

Baseball America



A good read

Overtime
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AS EVERYONE KNOWS, baseball fans are a hardy bunch and even though the leaves are falling, hockey season is well under way, and the World Series is over, I will be writing several baseball book reviews through the off season to help you through it. This week's *Overtime* is a case in point as I review *Baseball America* by Donald Honig (Published by Collier MacMillan for \$27.95).

You may be able to guess from the title alone that the book is heavily American in emphasis. That's not surprising considering the topic, since most of baseball history has happened across our southern boarder. It was nice to read that in the first chapter, actually within the first few pages, Honig flatly states that the insane idea about Abner Doubleday and Cooperstown New York is a myth. However, Honig should be slapped on the wrist for not noting that baseball was played in Ontario at least a year before Doubleday "invented" the game. I suppose if he had said this is would have been close to committing suicide in the States.

The book is a history of the game illustrated through its players and shapers from its earliest days to the present.

As mentioned, the book begins with Doubleday was well as Spalding (now famous for sporting goods) and the infamous Mills Commission of 1907 which gave official status to the Doubleday version.

The book then works its way through the fascinating and often colorful characters and players who affected the game that we now know, love and watch.

I should make it clear that Honig does not just stay along the basepaths with former players, he goes into the history of the game, the incredible eras, such as the Yankees dynasty, and the likes of Cy Young and Babe Ruth.

If you've ever wondered why sports broadcasters first read National League scores, then American League, it is all explained in brilliant prose in this book.

When I am doing a book review I like to quote from the book to show the reader the author's writing style. After several flips through the book to find the perfect excerpt to use, I have come up with the following one; however please keep in mind that Honig is a gifted writer and only a small portion of a 340 page book allows him no justice.

America in the first decade of the twentieth century was a synthesis of drowsy rural idylls and galvanized activity, of endless tracts of unspoiled land, and cities throbbing with creative energy and industrial might. Summer evenings were spent on the front porch in rocking chairs or languidly swinging gliders, watching the unhurried world before them.

The above quote is taken from the beginning of chapter five but illustrates the author's style as well as any other quote could.

For the average baseball fan who needs a fix over the winter months, this book is a must. It will give them the sensation of the game, the players, and all nine innings of a close game. For the die-hard baseball fan the book will be well read and a good investment for their baseball library. If you feel you already know all there is to know about the history of the game guess again. Honig will show you more.

On a scale of one to ten I rate the book a nine. The review has been very positive; however, one problem with the book is that in parts the sentences seem very long and one almost has to concentrate on the reading to know exactly what is being read. Despite this the book deserves full marks.

Soccer team captures second AUAA title

By SALLY THOMAS

THE DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S soccer team captured its second consecutive AUAA championship with a 2-1 win over St. Mary's on Sunday.

Dal scored the game's first goal in the opening minutes when midfielder Heather Kaulbach chased down a long ball on the right wing and passed it in front of the St. Mary's net. With the SMU goalie out of position, striker Leslie Leavitt put an easy shot into the back of the net. SMU's only goal came on a long

high shot from Tournament MVP Kim Ashford, also in the first half. Donna Lamb scored for Dal on a header off a corner kick, but the goal was called back because of pushing.

The winning goal came in the second half on another head ball from a corner. This time the goal was scored by Lesley Cherry.

In quarter-final action Friday, Acadia defeated Memorial 3-2 in overtime, St. F.X. crushed UNB 5-0, and SMU beat Mt. Allison 1-0. Dal had a bye to the semi-finals.

Dal advanced to the champion-

ship final by defeating Acadia 1-0 on Saturday. Cherry headed in the game's only goal from a corner kick. Kerry Farrell recorded the shutout. St. Mary's advanced to the final by beating ST. F.X. 3-0 on penalty shots.

Memorial defeated Mt. Allison 1-0 in the consolation final, while St. F. X. outscored Acadia 4-0 to take third place.

Dalhousie placed four players on the AUAA All-Star team, including defenders Cathy Charles and Lesley Cherry and midfielders Heather Kaulbach and Sally Thomas.

In Atlantic Dish....

Football Tigers stage comeback over UPEI Panthers in weekend classic

By STEVE SWINK

THE LIGHTS WERE ON AND the crowds were set for the second annual Atlantic Dish held Saturday night on Studley Field which pitted the Dalhousie Tigers against the UPEI Panthers.

The fans who showed up were in for one of the best games the Tigers have played in several seasons as they staged an incredible comeback bid to win the game 19-16.

Dalhousie head coach Hector McDade said the spirit of the Tigers truly showed through in their game.

"To come back in the second half so strongly shows what kind of character the team has. I also believe that it shows that we have a team with depth and will be good for the future."

UPEI showed their strength in their first possession, driving 60 yards for the first touchdown of the game. The touchdown was scored by George Jones on a three yard run through a hole created by the Panthers' sizeable offensive line, and the point after was good.

"Jones can be one of the most electrifying runners in the conference when he is needed and can really fight for those few extra yards," said Jane "He-Man" Jones, UPEI's head coach, in a pre-game press conference.

The Panthers drew blood again after Dal had to punt the ball away. After four plays the Panthers were on Dal's 49 and elected for the field goal. Alex Warner once again proved his worth and increased the Panthers' lead to 10-0, where it remained for the rest of the first quarter.

Late in the second quarter, Tigers' Paul Romkey intercepted Bill Gallagen's pass and returned it to Dalhousie's 47 yard line.

The Tigers then moved the ball down to the Panthers' 38 yard line by UPEI.

The last possession of the game was virtually owned by Dalhousie as they moved the ball from their own 53 to the Panthers 12 in four plays.

With seven seconds left in the game Sanchez passed the ball off to tight end Mack Hill but the pass was incomplete. The Tigers' field goal unit was sent in to finish off the game with 2 seconds left. The field goal was a fake and Dalhousie was able to run the ball in for a dramatic last-second touchdown to end the game in Dal's favour, 19-16.

"It was undoubtedly our best game of the season. We surprised them in the second half and were able to keep them from running up the score. I'm really proud of my boys," said McDade. Panthers missed the extra point and the score was stalled at 16-10.

The fourth quarter had a 46 yard field goal for Dal early on and a missed 41 yard field goal

which was close enough for Lovie Lavouie to put three points on the board for Dal ending the first half with the Panthers up 10-3.

The Tigers came out fast and furious in the third quarter with a 66 yard touchdown post pattern pass from Bobby Sanchez to Spike Tanner. The extra point was good and the game was tied.

On UPEI's next possession they moved the ball well only to see Jones fumble and Dal recover the ball on the 40 yard line.

On Dal's possession, Tanner ran the ball for 12 yards, then Sanchez' pass for Milton James was underthrown and intercepted at mid field.

UPEI then pulled out all the stops on the next series using a triple reverse from Jones to Lafleur to Running Stream for a 55 yard touchdown as the Dalhousie fans and defensive coordinators looked on in disbelief. A small consolation was when the

Hockey Tigers lose to UPEI

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS men's hockey team lost a close 6-5 decision to the University of Prince Edward Island Panthers in an AUAA contest played in Charlottetown on Sunday.

The Tigers jumped out in front 3-1 after the first period on a single marker by Kevin Reynolds and a pair of goals by Kevin Quartermain. Dave Shellington replied for the Panthers.

In the second period, the Panthers narrowed the lead to one on a goal by Kevin Skilliter, Greg Gravel and Randy Muttart.

Jerry Scott and Terry Crowe scored for the Tigers in the second frame.

The third period saw the Panthers outshoot the Tigers 13-2 and outscore them 2-0 to clinch the victory. Muttart tied the score for the Panthers while Gravel scored the winning goal on a breakaway.

The Tigers' next game is Friday at 7:30 p.m. when Acadia will be in Halifax to play the Tigers at home.

The loss dropped the Tigers' record to 1-2.

Tigers sports this week

| Date | Sport | Against | Place | Time |
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| Nov. 8 | Hockey | Acadia | Home | 7:30pm |
| Nov. 8-9 | Volleyball (M) | AUAA Invit. | Home | 8 pm |
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| | | | | 4 pm |
| Nov 9-10 | Swimming | AUAA Invit. | Home | |
| Nov. 13 | Volleyball (W) | U de Moncton | Away | 7 pm |