

Dal pucksters sweep pair

There's a tiger in our tank

by Brian Miller

The University of Moncton Blue Eagles is a good hockey team. They emphasize good execution of all fundamentals and exhibit determination and spirit on the team and individual levels. But, the obvious conclusion of the game on Friday evening, and it was well demonstrated, is that the Tiger hockey team is much better than Moncton.

Really for the first time since the pre-Xmas win over St. Mary's, the Tigers showed a combination of skill and effort resulting in an impressive display of hockey. Generally speaking, both the offensive and defensive aspects of the game were covered well by Dal.

Gary Geddes scored the first goal when the game was only 9 seconds old. On the other hand, it was 11 minutes and 6 seconds into the period before Moncton even managed a shot on goal.

Although Dal played very well and Moncton tried to keep up with the Tigers, the 12 - 4 victory by the Tigers didn't constitute very exciting hockey. The loudest ovation of the evening came on Greg MacCullough's 29th season goal which gave him a tie for the league record. The cheering was led by an infrequent spectator in the person of Dr. Henry Hicks.

In case you can't place the name, he's the guy who works here at Dal and can be seen at

Dal sports events wearing a Nova Scotia tartan hat and white sweatshirt that is neatly labelled HDH.

I'd like to end this article on an optimistic note because of the fine effort by the Tigers, but because the game finished with bad vibes I feel I can't omit a comment.

A few seconds after the bell went to end the game, several players from both teams got into a scuffle. There seemed to be no necessity in having to resort to fighting after the competition was over. No serious incident caused the fight and the whole thing evolved from petty grievances. It is most unfortunate that two good hockey teams had to resort to

such activities outside the context of the game.

DAL. VS. MT. A

by Brian Miller

Anyone in attendance at the 9 - 2 victory by Dal over Mt. A had the opportunity to see hockey skills drop to a new low. It's bad enough that the Mounties have a limited supply of talented hockey players but they seem to have a limited supply of players period. In the Sat. night game they had only 13 players available to be thrown to the Tigers.

Peter Beardsworth the Mt. A. goalie hasn't got much style but he does get the job done. Time and time again the Tigers would bring the puck up ice looking like something out of the NHL only to be turned into a bunch of pee wees by their inability to get the puck by Beardsworth.

Watching the Mounties in action on Sat. night might be described as seeing the hockey team's version of variations on a musical theme. True to the laws of gravity, what goes up

must fall down, they tripped each other, fell, stumbled and took chaotic swan dives to the ice. Each time however, their knack for doing the wrong thing at the right time usually succeeded in deflecting the puck or the appropriate Dal player.

Frustration and disbelief dominated many of the Tigers throughout the game. Greg MacCullough managed to maintain his cool sufficiently well to pick up three goals during the evening's play. Each goal represented a new record after his record tying performance on Friday evening.

Speaking of the play in general again, it must be said that not even the comedy of errors by Mt. A could make the game very interesting. The highlights of the game were individual plays. Pete Gagne, who incidently is fighting for the league scoring title with MacCullough, played another steady and effective, if not spectacular, game.

The concensus around the rink is that most of the spectators will be happy to see play-offs begin if for no other reason than to see competitive play again.



Ron Naud is thwarted this time, but Tigers romped 9-2 over Mount Allison.

—photo by Stephen Hemphill



Interfac Roundup



by Chuck Moore

Basketball: Physical Ed. I were playing Grad. Studies in the League I final Sunday, Feb. 21/71, at the time of writing. It was expected that Phys. Ed. would win, as they had the stronger team. League II final will be decided Wed., Feb. 24.

Floor Hockey: At present five teams remain in the tournament...Phys. Ed. have the buy. Arts plays against Engineering and that winner will play the winner of the Law vs Dents game. The Phys. Ed. team take on the emerging winner. The time will be announced later.

Squash: The word squash has been mentioned several times in this column and I have been asked about three times as to what kind of a game it is. Here is a brief description.

The real name is Squash Raquets but it has evolved to the name Squash Tennis. Squash tennis uses heavier raquets and a livelier ball than squash raquets.

The emphasis of the game is hitting the ball on carom. The game is played in a four-walled court which measures 16 ft. high x 18 1/2 ft. wide x 32 ft. deep. The back wall usually measures 9 ft. Fifteen points wins a game and two out of three games wins

the match. This is a good game to find out if you are in shape.

After March break there is volleyball, badminton and squash scheduled. I am sure that any of these games of squash and badminton could be played if special arrangements could be made by individuals who wished to play at different times. Anyway, see your fac. rep. if you wish to do so.

Hockey: Interfac hockey playoffs will start after March break. In a league like this it is hard to predict a winner but I will try. It will probably be Dents against Law A in the final ...with Law A winning all.

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