

HOLT ON SPORT

by Gary Holt

The hockey team evened their record at 6-6 on Saturday, Jan. 29 with a fast-paced 7-6 win over Acadia.

The Tigers were playing without the services of centre Ralph McCully who was sitting out the second of a three-game suspension for bumping a linesman in the game at Moncton last weekend. They also missed defenceman John MacLeod whose father suddenly became seriously ill.

So coach Gerry Walford had to do some line juggling. He moved Lynn Carrière from his right wing spot with Naud and Kenny MacDonald to centre for Cameron and McCullough. And the little guy responded with his best game of the year. That meant that Charlie Barter went to right wing with Naud and MacDonald.

It was basically a three-man defense corps with MacLeod unavailable.

Doug Chapman turned in a fine game as twice in the third period he stopped three on one Acadia rushes by sliding in front of a shot and carrying the puck to the corner. There was good effort from everyone.

There will have to be an all-out effort from the whole team if they are going to be able to do anything against St. Mary's on Monday night at the Forum.

Hopefully MacLeod will be back, but the team will still be without Ralph McCully, so it seems reasonable that the line combinations outlined above will remain intact.

BASKETBALL

On Friday, Dal played U.N.B. in basketball at the Halifax Forum. They didn't play particularly well except for a ten-minute stretch in the second half when they increased their lead from a comfortable ten points to a commanding thirty. That was the final margin in an 89-59 win.

In the stands that night there couldn't have been more than 200 fans. Where is everybody? Three years ago, when the team was still playing their games in the Dal Gym, all anyone ever heard was grumbling or complaining that they couldn't get in to see the games. At the very least, they were upset about having to go to the Athletic Office for tickets and on the odd occasion standing in line.

Now there is no excuse. But still the fans do not show up. Admittedly it was not a game that would excite the imagination, but three years ago even a game like that would have been enough to attract 500 fans to the Dal gym.

You say it is too far away from the campus. Isn't that too bad! Can't you make the supreme sacrifice and move your unambitious body to the Forum?

Another point about Dalhousie fans which applies generally in all sports is that once the team begins to fade a little, they become mute. Not a sound. That's the time the team needs the lift of the crowd even more.

I would very much like to be proven wrong at Acadia on Feb. 9th. The word is around that there are going to be buses going up for the game. Let's have as many vocal Dalhousie fans as possible at the game. Give the team some concentrated vocal support. It should not take a great amount of effort to get enthusiastic about this game. It is a must for the Tigers. Don't write them off because they lost at the Forum. Don't give up on them. They are faced with a little adversity; you, the fan, can help them to

overcome it.

It will probably be too late when you read this to make plans to go but the Tigers have a big one on Friday, February 4. It's at the Forum against SMU, part of winter carnival. Be there!

SWIMMING

For the first time in at least three years, the Dalhousie varsity swimming team has emerged victorious from a dual swim meet. Over the weekend of Jan. 28 and 29, they travelled to New Brunswick to face Mount A and UNB in dual meets. On Friday night at Mount A the Men's team came away with a 50-44 win. The girls were not so fortunate dropping the meet to the Mount A girls by seven points.

It was on to Fredericton the next night and the less said about that meet the better. It was a wipeout.

For a team that is forced to go downtown in order just to

practice, I think it was a very good show. It is a disgrace to this university to not have a pool of some shape or description. No wonder we can't attract more top-notch swimmers. Last year we had John March, who proved to be one of the best in the province. Where is he now? At UBC, where there are decent facilities. I can't say that I can fault him very much for leaving. There's not a hell of a lot at Dal to keep a swimmer here.

Keep watching this space. If I get the word from the people involved, there will be a big story breaking here soon.

AROUND HALIFAX

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Munro Day — All classes at Dal are cancelled.

Winter Carnival — Feb. 2 to Feb. 7

Pier 1 — Feb. 2 to Feb. 6, Feb. 9? "The Seal" and "The Resurrection of Philip Jerome Michaels"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Dalhousie University Concert Series: Armenian Trio, Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, 3:00 p.m., free

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Co-ed Badminton, Dal main gym, 8:00-9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Dalhousie Film Society — "Closely Watched Trains", McInness Room, SUB, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

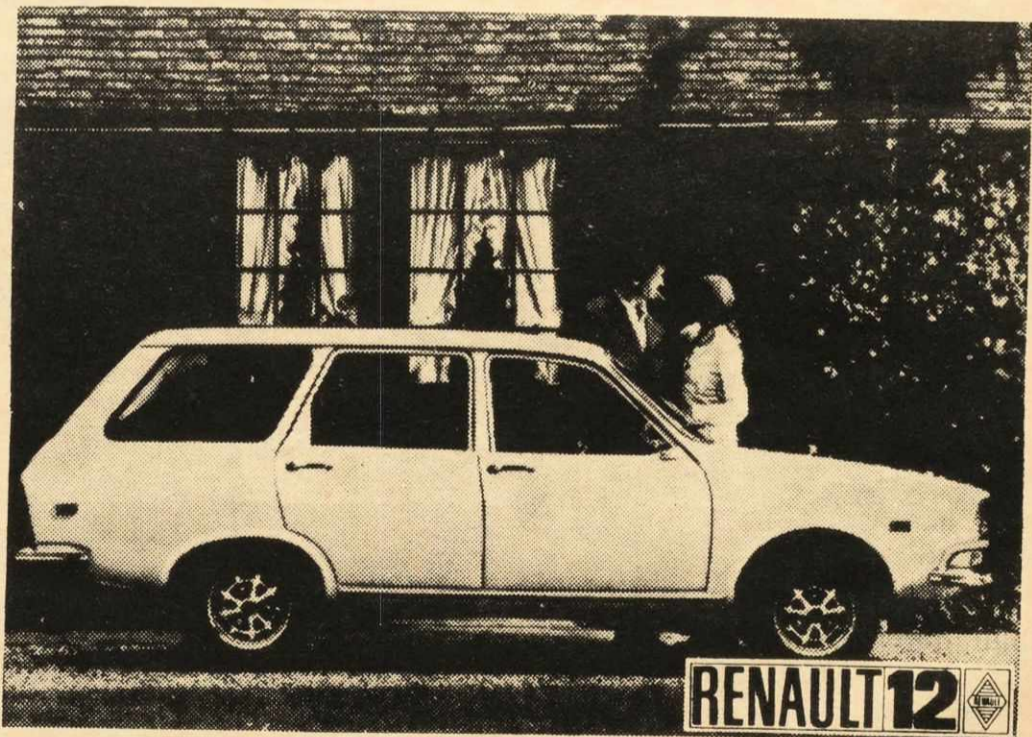
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