

SPORTS

Overtime by Dean Goodman And the Winner Is . . .

"I'll never make another football prediction again in my life." This is the New Year's resolution I decided to make after the disastrous results of my last two forecasts (Volume 9, Nov. 6 and Volume 12, Nov. 27). However, with the Super Bowl approaching and lacking original ideas for this week's column, it was decided, by the test of the sport's staff while I was out buying dinner, that a prediction was in order and that I should make it. In order to provide the best possible prediction while remaining true to my resolution I assembled a panel of six experts who have provided their peerless opinions on the outcome of the game.

The six forecasters, who were selected under the strictest criteria, each having to name the teams participating or at least recognize the team names, were all of the same opinion, with the notable exception of one Elway fan.

Craig Munroe, ad manager extraordinaire and Colts fan (yes the Indianapolis Colts) picked the Giants by the widest margin. Mr. Munroe felt that New York's "defence is going to shut them down". He predicted a 31-7 Giants victory with Phil Simms as his MVP.

Another expert looked for the Giants to win big. A member of our staff who, in the interest of maintaining his reputation as a serious journalist, wished to remain anonymous, picked the Giants by a 27-10 score. After pondering several minutes on the issue of MVP, "Deep Punt" as he preferred to be called, picked two, saying it would be either Lawrence Taylor or Joe Morris.

Pat "the Swede", who likes to

think of himself as a better looking Jimmy "the Greek", also agreed to a New York victory. Feeling the Giants have "Twice as much of everything" as compared to the Broncos, he predicted a seven point New York victory. His reason for the high Denver score, "Elway will run (TD) in and throw one." And the choice for MVP? Pat says Joe Morris, because he's a "compact guy with power and speed."

Sean Forbes, Dal Photo's illustrious director agreed with the rest, forecasting a 31-24 Giant win. Figuring Phil Simms is going to throw some serious touchdown passes, Sean picked Phil Simms as his MVP.

The final New York supporter in the group of six was Mark Alberstat, veteran sportswriter and snappy dresser. He chose the Giants 29-21 and his MVP was Lawrence Taylor.

The lone dissenter among the group was Randy Goodman, sport trainer and John Elway believer. He is counting on the upset, predicting Elway will lead the Broncos to a 24-21 victory. His logic "Giants always get hit at the knees." His MVP, John Elway who else?

So there you have it. Two experts think the Giants will cover the spread and make New Yorkers rich. Three feel New York will win but not by a 10 point margin. One expert only has the faith that Elway can lead the underexposed Broncos to the championship. As for me, I still refuse to make a prediction, so have a great Super Bowl Sunday. Oh what the hell, Giants 20-16, but don't quote me.

Dal Stops Rebels

Dean Goodman

On Friday night, the Tigers walloped the Rebels, winning the match 15-4, 15-6, 15-10. With a solid team effort, the Tigers looked ready for the upcoming Volleyball Classic.

The Tigers had a bit more of a challenge in Saturday's match. Dalhousie looked as if it would repeat Friday's performance, as solid backcourt play allowed the Tigers to move into an 11-2 lead. At this point, UNB coach Mike Washburn made some key substitutions. Taking his slower big men out of the back line and putting them back in for net play, Washburn cleaned up his defence. At the same time, the Tigers began to fall apart. A number of net violations by the Tigers and impressive power hitting by New Brunswick's Chris Moore, brought the Rebels back to within two at 11-9. Dalhousie came within two points of the win but couldn't finish the game, losing 15-13.

The second game looked very similar to the first. On the strength of Brian Rourke's serve and good net play by the whole

team, Dalhousie moved to a 13-3 lead. At this point, however, the Tigers attack fell apart. Missing two consecutive serves and struggling in the backcourt the Tigers allowed UNB to close the gap to 3. At this point, good hits by Kelly Lunn and Andrew Kohl put the game away, the Tigers winning 15-11.

UNB jumped into an early lead in the third game but the Tigers came back to tie it at five. At this point Brian Rourke ran off a string of 9 serves to move the Tigers into a 14-6 lead. The team wasted time putting this game away as strong net play stopped all the UNB comeback hopes and the Tigers won the game 15-7.

The fourth and final game was all Dalhousie. With Jody Holden and Brian Johnstone playing well, the Tigers jumped into a quick 10-2 lead. Even a long delay by the officials, who were trying to check the teams' rotations, couldn't slow the Tigers down, forcing UNB to run all over the court. The Tigers won easily, 15-2.



Dalhousie Tiger's Greg Royce takes a wrist shot in the Tigers game against the University of Moncton. Photo by Sean Forbes/Dalphoto.

Big Win for Hockey Tigers

By JOANN SHERWOOD

The hockey team played what was probably its biggest game of the season on Friday when the Tigers defeated the league-leading University of Moncton Blue Eagle 3-0. The next night, Dalhousie's opponent, Mount Allison, was from the opposite end of the standings. The Tigers beat the Mounties by a score of 7-2.

Friday's game at the Forum was as exciting as predictions had said would be. The MacAdam Division leaders, the University of Moncton Blue Eagles, squared off against the Kelly Division leaders, the Dalhousie Tigers. The Tigers were out to avenge a 5-4 loss in Moncton in early December.

Dalhousie coach Darryl Young felt his team would be ready for the Blue Eagles and ready they were. Every element of the Tigers' game seemed to fall into place. Young had been concerned with adding a solid defence to an offence that had scored a league-leading 84 goals going into the game.

A lapse of only a minute or two had cost Dalhousie the game in

Moncton but this time, the Tigers went out and dominated Moncton for 60 minutes. They never gave the Blue Eagles an opportunity to regroup. When the Blue Eagles did manage to get a shot at Rick Reusse, Reusse stood up to the challenge.

The Tigers opened the scoring early in the first period. At the 2:30 mark, Brad Murrin picked up a pass in front of the net and beat the U de M goaltender, Dave Quigley, who could not get over in time to stop the shot. A power-play marker at 14:36 gave Dalhousie a 2-0 lead going into the middle period. Paul Herron was left open in front of the net and made no mistake in putting the puck into the net.

The second period was a scoreless one but the game continued to be thrilling and fast-paced for the 1,893 fans on hand to watch the contest.

The third was scoreless until the 17:03 mark when Jamie Jefferson clearly beat Quigley on the stick side to peg the final score at 3-0 for Dalhousie.

Reusse stopped 19 shots while Quigley handled 43 from the

sticks of the Tigers.

On Saturday, the Tigers did not seem to be too down after having defeated the third ranked team in the country the night before. Dalhousie did not take Mount Allison too lightly either.

In the first period, Dalhousie opened the scoring at 3:24 on a goal by Joel Brown. The Mounties tied the score less than a minute later. Dalhousie regained the lead at 4:40 when Brian Melanson's shot from just inside the blue line went between the pads of Mounties' goaltender Pat McLaughlin. Goals by Martin Bouliane and Greg Royce made the score 4-1 for Dalhousie at the end of the first period.

Whitney Richardson scored at 8:02 of the second to give the Tigers a 5-1 lead. A low wrist shot by Mount Allison's Dan McDougall made the score 5-2.

The Tigers scored early in the third. Bob Crawford, Dalhousie's player high on the glove side. Martin Bouliane rounded out the scoring at 13:53 of the third. The final score was 7-2 in favour of the Tigers.

St. F.X. Dominates

On Friday night in Antigonish, St. F.X. defeated the Dalhousie women's basketball team by a score of 68-54.

St. F.X. was out to avenge a 61-46 loss earlier in the season to Dalhousie. The win improves the X-ettes record to 4-1, moving them into second place in the standings. UPEI is first with a 6-0 record. The Tigers dropped to 3-3, which will probably cost them tenth place in the national rankings.

The game was close for the first 12 minutes. After that, St. F.X. led for good. At half time, the score was 36-30. Dalhousie could not manage to draw any closer than six points in the second half of the game.



The Dalhousie's men's basketball team saw their record drop to 1-6 over the weekend with a loss to the St. F.X. X-Men in Antigonish on Friday, January 6 in front of a large hometown crowd. St. Francis opened a 49-30 halftime lead and never looked back, winning the game easily 100-70.

Led by second-year guard Wade Smith, who scored 16, the X-Men exhibited balanced scoring with five players in double figures and all the X-Men on the scoresheet. The Tigers couldn't match their opponent's impressive offensive output. George Leacock's 16 points and Andrew Merritt's twelve, weren't enough to make the game close.

Despite being tied with Mount A. for last spot in the AUBC, the Tigers are still not out of the playoff hunt. With wins against the out of province teams and a couple of upsets withing the province, the Tigers could reach the playoffs, and here, anything can happen.