENT

It appeared that the hockey team that represented Dal Saturday night was a different crew than was on the ice Thursday. The big difference, psychologically and with his superb play-making, was Bill Gillies. Unable to play Thursday because of an absurd ruling by the MIAU, the first year Law student sparked his line of Bill Buntain and Frank Sim to six goals. Buntain scored four, Sim and Gillies each tallied one.

### FACTS

A ruling of the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Union states: "An athlete who plays any games with a team other than his college team during the year in the following classes: Junior A, Intermediate, Senior or an above classification may not play for his college during that year. An athlete may apply to Executive Officers, through the Secretary, for permission to play exhibition games. Executive Officers have authority to grant such permission."

During the Christmas vacation, Gillies participated in two hockey games in the St. John's Amateur Hockey League. Tony Manning of Saint Mary's and Wally MacDonald of St. F.X. played on the same team as Gillies. The League has no affiliation with the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association, the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association or the Newfoundland Amateur Hockey Association. It is an outlaw league. The Halifax Suburban League, in which a number of Dal and SMU players have participated, is classed the same way. Therefore the Newfoundland loop has no recognized status—therefore it should not be under the jurisdiction of the MIAU.

### BOO ST. F.X.

St. F.X. raised the uproar. Apparently, MacDonald, who would be unable to make the weakest X squad, informed the Xaverian Athletic Department that they could pull the wool over the MIAU's eyes by protesting the game if Gillies played. X, instead of protesting, told the MIAU that they would hold out MacDonald if Dal would keep Gillies out of action. Both MacDonald and St. F. X. realized that Gillies is of infinite value to Dal while MacDonald is worth less than nothing to St. F.X. Therefore X would lose nothing in the suspensions. The Xaverians asked the MIAU to suspend the two players until an investigation could be held.

For the suspension to go through, a board of three members of the MIAU had to be reached to enable these members to cast a vote for or against suspension. The three members are: Dr. West of Mount Allison, who was out of town and was unable to cast a vote; Father Casey of St. Thomas, who was unable to be reached; and Father Roslyn of St. F.X. who was able to be reached and who cast his vote banishing both MacDonald and Gillies. Therefore, the MIAU was governed by one man on this matter.

We feel X was still burning from the Leo Doyle incident where the X player participated in the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League during the Xmas holiday and was discovered just before the second game of the Maritime Intercollegiate final between X and UNB. Doyle was suspended, X had to forfeit the game they had won at home 6-2 and the series was down to a sudden death battle which they dropped 2-0.

### GILLIES MADE THE DIFFERENCE

Those are the facts. The MIAU has caused a black mark to be placed against their name. They probably realized the error they made by suspending the players for no obvious reason and re-instated Gillies for Saturday's game. The difference he made was shown the first time he stepped on the ice. He sparked his line and the entire team to their 7-3 win. Had he played Thursday he might have made a six-goal difference, guiding his line to three and sparking the rest of the crew to stopping the X onslaught. A team will definitely be demoralized when it loses its top player only two hours before game time and Dal suffered this letdown Thursday.

The MIAU, we can almost be sure will drop the whole incident and declare Gillies eligible for the remainder of the season but it is hoped by all concerned that they will not allow themselves to be railroaded into another decision like the one they handed down last week.

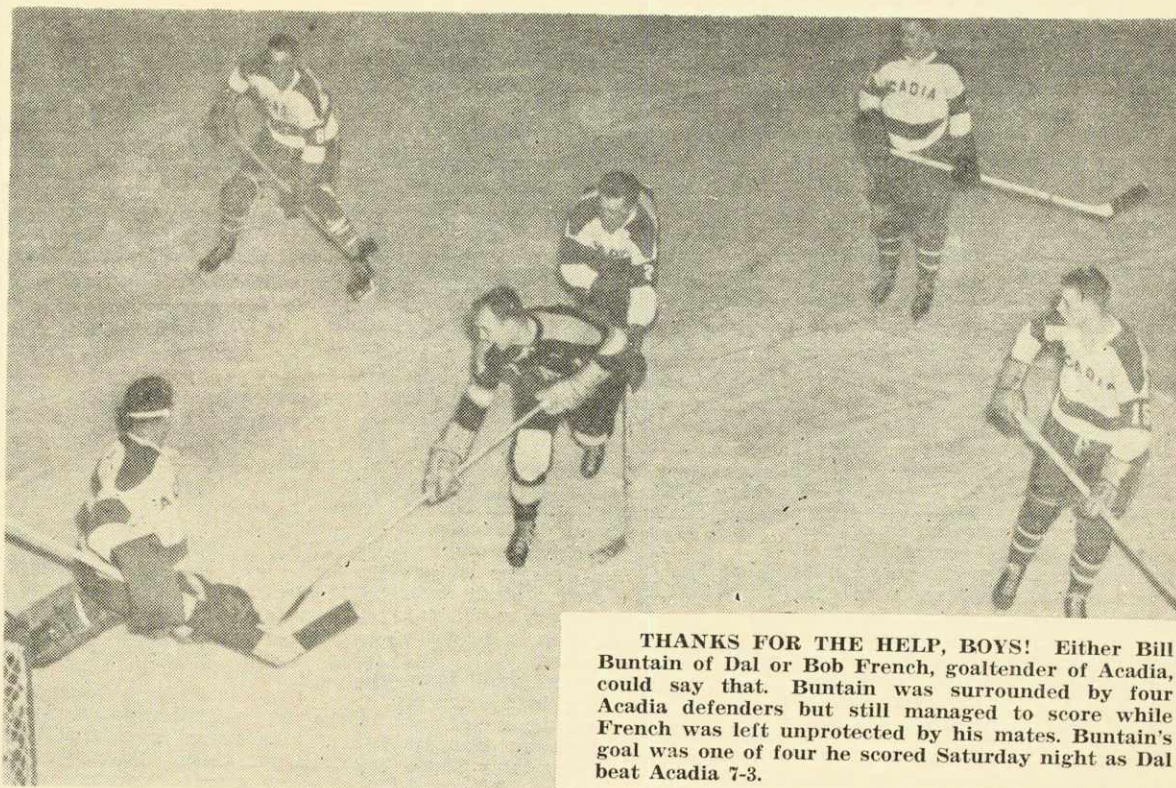
### A GOOD PERFORMANCE

The basketball quintet proved to their rabid following that things will not be too dismal this season with their performance Saturday night against the down-to-earth (for this season, at any rate) Xaverian crew. Dal led at the half by two but faded in the second session to lose by ten. It appeared they ran out of gas and out of ability to shoot free throws but, for a comparatively inexperienced squad, put on a very creditable show. Coach Harry Wilson is building towards next year but, from all indications, the Bengals may win a couple of games this season.

# Reversal of Form Sees Tigers Dump Acadia

## Gillies, Buntain, Sim Spark 7-3 Triumph

by GERRY IRWIN



**THANKS FOR THE HELP, BOYS!** Either Bill Buntain of Dal or Bob French, goaltender of Acadia, could say that. Buntain was surrounded by four Acadia defenders but still managed to score while French was left unprotected by his mates. Buntain's goal was one of four he scored Saturday night as Dal beat Acadia 7-3.

(Photo by Bissett)

Determined to avenge the humiliating defeat handed them by the Saint Francis Xavier X-men last Thursday night, the Dal Tigers regained the confidence of their fans as they skated to a 7-3 decision over the Acadia Axemen before a large crowd Saturday night.

The Tiger's season debut was marred by a rather unfortunate incident which resulted in a rather dejected group of Tigers taking to the ice. Just before game time Coach DeWitt Dargie received a telegram from the MIAU advising him that his starry centre Bill Gillies was being suspended. As a result of this suspension, the legality of which was questioned by St. Mary's Bob Hayes as well as Coach Dargie and faculty adviser, Dr. Murray, the team never did get started against the hard skating Xaverians. The cathedral town aggregation showed a vast improvement over pre-Christmas games and as usual have come up with a fine back-checking and well conditioned hockey club.

Blue line ace Wayne Syntishin led the way for the X-men, netting himself a total of six points for his evening's work. Dal's lone marker came from the stick of Don Bauld midway through the first period.

### Different Team

Two nights later, however, the Tiger's, with Gillies once again in the lineup and the whole team rearing to go, the Dal squad showed a complete reversal of form as they trimmed the Valley boys by a 7-3 margin.

After allowing Acadia to open the scoring early in the first period Bill Buntain tied it up on a pass from Peter Corkum only to have the Axemen take the lead once again before the period ended.

Fans had barely settled themselves for the resumption of play when Buntain illuminated the score board once again, this time with the assistance of "Gums" Parsons. Now there was no holding the Tigers. Frank Sim put the Bengals up front for the first time and from then on, they never looked back. Dal's fourth goal was the picture goal of the night. Again, Buntain, who really came into his own against the Axemen, deked goalie Bob French to complete a pro-like pattern from Sim and Gillies.

### McDonald Stars

The final frame saw Dal cage cop George McDonald win his spurs when within the first 10 minutes of third period play George turned aside a total of 11 shots, two of which were labelled "goal." After a shaky start in this period, Dargie's boys succeeded in collecting three more tallies on goals by Buntain, Gillies and Vaughan Briggs. Buntain, as a result of his newly found spark, concluded his night's work with a grand total of four markers, leading the Tigers to their first NSIHL win of the season.

After emerging with a 1-1 record for their week's work, the Tigers will be anxious to test the high flying boys from Tech on Saturday night.

# INTERFAC B'BALL LEAGUE OPENS

by BRIAN CREIGHTON

The 1961 Inter-fac Basketball League opened last Saturday afternoon with three hard fought, down-to-the-final-whistle contests. In a fourth contest, Med B won over Law B by default as the latter failed to send out a team.

### A & S 'A' 32; Dents 29

In the first game of the afternoon, Arts and Science A eked out a 32-29 decision over Dentistry. Down at one point in the first half by eight points the undergrads pulled to within two at half time. In the second half, the Artsmen, led by Wayne Beaton, gradually overtook the toothpullers. Paul Murray finally put the game on ice as he sank a clutch foul shot in the final seconds.

Arts and Science were lead by Wayne Beaton, who had 14 points and Gregor Murray with 9. Roger Paturel was high man on the Dent totem pole with 11 points, while Mel Brown had 8.

### Med A 21; Law A 20

The next game pitted Law A against Med A and it saw the boys from Forrester squeak out a 21-20 victory over the lawyers. Behind by a point at half time, the Meds battled back in a hard fought, close-checking second half to squeeze out the victory. Medicine were led by Hank Newman, who had 10 points, while Law was led by Wickwire with 5.

### Pine Hill 26; Engineers 23

In the final game of the afternoon Pine Hill held off a late drive of the Engineers and went on to post a 26-23 decision. Trailing 16-11 at half time, the Engineers, led by Murray Beaton and Tor Boswick, battled back to tie the score at 21 all. However, the boys from Pine Hill weren't to be denied as they regained control of the game to win going away. The victors were led by large Ron Porter, who hooped 11 points, while George Davidson had 6. Beaton and Boswick led the losers with 11 and 6 points respectively.

### COED SWIMMING

YMCA  
7 - 8 p.m. February 7  
Interfac Swim Meet to come in February

## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### BASKETBALL

#### Girls

Saturday, January 21:  
UNB at Dal Gym 7:00  
Thursday, January 19:  
Q.E.H. at Dal (Int.) Gym 6:30

#### Boys

#### Varsity

Saturday, January 21:  
Schooners at Dal Gym 8:30  
Thursday January 26:  
Dal at Acadia

#### Interfac

Saturday, January 21:  
1:00—Law 'B' vs A & S 'B'  
2:00—Law 'A' vs A & S 'A'  
3:00—Dents vs Engineers  
4:00—Med 'A' vs Pine Hill

### HOCKEY

#### Varsity

Saturday, January 21:  
Dal at Tech Dal Rink 8:00



**SIM FOILED AGAIN.**—Frank Sim was foiled at least six times Saturday night before he finally beat Bob French in the Acadia goal. This action took place in the first period. (Photo by Bissett)

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