

DAL SPORTS



Press Box Views

by Bill Rankin

The Dalhousie sports scene has been filled with gloom ever since the students returned from their well earned Christmas vacation. St. Francis Xavier invaded the Bengals home ground two Saturdays ago and left with a comfortable lead in both the hockey and basketball wars maintaining their unbeaten streaks. This is nothing to be ashamed of for both the "X" basketball and hockey teams are the most powerful in Nova Scotia and perhaps the Maritimes.

Last week, however, disaster struck the Bengals when Nova Scotia Technical College eked out a 2-1 verdict over our Tigers. Dal has not felt the tinge of defeat from Tech for several years, but it was not the Tech hockey team that defeated us, it was their supporters. The rink may have been packed last Saturday but it was not with Bengal fans. Tech supporters were sitting in every corner of the rink and from the way the Engineers played their victory resulted from a fair amount of hockey ability and "99 and 2-3%" desire to win instilled in them by the cheers that came from the Tech students.

It was quite evident that Dal had the superior players but lacked that extra punch that could be provided by more fans, with a little vocal talent. And I don't mean singing.

DAL WANTS TO BREAK EVEN

Football has become a major topic in the Students' Council and around sports circles on the Dalhousie Campus for one very good reason. This reason happens to be money or the loss of it. Dalhousie, although it contributes about one third of the tickets sales toward the NSFL is losing money at a wicket rate. In the 1956 football season the Tigers came out with a \$500 dollar profit. The profit resulted from the league ruling that every team keeps its own gate receipts and pays for its own expenses. Now a new system of collecting gate receipts has been invoked. The tickets sales are pooled and the five teams split the money in five even parts.

Under this new system Dalhousie has scraped through the 1957 season with a \$400 loss. Now if my subtraction is up to par I would say that a \$500 profit, coupled with a \$400 loss comes to a \$900 drop in income, even though Dal contributed one third of the NSFL total gate receipts.

Many people have suggested ways of correcting this error but as yet no definite action has been taken.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DENT FOOTBALL TEAM

A belated congratulations should be given to the members of the Dental Society's interfaculty football team. The Dent squad defeated every team in the league and received only one loss, being set back by the Moneymen, during the regular schedule. In the finals the Dental students took their revenge and trimmed the Commerce boys 6-0, previously defeating the Engineers 1-0 in the semi-finals. So congratulations to the Dent men, and in particular the linemen and non-heroes who made it possible for the heroes to gain their glory and the Dental Society to capture the Interfaculty Football Championship.

ENGINEERS OFF TO FAST START IN INTERFAC

The Dental students started the basketball season off on the right foot defeating the Commerce "A" team in their first interfac outing. Engineers who are also in contention for first place in the Interfaculty Championship. The "Shack Men" tripped University of King's College 3-2. It has been rumored that UKC outplayed the Engineers but on the strength of three quick goals the "Bridge Builders" outlasted the King's boys and went on to capture their first win in the new '58 hockey season. The Engineers "A" team was also successful in their first outing on the basketball court nipping the Medical students by a meagre three points.

Intermediates Edge Acadia Grads 29-22

Wednesday night the Intermediates, appearing surprisingly strong, gained their first victory of the season by a score of 29-22 over the Acadia Grads, a new team in the city league.

The players, some back from last year and some new talent, sorked well together, passing well and breaking quickly. The first few minutes the play was somewhat slow, the score being only 4-4 at

the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter the play picked up, they moved more quickly and Judith Bennet made good four shots which helped boost the score to 14-11 in favour of Dal at half time.

The Tigresses maintained their lead throughout the second half and the guards were a big factor in this. The Grads took a lot of set shots from the outside, forcing the defense to play man to man most of the game. Acadia Grads put on the pressure during the last quarter but Dal continued to play a steady game, and won by a 29-22 margin.

INTERFAC BASKETBALL OFF TO GOOD START; ENGINEERS DOUBLE WINNERS, DOWN MEDS

The Inter - Faculty Basketball Schedule opened with a six-game card Saturday afternoon.

In the opening encounter, the power-packed Lawyers downed Arts and Science 53-24 in an "A" League game. Pat MacDonald was high man for Law with 19 points. Conrad scored 12. The leading scorer for Arts and Science was Hugh Farquhar with 7 points. The Lawyers held a 23-10 lead at half time in the well-played game.

The second game of the afternoon was a thriller down to the

wire. As the final buzzer sounded, the Engineers pulled out a 27-24 victory over Medicine. After battling to a 12-12 draw in the first half, the two A division teams traded baskets until the nine minute mark of the second half, when the Engineers opened a large margin.

The third game much resembled the second as both Commerce and Dentistry fought, tooth and nail, to the final whistle. Dentistry pulled

out a 26-22 A division victory after trailing 12-7 at half time.

The Engineers won their second game of the day as they downed Meds 24-10 in a "B" division encounter. The slow, loosely played game stood 8-5 for the Engineers at half time. March and Lewis led the Shackmen with 6 points each. MacMaster poured 6 points through the hoop for the Meds.

Arts and Science ran through the Lawmen in the second half of their

game and came out on top 29-16 after being held to a 9-9 stalemate in the first half. The "B" leaguers played rough basketball during the first half with 9 personal fouls called against Law and 7 against Arts and Science.

In the final game on the opening card, Pine Hill won a hard-fought battle against Commerce, 24-16. At half time, Pine Hill held a slim one-point margin but pulled away from the under-manned Moneymen in the second half.

Mass Meeting Of DGAC Held On Problems

On Monday night a mass meeting of Shirreff Hall girls was called by the DGAC executive, its purpose being to learn the reasons for the very limited support given to girls' athletics this year. Carolyn Potter, president of DGAC, outlined the activities for the present term and then opened the floor for discussion. The reasons given by the girls for their scanty participation, were generally, limited time due to pressure of studies, and participation in Finian's Rainbow! It was also mentioned that Hall girls hesitate to use one of their limited number of leaves to go to the gym.

Anna Cooke, DGAC's badminton manager then gave a very emphatic and inspiring "pep talk" on the merits of taking part in campus activities. She also told the girls that the badminton tournament will be held earlier this year to enable winners to compete in the Canadian championship competition, and for this reason more badminton players should begin making use of the facilities available on Monday nights from 7:15 to 8:15 and practically any time on week days, as the gym is often not in use.

Inter-Class Basketball The response at the meeting seemed to indicate that it would be

BENGALS VICTORIOUS IN MAINE-N.B. TRIP

By BILL WHITE

On January 16, 17, 18, the Dal Tigers staged a successful tour of N.B.-Maine, winning two games and losing one. The highlight of the trip was a well-earned 64-57 victory over UNB.

On Thursday, January 16, the Tigers played Moncton CYO in the local high school gym before a fair crowd. The game was very rough and close, the score being tied 29 all at half time. Dal finally pulled out a hard earned 61-56 victory.

Dave Matheson raced through the CYO team for 19 points. Ted Wickwire popped in 17 points.

Totals: Matheson 19, Wickwire 17, Nicholson 8, White 8, Smith 6, Beaton 3.—61.

Friday night Dal played UNB in Fredericton. The game was played before a large crowd in the beautiful Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium.

Dal opened the scoring and were never headed. UNB started the game with a zone defense, switching to a man-to-man defense in the second quarter. Dal led 31-24 at the half. In the second half Dal played possession basketball against the well-conditioned UNB club. Fred Nicholson fouled out early in the second half, and Wayne Beaton ably filled the big gap. UNB favored a fast, wide-open style of game, and could not solve Dal's tight defense. Matheson and Wickwire again led the scorers with 18 and 21 points respectively in a fine team effort.

Totals: Wickwire 21, Matheson 18, White 10, Smith 8, Beaton 4, Nicholson 3.—64.

Saturday morning the team left UNB for Presque Isle, Maine, for an afternoon game with Aroostock

Dal Title Hopes Fade; Tech Wins

by WALLY TURNBULL

The Engineers from Tech, after many years finally defeated the Dal Tigers in a rugged hockey game Saturday night, 2-1.

The n Engineers' attack was led by the former St. F. X. star, Jack Keating, who set up the first goal and ragged the puck very effectively with a man short. John Fitch and goalie Coldwell were standouts defensively.

Bill Buntain picked up Dal's lone goal and worked hard all night. Gardiner and Snow played outstanding games on defense breaking up rushes and knocking down many shots. Claude Brown was very steady in goal and come up with several spectacular saves.

possible to have an interclass basketball tourney under the proposed new ruling which makes members of the inter-collegiate basketball teams ineligible for inter-class competition. Only one game in the series has been played so far and the Freshettes soundly defeated the Juniors 24-6. A noon hour game between the Seniors and Sophomores had to be postponed as the Seniors did not hear about the game in time. An apology to the Sophs for this please!

Girls are arching . . .

Jean MacPhee reports that an inter-class archery tournament got underway last Monday night, and anyone may still participate. No experience necessary, just go to the lower gym on Monday night.

Chance to Reduce

The meeting ended on an exciting note, as the interest of the young ladies was truly aroused at the suggestion of a "reducing class" to be conducted by coach Flo Thomas. The magic exercises will be taught at a class to be held once a week and the girls must do them faithfully each day.

The first period was very fast and both teams were held scoreless. The sides were very even and play moved from one end to the other with both goalies coming up with fine saves. The referees handed out five penalties including a 10-minute misconduct to John Fitch. Passing was weak as individual rushes were the highlight.

Dal opened the second period with a rush. Keating went off for slashing at the twenty-seven second mark and Dal pressed. They kept the puck in the Tech end for nearly two minutes but failed to flash the red light.

At the 7:48 mark a fight broke out in front of the Tech goal. Pete Corkum of Dal and Goodfellow of Tech were given majors for fighting. While they were off Keating put a pass on team-mate Hackey's stick who scored. Brown had no chance on the play.

As the period was closing Dal closed in around the Tech goal again. With 19 seconds left in the period Buntain slapped home a pass from Hill and Clark to tie the score and end the period.

The third period was fast and both teams skated hard. Both goalies played well and were constantly called on to stop shots that were sure goals. Half way through the period John Fitch broke through the defense at centre and came in on Brown alone. Brown made a tremendous save on a hard low shot. At the 13:20 mark MacIntosh of Tech blinked the red light on a pass from Fitch and Gallagher after a scramble in front of the Dal net. With 40 seconds left in the game "Witt" Dargie took Brown off in favour of a sixth forward. Dal's attack failed as a spirited Engineers held on to win 2-1.

State Teachers College. Two games and a 450-mile trip in two days left the Tigers in poor shape for the well-conditioned teachers. Dal showed a complete reversal of form from the night before being pounded 85-45. The game stayed close until the second quarter when ASTC turned on the speed and left Dal behind 38-22 at half time. The Tigers were unable to solve the tight zone defense used effectively by the teachers on the small court and the second half was all ASTC as they outplayed and outscored Dal 47-23.

Totals: Matheson 13, Beaton 8, Wickwire 6, Schurman 4, White 4, Smith 3, Nicholson 3, Weatherston 2, MacGibbon 2.—45.

Law A: MacDonald 19, Homer 6, Hebb 6, Conrad 12, Jones 5, Falconer 5.—53.

Arts and Science A: Layton 2, McInnis 4, Backman 6, Quigley 5, Farquhar 7, Rosere, Davis—24.

Engineers A: Murray 5, Davidson 14, Gilmore, McLeod 2, Ring, Gregor 6, Oulten, Rankin—27.

Medicine A: Drysdale 7, MacKeen 4, Gladwin 4, MacDonald 3, Abbot 2, McKinnon, Coulson, MacGregor 4, DeRobbio, Dennis—27.

Dentistry A: MacLeod 10, Brogan, Greene 2, Anthony, Paturel 6, Raddall, King 8, Kamachi—26.

Commerce A: Thompson 14, Bennett 2, Rainnie, MacIntosh, Shaw 4, MacEachern, Rae 2, Lynds—22.