

Tigers Bow to Saints

By Harry MacDonald

Saint Dunstan's Saints scored 3 goals in the opening period and coasted to a 6 - 3 win over Dalhousie hockey Tigers last Saturday night at the Dal rink. Bill MacMillan led his team to victory by scoring three goals and assisting on one while rookie Keith Sullivan scored two goals for the losers.

This was Dal's second defeat in a row and their first on home ice this season. On the whole, the Tigers lacked spirit and an extremely dull home town crowd did little to bolster their own or the players interest in the game.

B-Ballers Bounced

89-64

108-52

By Ken Glube

Losing a basketball game by twenty-five points usually leaves one with very little feeling of optimism. Yet such was the impression gained from Al Yarr after Dal's third straight loss to Saint Mary's and their second in MIBC competition, 89-64. A definite note of pride and encouragement was exhibited by the Bengal coach as he expressed his sentiments on the game afterwards in the dressing room. It seemed that for the first time this year Yarr had gained a measure of satisfaction from the play of his numerically reduced forces. The players too, all eight of them, were in high spirits and actually were looking forward to their next game. Such an attitude has not prevailed at Dalhousie for several seasons.

Why this sudden feeling of elation on the part of a ball club which by other standards had just suffered a humiliating defeat? There are several reasons. Overall mental and physical attitude was the outstanding factor. Good playmaking and fine defensive work should also be cited. The Tigers entered the game with the memory of a 55 point defeat suffered a few days before still fresh in their minds. Most fans expected a repeat performance. SMU was at full strength and Dal was worried if they would be able to dress six men.

ONLY ONCE

The game itself was only close at one point when the Bengals cut the Husky lead to five, 24-19. They trailed by nineteen at half-time. Yet it was the hustle and desire that was being exhibited against the league's second or third best club that left those in the stands amazed and surprised.

Dave Macdonald, who led all scorers with 24 points, Bud McSween and George Blakeney played outstanding games for Dalhousie. Along with the fine but unheralded play of Seaman and

Budd the Tigers now have a solid starting five.

There is no joy in Mudville once again. Mudville is the nickname the Bengal basketball players have affectionately and pathetically tagged on themselves after their fourth consecutive M.I.C.B. defeat. It came at the hands of the home town Xavrians on Saturday evening. For the first time this season the final score of 108-52 was truly indicative of the play. After the first quarter, at which point the score was tied at 19 apiece, the ball game turned into a practice session for the home team. Before a capacity crowd at Parish Center, Dal could do nothing right and X nothing wrong. At the half time buzzer, 'X' had hooped thirty-three more points, the Tigers 3. This trend continued and worsened in the second half. 'Packy' MacFarlane's boys scored thirty-six of the first thirty-seven points. The Bengal five did not score a field goal until 14:30 had elapsed of this horrendous second half. A combination of a close checking Xavrian defense and chronically poor ball handling by Dal (they lost the ball thirty times alone in the final twenty minutes) were the contributing factors to the total collapse of the Visitors.

CLASSIC PLAY

The one amazing aspect of the game was Dal's classic play in the opening period. The Tabbies dribbled, drove and defended with skill and finesse. Then a total reversal of form.

For the second consecutive game a Dal player led all scorers. George Blakeney had twenty-five points, 19 of them during the first half! Dave MacDonald re-aggravated his foot injury and may miss the upcoming encounter with Loring A.F.B. Bud McSween is another doubtful starter as he dislocated a finger and also suffered a leg injury.

SDU CONTROLS

A more co-ordinated SDU team overcame the Tigers in the first period and controlled the play much of the way, although shots on goal were fairly even - 11 for SDU and 10 for Dal. Bill MacMillan scored twice, and Jack Hynes once to give the Saints a 3 - 0 lead going into the second period.

The Saints traded a pair of goals with the Tigers in the then B. MacMillan scoring for SDU. Dal finally got on the score sheet at 13:41 when Dick Drmaj, who played a superb game for Dal, scored on SDU goalie Smith.

One minute later, Keith Sullivan was out killing a penalty for Dal when he got his chance. He stole the puck in the Saint end and beat Smith cleanly to make the score 5 - 2.

Denis DeCarufel wiped out reasonable hope for a Dal comeback early in the third period when he scored a goal on a power play. This goal made the score 6 - 2 for SDU. Sullivan closed the scoring at 6 - 3 when he got his second marker with four minutes left in the game.

SDU BETTER

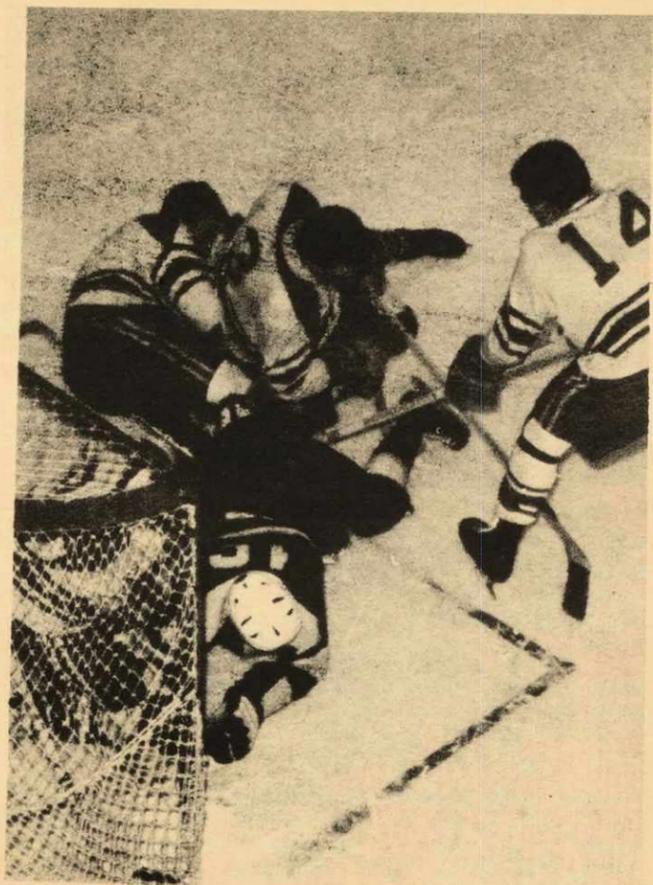
The Tigers lost the game because they did not play the same caliber of hockey that the Saints were playing. Throughout the game, it was obvious that the Tigers lacked the defensive strength necessary to break up the Island team's rushes. When they did get the puck, Dal found it difficult to get organized against the effective forechecking of the opposition. The Dal defense was failing to feed the puck up to the forwards enough. Although the Tigers managed to outshoot the Saints 36 - 30, very few of their shots were really effective due to the strong SDU defense.

The return of stalwarts Dick Drmaj and Jerry Betik from the injured list seemed to have little effect on the faltering Tigers. Drmaj got a goal and Betik collected an assist, but oddly enough, it was Dal's rookies who seemed to be putting on quite a show for the fans. Two of these, Joey Hyndman and Keith Sullivan played a great game for the Tigers alongside the veterans.

LINE SCORES FOUR

The Saint line of B. MacMillan, DeCarufel and Whitlock combined to score four of the SDU markers while the remaining two by Hynes and Kelly went unassisted and were merely products of sloppy Dal plays in their own end. Goalie Gerard Smith of the Saints did a good job by keeping the Tiger's big guns silent and kicking out 33 shots directed his way.

In losing this game, Dal lost out on four points in the league standings leaving the Tigers with 5 out of a possible 12 points on two wins, a tie, two losses. This seems to put an end to Dal's chances of winning the league title but with the way things are shaping up, almost anything can happen yet.



A typical play in the SDU hockey game shows Dal being outnumbered 4-1. Joey Hindman is caught in the crease by four SDU players; Colin McMillan (3), and Roger Calille (14) are the only two which can be identified.

(Munroe photo)

I Think

It is nice to know that at least one person takes the time to read this, despite the fact that the views expressed are not necessarily correct. This column will be signed so that those people who wish to object to the way in which the future is foretold may at least know whom to take to task.

HOCKEY

SMU vs Tech - A good game for the fans and SMU have a little too much scoring punch, as shown in the Dal game, to lose to Tech despite their excellent game against Mount A. SMU 4 Tech 2.

Mt. A. vs SDU - SDU have now come down from the clouds and they realize that they must do more than just dress to win. Their obvious display of power against Dal and Acadia makes them not only favourites in their home and home series with Mt. A. but also should give them a good shot at the Maritime title. Mt. A. 2 SDU 7.

SDU vs Mt. A. - Both teams will be tired but it is only a repeat of the game played the night before at SDU. SDU 5 Mt. A. 2.

Acadia vs Dal - Dal should be in quite a contest but they are capable of beating anyone at home despite injuries and should take a squeaker. Acadia 4 Dal 5.

Tech vs UNB - The last place team is going on its road trip and it should prove disastrous. UNB are not as strong as they were last year but they definitely are good enough to beat Tech. Tech 2 UNB 5.

Tech vs St. Thomas - What more needs to be said than it will be a breeze for St. Thomas. Tech 0 St. Thomas 6.

BASKETBALL

Acadia vs St. F.X. - This is a hard one to call and if anyone is giving pretty good odds for X then take it. One must go with a winner and Acadia has been it in the past. Acadia 62 X 59.

SDU vs UNB - SDU showed very little when they played Dal while UNB played a very good game down at X. SDU 52 UNB 63.

SDU vs Mt. A. - Both teams were beaten badly in games against top-flite competition and although they are not a definite threat to Acadia, St. Mary's or X they will play an interesting game. Since it is Mount A's home game let us give them an eight point margin. SDU 59 Mount A 67.

St. F. X. vs SMU - The clue to this game lies in the game Acadia played at X and after these games are played the eventual winner of the Maritime crown should be known. SMU lost to Acadia in the Bluenose Classic and there is really no surprise in store although it will be close. Acadia 67 SMU 60.

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