

DAL SPORTS



Press Box Views

by Bill Rankin

Dalhousie's hockey and basketball teams had a rough weekend as they journey to Antigonish where they met the powerful St. Francis Xavier squads.

The two teams fresh from victories over Nova Scotia Technical College and Acadia University went to "X" land with high hopes of taking over top spot in their respective leagues. In the hockey wars the Bengals had emerged with a tremendous comeback victory over Tech. The game which was a must for the Tigers saw the Engineers jump into a 4-1 lead but the Tigers fought back successfully to win their fourth victory of the season by a 10-5 margin.

In the basketball wars Dalhousie who had lost only their game against "X" before their trip had compiled an impressive 5-1 record.

In the basketball encounter last Saturday night it was just a matter of who played worse. The two teams battled through a very low scoring first half with "X" taking a seven point lead 24-17. In the second half the X-men outscored Dal 30-28. Both teams missed several comparatively easy shots and at the foul line Dal hit seven times in 23 attempts.

If Dalhousie had shown the type of basketball which they displayed in the first game perhaps the powerful X-men could have been beaten. One thing however has been proven, the "X" team have their off nights and that they can be beaten and one of the teams that can defeat them is Dalhousie.

In the packed Antigonish rink the St. Francis Xavier Hockey team humbled the Dal Tigers 10-2. The Tigers and the X-Men were tied at the end of the first period 2-2 but at the completion of the second session "X" had bounced into a 5-2 lead.

In the final frame the Dalhousie players showed little or no protection for their goaltender Claude Brown as the Xaverians poured through for five unanswered tallies giving the home team a decisive 10-2 victory.

This week the hockey team will travel to Wolfville where they will clash with the Acadia Axemen. This will be the last game of the schedule for the Tigers and soon the Tigers will be battling in the semi-final probably against the hard fighting Nova Scotia Technical College.

The playoffs which are scheduled for early March are likely to come smack in the middle of the Medical examinations. This will be very hard on the Med students who are both writing exams and playing hockey for the Tigers. It is hoped however, that with some Dal spirit behind them and a little more drive from the ranks of the Tigers, they will put up a better showing against "V" the next time they meet, and perhaps, if all goes well the Tigers will be victorious.

Tigresses Win Over Red Team

The Dal girls Varsity basketball team won a scant but hard fought 27-25 victory over the University of New Brunswick, the girls in red uniforms who have long been Dal's big competition in inter-collegiate basketball. The game was close all the way, neither team being able to gain a substantial lead at any stage.

In the first quarter the play was largely defensive, the UNB offense evidently unaccustomed to the tight zone used by the Dal guards, and the Dal forwards appeared to be bottled up by the UNB close man-to-man checking.

Both teams were thus unable to break in for close shots and the score at quarter time was tied at a low seven all. In the second quarter the brand of play was much the same with emphasis on guarding which forced the use of short passes and long shots. The Dal guards had some difficulty getting the ball out of their end due to the back-checking of the UNB forwards and the Tigrees offense attempted a remarkably small number of shots. At the end of the half Dal was leading by a slight 13-12 margin.

In the third quarter play did not improve and the evenly matched teams were tied again at the three quarter mark with 18 points each. In the final minutes of the game

both teams fought desperately to score the points necessary for a win. With three minutes remaining in the game Dal gained a four point lead when Judith Bennett connected for two markers on a field goal and Pam Dewis made good on two foul shots. Carr of UNB narrowed the lead to two points when she swished a close shot just before the final whistle went to give Dal a 27-25 victory.

This leaves Dal undefeated in the inter-collegiate series, having racked up a victory over each of the other teams in the loop. They will meet UNB in Fredericton this Saturday evening.

Lineup:—

Judith Bennett 9, Pam Dewis 9, Carrie Ann Matheson 2, Carolyn Potter 7, Frankie Boston, Ethelda Brown, Janet Sinclair, Marg Sinclair, Judith Wilson.

UNB—Smith, Stiven, Hart, McCallum, Colpitts, Gardiner, Grant, Wilson, Read, McElman, Caughay.

GIRLS' VARSITY SWAMP NAVY

Last Wednesday night the Dal Varsity Basketball team walloped the Stadacona Wrens by a decisive margin in an exhibition game. The Stad sextet, who have been playing a boys' game and have only recently switched to girls' rules, did not offer much competition although the Tigresses were not up to their usual calibre.

The Forwards were able to break through the Stad defence for easy lay-ups and the Black and Gold zone proved very effective as the Wrens were forced to shoot from outside.

Pam Dewis was high scorer with 17 points, followed by Carolyn Potter with 10. High man for the Stad team was Ecale with five points. The teams will play a second game in the Stad gym tonight.

Dal: Bennet 8, Dewis 17, Matheson 4, Potter 10, Boston, Brown, J. Sinclair, M. Sinclair, Wilson—39.

Stad: Hankinson, Fotheringham 3, Kent 4, McWilliam, Sheridan, McCarry, Ecale 5, Fequer 2, Heisler, Arnold, Newman—14.

Referees were Pat McCallum and Pat DeMont.

DAL CRUMBLES "X" WIN 10-2

In the Antigonish Memorial Rink on Saturday night the Dalhousie Hockey team did not resemble fighting tigers when they were drubbed 10-2 by St. F. X. The Tabbies showed a complete reversal of form to that which had given them a previous 10-5 win over Nova Scotia Tech. It appears that two games in one week and a long bus ride were too much as they could not keep up the pace in the last two periods.

In the first period, Donnie Hill scored after just fifty-five seconds had elapsed as he skirted the St. F. X. defence and shot into the lower left hand side of the net to give Dal an early lead.

Dave Gardner was credited with an assist on the play. This lead was short lived as less than a minute later Barkovitch, playing his first intercollegiate hockey game, scored the first of his three goals of the night. The next six minutes saw very fast hockey as both sides battled for the lead. At the eight

minute mark, Barkovitch tallied again making the score read St. F. X. two and Dal one. Dewis and Denein were then given the gate for highsticking but neither team was able to score with both sides short handed.

With just two minutes left in the period, Dick Snow tied it up as he scored with a rising shot from the blue line that hit the upper left hand corner of the net. Peter Corkum went off at 19:35 for holding but X were unable to score.

In this period, Claude Brown was the backbone of the Dal team as the Xaverians outshot the Tigers 13-4. Time and again Brown proved his worth as he stopped many a scoring shot.

In the second and third periods the roof caved in on the Tigers. They were not able to match the pace of the first period, and St. F. X. scored eight times without a reply.

In the middle stanza X notched three with Burke scoring twice to tie him with Hill for scoring lead, while in the final period the Xaverians skirted the Tiger defence time and again as Brown was left unprotected. Five times the puck went into the net making the final score read St. F. X. 10, Dal. 2.



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Pull Upset In Interfac Play

Dents showed a complete reversal of form from a week earlier as they outscored Commerce by a 7-3 margin in inter-fac hockey. The Commerce defence simply stood still in the opening minutes as the winners tallied three quick goals and before long added two more. Anthony, Conrad, and Green all scored twice for the winners, with Turner adding a singleton. Moon scored twice for the losers with the other goal credited to Fraser.

Engineers 4, Meds 1

In another game played Saturday in the inter-fac league, the Engineers pulled one of the upsets of the season by defeating the league leading Meds by a score of 4-1. Goalie Gary Maly of the Engineers played an outstanding game thrusting aside many Med attempts at goal. Carl Day led the winners with a brace of markers, the others going to Andrews and Teed. Gary Coulter picked up two assists in a winning cause. McPhail scored the lone marker for the Med team.

PWC Weekend All Welcome!

2:00 DAL RINK — (Hockey)
6:00 LEMARCHANT ST. GYM — Girl's Basketball
7:15 DAL GYM — Boy's Basketball

Interfac Basketball

SHACKMEN IN TOP SPOT

STANDINGS

"A"			"B"		
	W	L		W	L
Engineers	4	0	Law	3	1
Law	3	1	A & S	3	1
Commerce	2	2	Meds	3	1
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Dents	1	3	Pine Hill	1	3
A & S	0	4	Commerce	0	4

In an "A" league game of the inter-faculty basketball loop, Law edged Dentistry 29-25 largely on the strength of Pat MacDonald's 12 points. Commerce upset Medicine 37-35 in an unofficial "A" league game last Saturday night. Trailing 16-20 at half time, the Moneymen poured 21 points through the hoops while holding the Meds to 15 in the second session. Steve Thomson led all scorers with 16 points, 11 in the second half. The game was not official and will not count because Commerce were missing some regular inter-fac players and thus used some ineligible men to complete their team.

The Engineers stayed on top of the "A" division with an easy 39-23 victory over Arts and Science.

The "B" league action was drab compared to that in the senior division. Law walked over Pine Hill 42-8 with Mel Young turning in the top individual scoring performance of the day when he collected 20 points. Arts and Science downed the Engineers 24-17 and Meds defeated Commerce in the other contest.

Commerce A: Thompson 16, Millman 10, Simmons 6, MacKenzie 4, King 1—Total—37.

Med A: Drysdale 12, MacGregor 7, Gladwin 7, MacDonald 5, Boniuk 4, DeRobbio, MacKeen, F. MacDonald. Total—35.

Law A: MacDonlad 12, Falconer 8, Clarke 4, Hebb 4, Homer 1, Jones. Total—29.

Dent A: King 9, Paturel 8, MacLeod 8, Kamachi, Raddall, Fransblow. Total—25.

Eng. A: Murray 11, Davidson 10, Gregor 9, Ring 5, Gilkie 2, Gilmore 2, MacLeod. Total—39.

A & S A: Cameron 13, Farquhar 5, Jones 3, Layton 2, Backman, Smith. Total—23.

Law B: Young 20, Fortier 10, Epstein 6, Marshall 3, Campbell 2, Goodfellow 1. Total—42.

Pine Hill: Muir 3, McLean 2, White 2, Abbot 1, Skinner, Aitken. Total—19.

Med B: MacMaster 10, Dunlop 6, Patton 4, Brooks 2, Dionne 2, MacDougall 2, Wills, MacPhail, Godrey. Total—26.

Comm. B: Brister 11, Radford 8, Jacobson, Lusby, MacEachern, Lynds. Total—19.

A & S B: Dawson 9, Henley 9, Dauphinee 3, Murray 3, Conrad, Dickson, Roper, Bogart. Total—24.

Eng. B: Rudback 8, Lewis 5, March 2, MacIsaac 2, James, Nickerson, Ritcey, Matheson. Total—17.