

TIGERS UNBEATEN IN CITY LOOP



On The SIDELINES

By DON HARRIS

The Dec. 14th Issue of the Xaverian (St. F. X. college weekly) ran an editorial on poor refereeing in football last fall, and made it clear that the article was only intended to bring to light the harm which could be done to Intercollegiate sport by poor officiating of games. They implied that the setup was present in other sports as well as football. We heartily agree with them on this point, and praise them for the stand which they have taken on such a vital issue, especially in past Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Union meetings, where their representatives were outspoken on this matter of proper officiating.

At the last meeting of this body, it was decided to have a board of referees, in order to provide suitable supervision of Intercollegiate Basketball, and, as in the past, a list of eligible applicants were drawn up and approved. All those approved were considered as being capable of handling games efficiently, and ONLY those APPROVED were up to date on the latest rule changes, and would prevent undue roughness on the playing floor. So much for what was decided!

In a recent game at St. F. X., a Dal player was illegally checked so hard that he was knocked out. Fortunately, he was not seriously injured, although he might have been, but the offending player drew only a minor penalization, as the Dal player was awarded one free throw. Later in the game, two Dal players knocked their opponents to the floor in a struggle for the ball, while a St. F. X. player reciprocated with a Dal man, and—the referee ruled a jump ball, although two men had been tackled in the exchange, with Dal the main offenders this time. Again, luckily, no one was injured.

It turns out that at least one of the referees in this contest was not on the approved list, as drawn up by the M. I. A. U., while there is uncertainty as to the status of the other. One of these referees also introduced a new ruling into the game—to break up the zone defence of their opponents, the Dal team was employing a set-shot attack, with one forward placed in the outside of the key (bucket), from where he scored two baskets to open the second half. On the next play from this position, the referee blew his whistle. He informed the Dal players that a man could only remain in the bucket 10 seconds, when his team had possession of the ball. When questioned on this ruling he reaffirmed it, but the Coach of the Xaverians agreed with the Dal players that a man could remain in the bucket as long as he liked. The referee then returned to the floor and advised the Dal player occupying that position that he could only stay there THREE seconds. As a result, the Dal player stayed out of the position entirely.

So far, no such rule as this, or any other limitation of the time spent in the bucket by an attacking player, has been discovered, although there is a 3-second limitation in the inner part of the key of your opponent, when your team has the ball.

Obviously, this referee misinterpreted the rules, and was lax in enforcing others, which might have resulted in serious injuries to some of the players. What purpose is there in vocally supporting better officiating in order to encourage better sport, and setting up a system to realize this aim, and then to ignore it in practice, as was done in this case. We strongly recommend action by the M. I. A. U. to prevent a recurrence of this incident.

ONE REFEREE IN HOCKEY?

While on the subject of referees, we would also draw attention to the officiating of hockey games in Intercollegiate circles, as evidenced in the St. Mary's — St. F. X. and Tech-St. F. X. contests played in Halifax recently, where only ONE referee was used in each game. Surely, if it is deemed necessary to have two referees in Junior Hockey, two officials are required to properly officiate an Intercollegiate match, as well, since, with the exception of Halifax St. Mary's Juniors, Intercollegiate hockey is at least on a par with Junior play.

No matter how hard he tries, ONE official can not handle an Intercollegiate game efficiently, as he can only be at one end of the rink at a time, and thus only watch one phase of the play.

If the Intercollegiate authorities are sincere in their efforts to improve the standard of play within their domain, then they must insist on having two officials handle an Intercollegiate contest, granted that it may be difficult to provide them.

Sport should be played correctly or not at all, and Intercollegiate Sport in the Maritimes can certainly stand improvements such as those involving better officiating, without encountering a major catastrophe. Otherwise the M. I. A. U. might as well "fold (its) tents like the Arabs, and silently creep away."

PHARMACY PLANS FORMAL FOR FEBRUARY 22nd

The first Pharmacy meeting of the new year was held on Wednesday, Jan. 22, in the Medical Sciences Building.

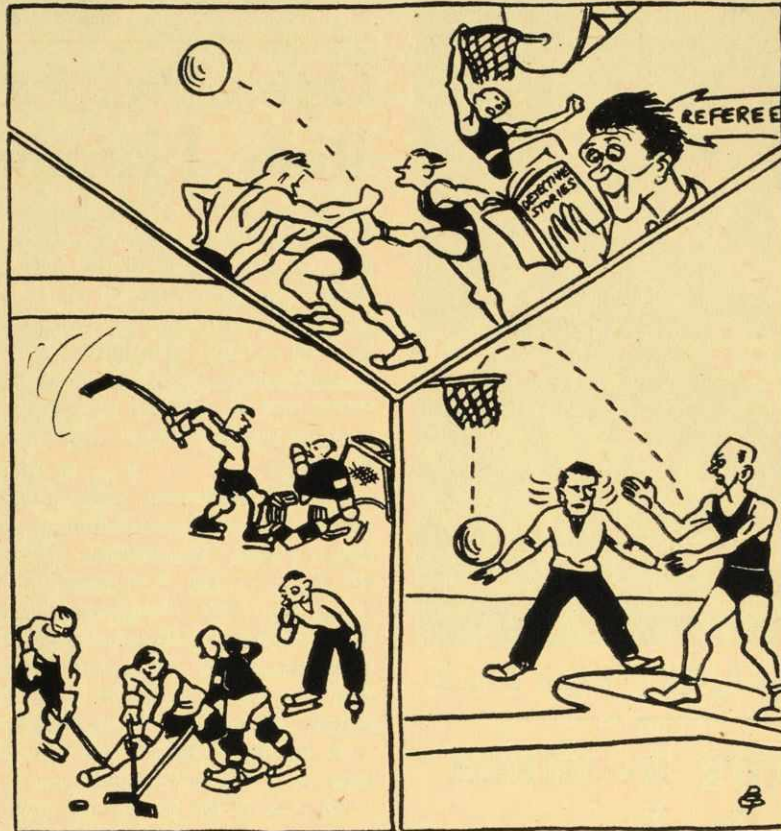
The meeting was opened by the president, Jerry Reno. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Betty Atkins, which was followed by a discussion of plans for the Pharmacy

Formal to be held Feb. 22. As this is our first formal affair we hope that it will be a "booming" success—Everyone come and have a wonderful time.

Bill Morris discussed sporting activities and praised the hockey team for their good showing in the inter-faculty games.

Swamp Kings 49 - 25

In what is commonly known as the fair game of basketball (seeing is not always believing) Dal Tigers maintained their undefeated streak in the Halifax Intermediate Loop, trouncing a game Kings quintette 49-25 at the Dal Gym last Wednesday afternoon.



In between fouls called against them, the Tigers managed to find time to sink 21 baskets to their opponents 8, and both teams spent their spare time shooting fouls, with extra shots going to Kings, almost two to one. However the shooting of fouls, despite the numerous opportunities to practice, was poor, Kings scoring only 9 for 28 tries, while Dal did a little better with 7 for 15.

On the play, Dal had a decided edge, outscoring their opponents, 31-15 in the first half, paced by the marksmanship of Scott Morrison, who registered 8 markers and guard Rug Pritchard, who came up from his defensive spot to score 7 points in this half.

The outstanding offensive threat for Kings was Pete Hannington, who was tossing them in from all angles, scoring 11 points in the first half, although his mates were unable to find the range.

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D.G.A.C.

By FRAN DOANE

Hay-lo everybody and all that stuff. We is drapping in again with some more news on the local yokels round about the Gym, so stay where you're to for the time being. The latest excitement has been the start of the Senior City League basketball games.

The Senior team are holding their own in their section of the League, and though not in the lead, Dal Intermediates are putting up a fine show. The results of their game with the Y team were definitely due to lack of team work. We're more than serious when we say "you can win Dalhousie, if you only buckle

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DAL GIRLS TIE Y. W. C. A. LOSE TO KING'S CAGERS

DAL vs. Y. W.

Dal girls' intermediate basketball team started out in the Senior City League last Friday by tying up their first game of the season with Y. W. C. A., with a score of 16-16.

The Dal team shone during the initial frame, chalking up 10 points to Y. W.'s 6. Priscilla Raymond put in a fine exhibition for the Tigresses, both with her accurate shots and reliable team work.

There was a continuous run of fouls throughout the game, especially during the final half when

everything and everyone broke loose. The college sextet seemed to lose complete control, and their opponents held them scoreless in the third quarter, and picked up 10 points to tie the score at 16-16.

The Y. W. team played a speedy game and were starred by E. Creaser and M. Rice.

Dal—T. Aslin 2, P. Raymond 8, E. Doull 6, N. Barter, J. Rogers A. Tompkins, R. Fisher.

Y. W. C. A.—F. Jamieson 1, E. Creaser 7, M. Deacon, M. Rice 8, E. O'Brien, J. Vaughn, D. Fulton, R. Longard.

DAL vs. KING'S

The Dal 2 girls' team was defeated on Monday night by King's with a score of 20 - 8.

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MEDS 21 — FROSH 20

Meds kept pace with Law in the leadership of the Interfac Basketball League when they barely managed to squeeze out a victor over the luckless Frosh squad.

The game was very closely contested and exciting match. Mason MacDonald was the star player for the Frosh as he rolled in 5 field goals and one foul shot. Stevenson, with 12 points led the Meds to victory.

Meds . . . Epstein 2, Cox, Foster 2, MacLellan, Ashley, Morison 3, Williams, Stevenson 12, Moffet, Deacon 2.

Frosh . . . Himmelman 2, Tanner 2, Saunders 5, Robertson, MacDonald 11, Sevens, Gibson, Murphy.

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