SPORTS

The times they are a changin'

Suzy Kovinsky

I feel nostalgia closing in as I observe a modern sin.
A simple childhood treat or meed replaced by avarice and greed.

Collecting sportscards was a chance to see Babe in his mighty stance. Knowing player's stats and names we felt part of these distant games.

We'd scramble through a hundred packs on search for Nolan Ryan's hat. But now his card can't get me wet, there's a fucking Nolan Ryan set!

Trading cards with secret rites, uneven deals would lead to fights. Yet always it would end in fun, our mouths stuffed with that shitty gum.

How sad it is that times have changed and childhood motives rearranged. Cards valued not for their own sake but for the profit they will make.

No more "knock downs" showing skills No more "topsies" down the hill. For if one corner has been bent To the recycling pile it's sent.

No longer lined against the wall, If damaged, value's sure to fall. Safe in plastic securing position These cards must be in mint condition.

These new age kids don't mess around, they're practical and Wall Street bound. One of them, secure and ready decides to buy. The market's steady.

Gathering up his final cents It's to the corner store he went. His aim is clear, his purpose known, he's entering the *Wax Pack Zone*.

He takes a long look at the rack and singles out a lucky pack. He's got the cards pinned at his side and reaches for the new price guide.

Once he gets the All-Star team there's draft picks and their youthful dreams. Last year's highlights, this years picks Rookies, Ruskies; What's your fix?

Investors purchase the whole box. my passion's been reduced to stocks
Or just buy the set, avoid the trouble of dealing with a million doubles.

O-Pee-Chee, Upper deck and Score "I am Gretzky, hear me roar!"
Bowman, Pro-Set, Fleer and Topps
Brett's card's worth more than his pop's.

With all these cards one can't be bored, but I wonder how these kids afford to keep up with the growing trends by simply trading with their friends.

If sporting cards are not your scene they now have cardboard t.v. screens. Twin Peaks, Full House and Looney Toons Hey Dude, the Bartman pulled a moon!

The Mutant Ninja cards must go and D+D's sink mighty low. Forget the New Geeks On The Block, make Zeppelin cards and then we'll talk.

For feminists there's just one choice, it's Barbi and her red Rolls Royce. Yes, the Barbi card has come to immortalize her plastic bum.

For pacifists there's Desert Storm Schwarzkopf, Powell true to form. Post-war and not a hint of mud! But where's Saddam and his Magic Scud?

If violence is the thing you crave
The Terminator set's a rave!
And environmental needs are met
by the long awaited Corvette Set. (cheese)

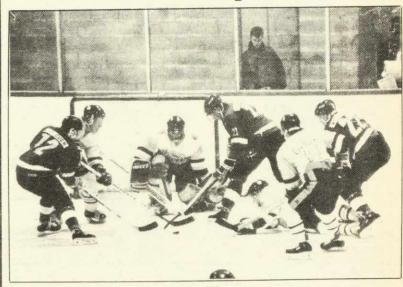
The value of these cards is clear, our culture will not disappear. For in each and every card, it seems lives an archaeological dream.

They represent what we've become, The Bottom Line: The Final Sum. For when demand exceeds supply prices soar and reach the sky.

Once even I could not resist to find my cards upon the list.

Now what was once a mere fruition, could easily pay next year's tuition

Hockey Tigers salvage a win and a tie in pair of weekend squeakers



BY STEVE MILLS

The Dalhousie Hockey Tigers were unbeaten in a pair of weekend games with a victory over Mount Allison on Saturday and a tie with Prince Edward Island on Sunday.

In Sunday's competition, the Tigers survived a plethora of penalties to tie the UPEI Panthers by a final score of 4-4.

Greg Smyth, Kelly Bradley and Kiefer House each had a goal at the end of two periods. In the third period, Corey MacIntyre got a shorthanded goal to give Dal a brief lead of 4-3.

Ninety seconds later, however, Panther Colin Chaisson's cross-ice pass rebounded off a Dalhousie defenseman and landed in the Tiger net, tying the game at 4.

A scoreless overtime period resulted in a point for each team in the overall standings.

Saturday's contest saw the Tigers edge the Mounties by a score of 5-4. After two periods of play,

the home team had outshot Mount Allison 23-9 and were ahead by a score of 5-2.

Joe Suk had a goal and two assists, and George Wilcox, Jeff Quinn, Ken MacDermid and Greg Smyth each notched a goal.

In the third period, the Mounties came on with a vengeance, outshooting Dal 13-11 and scoring two goals on Tiger goalie Kevin Stairs. The Tigers, who seemed to have lost their punch at this point, managed to prevent a third goal in the third, and held on for a victory.

Despite the unbeaten record on the weekend, the Tigers definitely need to exercise some more discipline and maintain their focus on the game, regardless of whether the team has a substantial lead or is in the red.

As coach Darrell Young said, "We took too many unprovoked and retaliatory penalties, and in the third we were just going through the motions."

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