

MacDonald Stars in Deadlock

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Last Saturday night at the Dalhousie rink the Dal hockey Tigers fought to a 3-3 with St. Francis Xavier X-men in a long to be remembered display of hockey talent. It certainly was the most exciting and hotly contested game played at Dal since Dal defeated UNB Red Devils, then MICHA champs, 7-6 in an exhibition game two years ago.

Both teams were in high gear from start to finish and it was wide open hockey throughout the game. X drew first blood early in the first period when speedy Graham Hollihan assisted by Gary McQuaid and Wayne Synishin blasted one by George MacDonald at 1:25, after the puck was passed out in front from a corner scramble. Then at 1:47 X-man Sid Bedford was waved off for interference but Dal forwards couldn't pierce the opposing defense. At 2:40 Blaise MacDonald got the gate for butt-ending but even with a two man advantage the Tigers failed to click.

TIED UP

The tables were turned at 4:40 when Tigers' Ian Oulton received a minor for cross-checking but that didn't stop team-mate Sullivan from stealing the puck from the X defense who were organizing an attack at their own blue line. Having done so Sullivan swept in on the right wing and blistered a shot by all on the short side for Dal's first goal at 4:47. This tied things up at 1-1.

Rough play continued throughout the initial session with the teams playing three aside at one time, but neither failed to capitalize on the penalties. On the whole, Bengal marksmen seemed reluctant to shoot as they had only three shots on goal for the whole period.

PRESSURES

However, in the second frame Competition was keen on both

Dal Tigers truly received their baptism of fire. Around the 5 minute mark, X pulled together and really put on the pressure. Tigers rallied to the cause and turned back rush after rush with Betik, Oulton, Paige, and rookie defenseman MacFarlane turning in solid work in front of goalie George MacDonald who never failed to cover up. Even when things looked blackest, the Tigers fought back like men inspired, for inspired they were.

Finally at 17:48 Bengals pressed a now tired X team into their own end and not a fan was left seated when Ian Oulton put Dal ahead 2-1 by planting a beautiful drive from the blue line which had all beaten all the way. Drmaj and Buntain were given assists for their part in the play.

At 19:25 X tied the game as a result of a Dal defensive lapse, this time it was Blaise MacDonald who flipped it in on the open side unassisted.

THE THIRD PERIOD

A clean shot by Hollihan beat MacDonald easily in the third period, putting X ahead 3-2 at 0:27, again with McQuaid and Synishin assisting. This seemed to spark the Tigers who began shooting in earnest. Persistence finally paid off at 3:23 when Chucikshanks who apparently received the puck from Sullivan in a scramble in front of the X net and beat Hall to tie things up 3-3. From then until the end of regulation playing time, play rushed from end to end and only the magnificent goal-tending of George MacDonald, who stopped 54 drives throughout the game, kept the Tigers in contention.

MacDONALD HURT

Even in the overtime period the players kept up their fast pace. Competition was keen on both



George MacDonald is shown making one of the 54 saves that were credited to him during the game against St. F. X. It was such saves as this one that kept Dal in the game and allowed them to tie X at 3 all. (Munroe Photo)

THE THREE STARS

The stars of the game between Dal and X were picked by Andy Fitzpatrick of the Xaverian Weekly.

MacDONALD

The number one choice was George MacDonald which would have been the choice of everyone in the rink. He stopped 54 of

night added one himself. Don Clark and Wayne Synishin also turned in credible performances for the X-men.

AFTERWARDS

Dal coach Fitzgerald spoke of the game in these terms "Some effort", but Bill Buntain spoke for the team when he said "I'm tired". However, it was President Hicks himself who summed up our feeling of pride in our team when he commented "Well done Dal".

the 57 shots that were directed his way, 19 of them in the third period. In the overtime period MacDonald was knocked out by a deflected shot but after a short length of time in the Dal dressing room he returned to the ice to finish out the game.

HOLLIHAN

Fitzpatrick's second star was Graham Hollihan of X who scored two of the three goals that got by MacDonald and played a strong game for the X-men whenever he was on the ice.

BUNTAIN

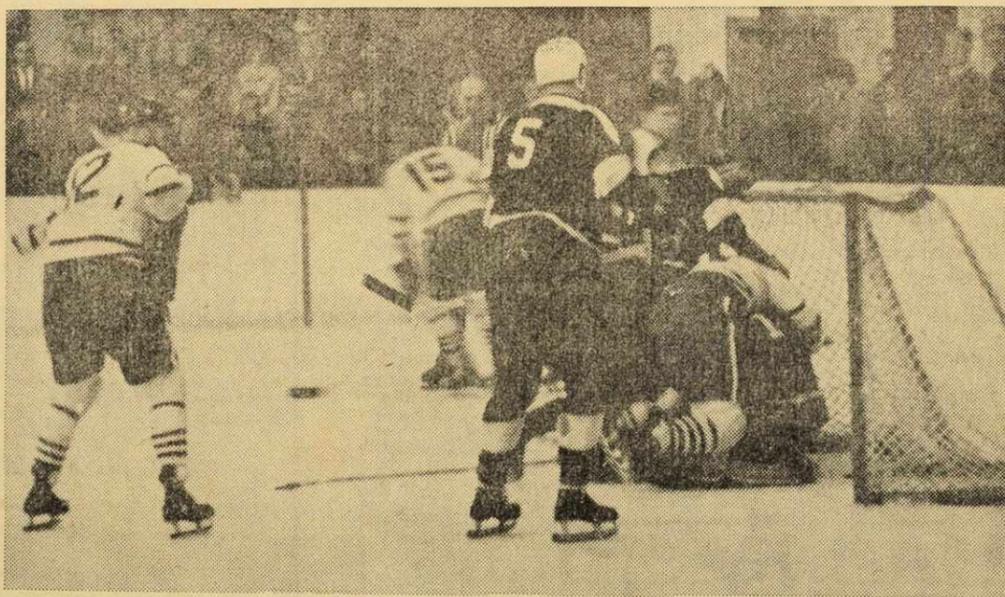
Dal's Bill Buntain got the third star for his fine effort. Buntain played almost 50 per cent of the game and led the Tigers in the last five minutes of the third period and throughout the overtime as they ran the clock to gain their tie.

sides but neither gained any advantage. With two minutes to go, George MacDonald was hit on the forehead and fell to the ice stunned. While he was being escorted off the ice he received a standing ovation by all present, for it was he more than any one who saved the game for Dal. However, after a suitable rest, he did return to finish the job. The game finally ended with both sides putting out maximum effort to get the clincher.

It is hard to mention names in regard to this exciting sports' event but there are a couple on both sides who deserve recognition. George MacDonald was the main stay of Dal's defense and MacFarlane, who entered the game a rookie, proved himself worthy of being called a veteran. MacKeigan, Drmaj, and Buntain were among the most notable forwards while Sullivan, Cruickshanks and Oulton scoring the important goals. On the other side, Hollihan turned in a great game for X scoring two goals while Blaise MacDonald who worked hard all



Goalie George MacDonald jumps with joy following the final horn at the end of the ten minute overtime period which saw Dal keep its 3-3 tie with St. F. X. although they were outshot 57-22. (Photo by Munroe)



GEORGE MacDONALD is holding on to the puck underneath this pile-up which occurred during the third period. Nordeau Kaningsberg (5) and Jamie Levitz look on while an unidentified Dal player helps. (Munroe Photo)

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