

# TIGERS ENJOY SUCCESSFUL TEA-PARTY

by GERRY IRWIN

While most loyal Dalhousians used the recent holiday to recuperate from exams—and New Year's Eve, the 1960 edition of Dal's hockey Tigers invaded the land of the Stars and Stripes. While in the land where baseball reigns supreme and tennis still suffers from the effects of that rare Italian disease known as Pietrangeli-Sirola, our pucksters, playing three of their most gentlemanly games in a decade, earned the title of "Roughhouse," from many Boston sportswriters.

Soon after touching down at Logan International Airport on a quiet Dec. 26, the boys checked into the Kenmore Hotel. The Kenmore, by the way, is the hostelry which all American League teams use while visiting the Beantown. To the delight and surprise of all we learned that a few National Leaguers were also using the hotel. These "Nationals," came in the form (or shape), of National Airlines stewardesses who stay at this hotel while in Boston.

After a speedy room assignment job by team managers Ellis Ross and Mel Freedman, the entire gang headed for the Boston Garden to take in a National basketball league game. Here, many of the group, after enjoying their first and hectic experience at the hands of a Boston cab driver, settled down in choice \$4.00 seats and watched the world champion Boston Celtics trim Wilt and Stilt and the Philadelphia Warriors 119-115.



GRAHAM MERCER

The following day, a luncheon was held at which all teams were present and each had their coaches introduced. Mr. Stuart Hemsley, the Canadian Consul General in Boston, was guest speaker and later that night, after dropping the puck to open our game with Northeastern University, joined his family behind the Dal bench. As our game did not get underway until 9:30 p.m., we had a chance to watch some of the other teams in action. This sneak preview showed the entire club that we were in for one whale of a series and each and every one began to settle down and take things much more seriously. As a result, the Tigers skated onto the Arena ice ready for some real serious hockey.

### Northeastern Bombed

After building up a quick 2-0 lead on goals by Bill Gillies and Bob Dauphinee, the Bengals never looked back. Thanks to the two goal efforts of newcomers Gillies and Graham Mercer and some fine defensive play on the part of Gene Scheible and Bob Ferguson plus some fine backchecking by the team as a whole reminded this writer of our fast skating 1956-57 squad. Once again the man mainly responsible for our fine showing in this game as well as our encounters with Boston University and Providence was the old cage cop himself, Claude Brown. Brown, as usual, played

magnificent hockey and time after time as he thwarted sure fire attempts on the part of Northeastern's two-line All American ace Art Chisholm, the crowd cheered lustily and chanted, "Give him to the Bruins!" Truly, all Dalhousians can well be proud of the calibre of play and the desire shown by Claude who, because of inelegibility this year, has probably played his last game in a Tiger uniform.

After winding up the contest with a 10-2 victory, the boys headed straight for bed. As this was their first game of the year, and knowing they must play their hardest game the following night, bed was the only logical choice. Contrary to popular belief, a hockey team on a trip such as this does not enjoy an endless series of good times but probably work harder than they do at any other time during the season. At the most, the boys had but four or five free hours each day. This free time was usually spent shopping or just plain sight-seeing with some Dal students who live in the Boston area.

### Goodwill Ambassadors

The following day, the day of our game with the highly rated Providence Friars, we were all luncheon guests of our now good friend and loyal supporter Mr. Stuart Hemsley. Here we chatted very freely with this friendly Consul General and his wife, and the entire team autographed a hockey stick and presented it to the Hemsley's son who is paralyzed as a result of polio but still maintains an avid interest in all kinds of sports.

After an early dinner and a short sleep, the team headed for the Arena once again. In this game the Tigers also sported a 2-0 lead early in the second period as a result of tallies by Bill Gillies and Gene Scheible. This lead was short lived, however, due to some fancy play-making by Providence star Pete Wandamacher, who hails from St. Paul, Minnesota, the breeding ground of many fine U.S. hockey players. In less than eight minutes this smooth skating winger scored twice and set up a third tally to put the Friars in the driver's seat. Before the period ended Bill Buntain flipped in the disk to even the score at 3-3. At many times during this game the Dal squad seemed to have trouble getting organized against the hard checking Americans. Midway thru the third frame Providence again took the lead only to have veteran Roy Maxwell tie it up with a bare 44 seconds of play remaining. It was during this third period that the conditioning began to show. The Tigers were obviously very tired and were forced to shoot from great distances for the simple reason that many of them lacked the stamina to finish off a goodly number of otherwise fine rushes. Our inability at this point to skirt their defencemen for clear shots was also due to some very fine defensive play on the part of the Providence blue line guardians, two of whom drew berths on the Tournament All Star teams. This final frame saw many of the Dalhousians



BILL BUNTAIN



CLAUDE BROWN

skating on heart alone as each minute on the ice began to seem like eternity. The ten-minute sudden death overtime period came to rather an abrupt end when, at 1:01, Jim Keough scored the 97th goal of his Providence career on a blazing shot from about 20 feet out, which caught Brown on the short side.

### Excellent Hockey

Both goalies were stars in this game and Providence goalie, Dan Horstein, nailed down a spot on the second All Star team. The Rhode Islanders were the only team to outshoot the Tigers and as a result Brown was called on a total of 33 times and Horstein but 26. This was by far the most penalty filled game of the series with a total of 22 infractions being called by the officials. It was very clean and fast hockey and while both goal-tenders played with a minority of two men on more than one occasion, both teams turned in excellent performances.

After this encounter most of us visited an all-night lunch counter for a quick snack before retiring. Here we had a chance to sample jumbo hamburgers and learned that in New England a milkshake does not contain any ice cream. In order to obtain our variety you order a "frappe" and pay the cashier fifteen cents extra.

The following day was to be our last free day in the Beantown and as a result many of the boys rose as early as their now aching muscles would permit and headed down town. Here the wandering ranged everywhere from Durgen Park (in an offbeat section of east Boston) where you may eat the most enjoyable meal of your life to the campus of M.I.T. and even Filene's bargain basement complete with after Christmas sales. Souvenirs and gifts purchased by the boys ranged from clothing and shoes to records and joke-shop tricks. Some, (no names mentioned), brace souls, being subjected to a dare, purchased the latest in bikini panties for some of their female acquaintances.

### The Final Game

Later that day—much later as a matter of fact for our game with Boston University did not get underway until almost 10 p.m. As we went into this final game both B.U. and Providence were tied for top spot with 2-0 records in the tourney and Dal was in runner-up position. This meant that if we defeated B.U. the Friars would take the big money and we would hold onto second spot by virtue of a better goals scored total. As a result of all this the boys from Providence were all cheering for the Black and Gold to defeat B.U. and leave them the only undefeated team in tournament play. The game itself which started out rather mildly was soon to change its course. Frank Sim was the first one to illuminate the scoreboard when he finished off an end to end rush and pass play by defenceman Bob Ferguson at the 16:51 minute mark of the opening stanza.

This was still the way the scoreboard read when the third and final period of play got underway. Penalties during the first two periods, however, were handed out left and right by two new referees. The officiating seemed to be going so badly against us that members of other competing teams came to our bench and dressing room to let us know they felt we were getting a raw deal. Between the second and third periods Coach DeWitt Dargie asked the referees to come to the dressing room to explain some of their calls. As it turned out, the U.S. Intercollegiate Hockey Association had just put some new rules into effect which were unknown to us. The rule which seemed most ridiculous was the one which states that the goal-tender may not take it upon himself to keep his crease clear. This is a bit rough on the goal-tender who as a result of a rule like this could have players pouring in on him all night long and Dal's Claude Brown, because of his desire to keep his front door free of foreign bodies, netted himself two minor penalties.

When the teams resumed play the boys seemed determined to really pile it on and after allowing B.U. to tie it up after only 57 seconds of third period play, the Maritimes poured it on and blinked the red bulb a total of three times within a mere 32 seconds on goals by Bob Dauphinee, Gene Scheible and Eric "Gums" Parsons. Graham Mercer added two more for the Tigers who were forced to play the last five minutes of the game short-handed. During this time when we had as many as four men in the sinbin at one time, the B.U. Terriers narrowed our lead to one goal and in a furious finish, during which time they drew their goalie in favor of a sixth attacker, the Tigers were successful in staving off a goal hungry club and thus nail down the runner-up spot in the six team tournament. Other teams in the campaign besides our opponents Northeastern, Providence and Boston University were: West Point and Brown University.

### More Good Will

By the time we returned to the hotel it was after 1 a.m. and as usual after a series such as this the players of all teams got together for a very enjoyable but sleepless night. During the festivities, Bob "Fergie" Ferguson kept the entire group in stitches for hours on end with his never ending flow of wit. Eric Parsons and Dave Cameron represented Canada in various international contests which were hilariously conducted and our friend Roy Maxwell had the opportunity to plead his first legal case. When we left for the airport the following morning at 10 a.m. we were a tired but happy lot.

At this time, the Gazette would like to congratulate Claude Brown, Bob Ferguson and Bill Gillies on being selected as Tournament All Stars and at the same time thank Trans Canada Airlines for making it possible for the writer to travel with the Dalhousie Hockey Club on this occasion.



GENE SCHEIBLE

## SKIING FOR STUDENTS

For the Dalhousie ski enthusiast, the Wentworth Valley Ski Club has much to offer. The ski slope at Wentworth is 200 feet wide, has two rope tows 1000 feet long, and provides a half-mile downhill run.

For the weekend skier, there is excellent accommodation for skiers at The Wentworth Motel and at various farmhouses close to the hill. Rates are reasonable, as low as \$2.75 a night per person in a group of four. The motel has a restaurant with meals at all hours, and a recreation room for evening entertainment.

A special bus has been chartered by The Ski Club for those people who do not have cars. Rates will be reasonable, and the bus will leave early Saturday mornings, and return the same evening, and again on Sundays.

The charge for using each tow is \$1.00 per day with an extra charge of \$1.00 for skiers who are not members of the Ski Club. Fees to join the club are \$6.00 per year for students, \$10.00 for Seniors.

For the novice, ski instruction has been offered free of charge for Club members at Wentworth on both Saturdays and Sundays, and at Ashburn on Saturdays.

There are many weekends of skiing ahead for Dal enthusiasts at the low cost of \$10.00 at the maximum including meals, accommodation and transportation.

### SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### BASKETBALL

##### Varsity

January 14—Saturday:  
X at DAL—Dal Gym—8 p.m.

January 18—Wednesday:  
DAL at TECH—place undecided

##### Interfaculty

January 14—Saturday:  
A&S 'A' v Dents 1 p.m.  
Law 'A' v Med 'A' 2 p.m.  
Pine Hill v Engineers 3 p.m.  
Law 'B' v Med 'B' 4 p.m.  
Education v Grad. Stud. 5 p.m.

#### HOCKEY

##### Varsity

January 12—Thursday:  
X at Dal—Dal Rink 8 p.m.

January 14—Saturday:  
Acadia at Dal—Dal Rink 8 p.m.

##### Junior Varsity

January 14—Saturday:  
Practise—Dal Rink 1:30 p.m.

##### Interfaculty

January 14—Saturday:  
Commerce v Pharm. 2:30 p.m.

Monday, January 16:  
Law v Kings 7:30 p.m.  
Med v Dents 8:30 p.m.

January 17—Tuesday:  
Pine Hill v Engineers 1:00 p.m.

January 19—Thursday:  
A&S v Engineers 1:00 p.m.

#### TOILET PAPER

The longest telegram on record was sent by Canadian football fans to one of the players of the Montreal Alouettes. It contained more than 44,000 words, was 306 feet long and had nearly 22,000 signatures.