



On The SIDELINES

BY DON HARRIS

Red Light Problems—City hockey moguls are seriously considering a request for special rates on the red lights used for indicating goals at the Forum, since, at normal charges, the league may go into the red with so many goals being scored in every game. This issue is brought to mind upon learning the score of the first intercollegiate hockey game this year, between St. Mary's and Tech, when the former won 12-9, a score bearing, unfortunately, a very close resemblance to the scores in the Big Four, where nothing happens unless at least 10 goals are scored, as many as 22 on occasion.

Rumor hath it that what we see at the Forum today is called hockey, or a reasonable facsimile, but the gentle art of defensive hockey seems to be relegated to ancient history. We hope we will not see a repetition of this style of play in intercollegiate competition, although early indications seem to point to a continuation of high-scoring contests, as featured by St. F. X. last year.

(Aside from imposing unfair burdens upon the scorers, who are now required to have higher educational qualifications in order to achieve this position (Math 2 now the minimum requisite), this variety of the hockey species develops into a mechanized version of basketball, which is certainly not the most desirable result, to our way of thinking. We can go to the Gym to watch basketball, and prefer to see **hockey** on the ice surface.

Let us hope that the intercollegiate coaches will make some effort to keep the goals out of their own nets, aside from teaching their players to drive the pellet into the opponents mesh, by requiring, at least, a minimum of defensive hockey, something unknown in our Maritime senior games. Time alone will see the realization or shattering of these fervent wishes. Let us join in prayer for a contest in which the winners **don't** achieved double figures and the losers **don't** score enough points to win two ordinary hockey games. Amen.

HOCKEY COACHING

After rolling up the impressive record of two appearances in eight practices, "Doggie" Kuhn and the Dal hockey team have parted company, since Kuhn, preoccupied by his work with Truro Bearcats, seems to have forgotten Dal. The D.A.A.C. is very fortunate in having a person of the calibre of Windy O'Neill to move in and fill the gap, and we sincerely hope that students in general and prospective players in particular, will help Windy by giving him their complete and wholehearted co-operation. We know that many prospective pucksters find difficulty in getting to practices, but the coach has little hope of icing a truly representative squad unless those with ability make an effort to attend these practice sessions regularly. Teamwork is a vital necessity and cannot be achieved in one complete practice a week.

The student body can register their appreciation of Windy's efforts and the efforts of the Dal hockey representatives, by turning out in large numbers for the Dal contests at the Arena on Friday evenings.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Last Wednesday, Dal's six-man junior squad defeated St. Andrew's juveniles at the Gym. There is no disgrace in playing this juvenile squad, since they had earlier in the season swamped the outlaw junior entry from Dal, but the game brought to light some interesting facts.

First, congratulations are in order to "Rug" Pritchard for a nice job in refereeing in the contest, which in itself was a rather ragged affair. Secondly, congratulations are in order to Coach Ken Chisholm for his efforts to encourage junior basketball. Thirdly, those six players who turned out deserve credit for coming out regularly for practices, even though they have only prospects of a few exhibition games in the near future.

That is where the congratulations end. It is a pretty disgraceful state of affairs, when only six junior players can be scraped together out of a total enrollment of over 1450 male students, over 700 of whom are in the freshman class. I am certain that there are more than six students under 20 years of age, who are capable of playing basketball, or are at least interested in learning, but who seem reticent to show their bashful faces.

INTERFACULTY SPORT

This week's issue of the GAZETTE is literally covered with interfaculty news, and this is only a forerunner of what is to come. It is good to see such a tremendous burst of activity in this line of sport, since it implies considerable student participation in these activities, and it is to be hoped that everything will be done to encourage even greater interest on the part of the student body, and greater participation as well.

One way of encouraging more people to play basketball is to provide a basketball for them to use on the Gym floor, and funds should be forthcoming for this purpose, since it is claimed that there are not enough balls for both team practice and general use. Admittedly, basketballs will get rough usage, as many already have, but surely this is not a deterrent to the purchase of new ones, when the number of students using them is taken into consideration.

Even if the equipment is not available now, it could be ordered, since it will be used whenever it arrives, and certainly the Council has sufficient funds to meet a need such as this. While the income of the Student Council is at its highest peak, which is probably now, is the time to buy or order equipment which is badly needed, but which has been ignored during the war years. There is no point in waiting a few years for it to become cheap and abundant either, since the need for it is NOW, not twenty years from now.

Dal Juniors Post Victory In First Start 40-32

Hockey Coach



"WINDY" O'NEILL

"Windy", christened Tom, was born in Desseronto, Ont., which was not his fault (he has been a little reserved ever since) and then grew up rapidly in order to attend St. Mike's (he was already marked for delivery to the Leafs). On the way, Windy stopped off long enough to play minor hockey in Toronto, and then put in 3 years with St. Mike's Majors, making the jump to the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1943-44 (when they won the Stanley Cup) and 1944-45, playing on lines with Ted Kennedy and Bob Davidson, Jackie Hamilton and Jackie MacLean.

Dal's new hockey maestro has had some experience in coaching minor hockey in Toronto, and is an earnest student of the game, as he has already proved. Windy is also adept at scholastic studies, and is now studying for his Bachelor of Arts degree at Dal.

10-Team Loop In Interfac Puck League

At the most recent meeting of the interfaculty hockey league, final plans were drawn up for the schedule, which will be released shortly. The league will consist of ten teams, with entries from Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Arts & Science, Commerce, Fresh, Engineers, Kings, Pine Hill and Pharmacy.

The present plans call for two games weekly at the Arena, but attempts are being made to secure some time at the Forum.

Freshman students in Commerce and Pharmacy must give first preference to their faculty if they wish to play hockey in this league, while Pine Hill's team can use all resident Dal students.

Boilermakers Victorious In Hockey Game

Engineers got off to a good start at the Arena last Friday when they overpowered a fighting Commerce team 7-3, to open the 1946-47 interfaculty hockey season.

Commerce got an early lead on the Engineering representatives when they countered soon after play got under way, but the slide-rule boys quickly found their bearings and rapped home three fast one and were never again

On Wednesday, Dal's junior basketball squad defeated a lighter St. Andrew's juvenile team 40-32 at the Dal Gym. The game was an exhibition contest and its only significance was in that the Dal juniors, despite their victory, looked rather dismal against the Ralph Cooley-coached boys.

D.G.A.C.

By FRAN DOANE

We have a nice little victory to start off our first column of the year, and they say that's a pretty good sign of what lies ahead for us. Here's hoping. The victorious squad was our own badminton team; nice showing there, gals (and guys). We'll expect to hear more of the same from now on.

The swimming team is quietly pushing ahead with their eyes on that U.N.B. meet coming up. Mr. Stein has been coaching them in ornamental swimming as he believes this will help them in their racing.

There hasn't been much enthusiasm shown yet in that noble sport, ping pong. Surely it's not because people don't know how! (Ed's note: How to what?) Manager Joan Myrden is there every Tuesday evening just dying for a game. (Ed's note: Don't push, boys; just get in line). I wouldn't be a bit surprised if she'd even give some lost soul a lesson or two. Ping pong tournaments will be starting any day now, and they count in the interclass competition.

All basketball fans can be seen looking quite a bit happier now that it has been announced that Pat Flynn is to coach the Dal teams (which haven't been officially picked as yet.) Many thanks to Mr. MacCormack, who has been a great help in getting basketball problems settled. Regular practices are now on Saturdays from 12.45 (you can come earlier if you want to) until 2 p. m. Mondays from 1:15 until 2:30, and Tuesday evenings at 7 (and we do mean sharp).

City league basketball games start next week, and as the schedule stands now, the senior team should be prepared to play the Dal grads on Tuesday, Jan. 21, in the Dal Gym from 7 to 8. Dal intermediates will be playing Y.W.C.A. on Thursday, Jan. 23, from 7 to 8 at the Y.W.C.A. Gym. Kings will be playing the Y.W.C.A. on Monday, Jan. 20, from 7 to 8 at Dal. The complete schedule will be printed next week.

We missed out on a column last week, but we see friend "Windy" was as alive as ever. We gather he's read Ogden Nash's poem:

"Sure, deck your lower limbs in pants,
Yours are the limbs, my sweetening.
You look divine as you advance—
Have you seen yourself re-treating?"

headed, controlling the play the remainder of the game.

Marksmen for the Engineers were Wade and LaMont with two each, Flynn, Graves and Steeves with one each. Knickle, Lyall and Brown flashed the red light behind the Engineering guardian.

Lady of the house: "I don't need none."

Salesman: "How do you know? I might be selling grammars."

The first half was closely contested. Led by Mahon and Robertson, the St. Andrew's squad picked up an early lead. Dal, however, with Creighton leading the way, tied it up at the ten-minute mark and thereafter the lead changed hands several times with Dal out front 15-14 at the whistle.

In the second half, St. Andrew's again started strongly to take a 25-18 lead at the 5-minute mark, but Dal really began to click at this point and without a reply from St. Andrews, they rolled in eight field goals and one foul shot for 17 points. Leading 35-25, with only four minutes to play, Dal settled down to play a nice two-way game until the final whistle.

Creighton was by far the pick of the Dal squad. Deadly under the basket, he piled up 16 points. Tanner also played a smart game, looking especially good on long shots. For St. Andrews, Mahon and Robertson were the most impressive with the latter displaying uncanny accuracy in sinking long shots from every angle.

Dal: Morrison 1, Creighton 16, Palnik 7, Rogers 4, Tanner 8, Knight 4.

St. Andrews: Found 4, Sherman, MacConnell, Robertson 13, Mahon 12, Smith, Stairs, Beckett 2, Stevens 1, Ellis, Rogers.

Hoop Squad Go To Mt. A.

Dal's hoopsters will journey to New Brunswick this week-end for their first taste of intercollegiate competition when they will play the powerful Mount Allison basketball team in an exhibition encounter Saturday night at Sackville. This will be Dal's first taste of senior competition this year, and should prove a real test of strength for both squads, since there is some likelihood of these squads meeting in intercollegiate play, if both win their sections. Both teams are slight favorites to take their sections.

Coach Chisholm will take nine men with him for the game, and may possibly add a tenth before he leaves. Those making the trip are guards Dunlop, Giffen and Pritchard; centres E. Rogers, Levine; forwards Farquhar, Morrison, Kelly and Rosenfeld.

Driver, can you tell me if this bus stops at the Lord Nelson?
"No, we put it in the garage for the night."

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