

LINES BY LEVITZ



It's all over! Basketball and hockey have ended the major varsity winter sports program. Interfac sports will end on Munro Day week-end with play-offs in basketball and hockey.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE

Dick Drmaj hit the peak of a brilliant season for the Dal hockey Tigers last Thursday night scoring 4 goals. Dick rode the bench for most of last season and was hampered by an ankle injury, but has come on this season to be one of the teeth of the not so tooth-less Tigers. Dick's speed is probably his best asset and added confidence this year has made him an aggressive player and a fine puckcarrier.

It was absolutely no contest as SMU never were in the game and the Dal squad scored practically at will. "Goog" Fitzgerald used his reserves frequently and gave the Dal 40 and fifty minute-men some needed rest. George MacDonald lost his second chance for a shut-out in two weeks as SMU managed to score with less than three minutes in the game. During winter carnival Tech scored with 1 minute and x seconds remaining.

For the first time in his inter-collegiate hockey career Bill Buntain reached the magic circle in goal-scorers ranks. Bill picked up his 19th and 20th goals for the season in the SMU game. The 20 goals in a twelve game schedule is a 1.7 goals per game record. Congratulations are well deserved.

Hal Murray, one of the better center men in the league surged into the league lead in the assist department with 23. Murray is Bill Buntain's chief set-up man and the combination of Buntain and Murray has been the Tigers most potent offensive for the season.

Acadia and Dal have battled 4 times in the past two years on the hockey surfaces. Last year though we did not play inter-collegiate hockey, it was felt that the Dal squad was one of the most powerful collegiate aggregations in the Maritimes. In fact we beat UNB—the Maritime collegiate champs in an exhibition contest. Acadia however beat us twice 5-4 and 7-6. This year the Tigers had no difficulty whipping the Axe-men 6-3 at the Dal rink, then in their annual winter-carnival game Acadia played inspired hockey before a crowded rink to edge the Bengals 6-5. That makes a 3 for 4 record for the Axemen over the Dal Tigers. The oddity is, even Acadia fans will admit they beat a better team.

THE ACADIA LOSS

For 30 of the sixty-minute contest it was an equal game. Sloppy defensive work and Acadia finesse around the Dal net gave the opposition 6 goals. For the other thirty minutes especially in the third period the Dal offensive was in full swing. This reporter has never seen a hockey team miss more scoring opportunities in one period of play than the Tigers missed in the final 20 minutes of the Acadia game.

THE GODS FROWNED!

The goals that could have been but never were failed to materialize not from poor playing but fantastic bad luck. We hit the post twice. Once the puck slipped behind the Acadia net-minder and came to rest smack on the goal line. Pucks hopped over the stick of players left uncovered in front of the Acadia net-minder at least twice.

The Acadia net-minder, an inter-collegiate Jacques Plante drifted outside his crease on several occasions and shots for the open net were blocked by Acadia defencemen. The smaller rink surface hampered Dal's stick-handlers not giving them enough room to unwind. But Acadia were full credit for their victory in edging the battling Dal squad.

SOME STARS

Steve Brown enjoyed one of his better games of the season jamming two goalmouth passes into the net. His fore-checking was also very impressive. Don Bauld played another good game also hitting the score sheet twice. Coach Fitzgerald was short one wingman for the last two games and did considerable juggling on the third line with Hal Murray and Dick Drmaj taking a few extra turns.

HERE AND THERE

Ted Viele ended a fine season for the basketball Bengals as he was high scorer for both teams with 23 points in the SMU loss—Acadia was as always hospitable to Dal students during Winter Carnival weekend—The Dal game is the game of the year for Acadia fans—Tight races in the inter-fac basketball league with an undergraduate faculty leading—for a change—Pharos-Gazette basketball encounter coming up—We will win.—Bob Lahey of SMU wrapped up the intercollegiate basketball scoring crown over the weekend—Dal's Ted Viele should finish in the top five scorers with close to a 16 point per game average in inter-collegiate basketball—Pete Herrdorf played his best game of the year against SMU.



DEJECTED, defeated, dissillusioned, SMU Players fish puck out of the net where Dal. deposited it 11 times last week. (Photo by Purdy)

TIGERS IN EASY WIN OVER SMU

Dal Hockey Tigers crushed the hapless St. Mary's Huskies 11-1 last Thursday evening at the Dal rink. In chalking up their most one sided victory of the year the Tigers showed great skill in all facets of the game, both offensively and defensively.

DRMAJ STARS

The Tigers were paced by speedy left winger Dick Drmaj. He accounted for four of the Bengal's goals and added one assist. Star right winger Bill Buntain also picked up five points on two goals and three assists while workhorse defenceman Ralph Chisolm duplicated Buntain's effort, also scoring 2 goals and adding 3 assists.

Dal opened the scoring at 10:26 when Drmaj took MacKiegan's pass from far -- off and whistled it high into the open side. Then at 12:30 Steve Brown got the winner

when he rammed home the rebound from Chisolm's long blue line shot on a power play. At 14:50 Buntain scored from Murray and Chisolm after St. Mary's had been hemmed in their own zone for about two minutes.

BUNTAIN'S 20th

A four goal second period for Dal commenced at 6:15 when Drmaj backhanded a shot into the wide side of the SMU cage from close in. Then at 9:25 smooth skating Hal Murray skated in on goal and scored on a backhand after being set up by Buntain and Bettick. At 18:00 Bill Buntain scored his 20th goal of the season after being perfectly set up by linemate Hal Murray. Ten seconds later Drmaj and MacKiegan combined to send Don Bauld in on goal on a breakaway to round out second scoring.

SHUTOUT — ALMOST

Dick Drmaj opened third period scoring for Dal when at 5:27 he fired a shot between the pads of the SMU netminder. John MacKeigan and Bill Buntain drew assists on the play. At 8:10 Jamie Levitz fed a centering pass to Ralph Chisolm who backhanded the puck into the shot corner. Then at 12:57 it was again Ralph Chisolm scoring on a hard slap shot midway between the blueline and goal. With about 4 minutes to go in the game Matthews broks MacDonald's bid for a shutout when he scored St. Mary's lone tally. Dick Drmaj scored his fourth goal from Don Bauld and Chisolm on an angle shot with half a minute left in the game.

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