

HERE AND THERE IN SPORTS

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Grand Year For M.I.H.L.

The 1963-64 hockey season was about as unpredictable as a woman at a sale. The only consistency about the season was the inconsistency of the teams. At the beginning of the year, there was so many false rumors floating around about the league in general and St. Dunstan's in particular that it was impossible to believe anybody. As usual, the usual slate of predictions was almost completely wrong. Quickly now, who gave U.N.B. even an outside chance of taking the title? Who ever thought that St. F. X. would land down in fourth? It was that kind of year.

One thing that this year's close race produced was a huge following by people who have nothing to do with the universities themselves, they're just Joe Fans who like hockey as a game fought between two teams, six players to a side. This was a shot in the arm that did the league no harm, and it will produce grand dividends in the years to come. Having a four way scramble for first place is about as appetizing as any league could desire. The most pleasant point, however, is that St. Dunstan's is right in the thick of the race, in fact, SDU was picked fifth in the nation according to the CIA news.

Fan interest has never been higher, both around the Maritimes, the Maritimes, the Island and this college itself. We have a product to sell here, let's get out and sell it.

Three Points To Look After Now

Now is the time to get the ball rolling for next year because everything is still a vivid and exciting memory. There are three main points which have to be looked after regarding Varsity sports on campus.

The first and foremost is to get those blasted clocks in working order for next year. To watch a basketball game and to have to keep asking for the score is a chore that irritates ad nauseam. As for not having a clock in the rink, this is a serious matter. Visiting coaches and referees have expressed their displeasure with the setup. It is almost impossible for coach to concentrate on the game when he must be asking for the time. If you have ever seen the physiognomy of Jack Kane during a game, you would well understand what I mean.

The second point is the manner of selling tickets. Since St. Dunstan's leads the Island in all three sports in quality, why not start a system of selling tickets as the pros do—by subscription. The idea, first brought up by Jack Kane, would work something like this: There will be at least 15 intercollegiate games next year in the three sports. If a book of tickets was printed (similar to the Brier tickets) next year and sold before the season actually began, there would be a ready made supply of cash on hand for each of the three teams. This supply of money would keep financial woes to a minimum. The book would sell at say, two-thirds of the total price of each ticket. The number of books would be minimized only by the selling capacity of the salesmen. Under the proper promotion, these books could be sold by the hundreds.

Why Not A General Pass?

But why stop there? Could there not be a general pass sold for all the events at St. Dunstan's, whether they may be athletic, drama, debating, or whatever? Some might say that the more activities included in the pass, the less money received by the various participants. Surely though, there could be a few things added that, although they are in effect, gratis already, would be included in the general pass. As an added thought, why not include a free subscription to RED AND WHITE? Additional copies of the paper can be printed for almost nil, yet the addition of one more reputable gift would increase the face value of the pass considerably.

As a third and final point, could it not be possible for some type of program to be printed for the basketball and hockey games? People pay good money to see these games, it is too much to ask to have a mimeographed piece of paper with the lineups? Mind you, there should be an official program drawn up, complete with statistics, commentaries by local sports writers, and short biographies on each of the players. The program would vary by inserting a sheet or two with additional statistics for every game. This is not asking too much. It is done in the other cities of the league, why can't it be done here?

Jayvees meet Legion Saturday

The St. Dunstan's Jayvees enter the City Junior League finals Saturday night against Buck Whitlock's Juvenile Legionaires, courtesy of a 5-3 victory over North River Wednesday night. The Jayvees will play a best of three series with the Legion team, with the second and third games tentatively billed for Monday and Wednesday nights. They beat North River two games to one. After posting an 8-7 win in the first game at the college, they lost the second 6-3 at the Forum. However, the game was protested on the grounds that Carl McQuaid, who played in nets for North River that night, was registered with another team. The league did not uphold the protest, though; thus the series was tied at one game apiece.

In the third game, Andre Gelinás led the Saints' attack with two goals, and one assist. Singletons went to Carl Cheverie, Dave O'Brien, and Jacques Dugre. Freeman MacKenzie, Dave Lawlor and Brian MacCormick scored for North River. This playoff series with the Legionaires shapes up to be a battle royal for the fans. Bitter rivals all season, the teams ended the regular season tied for first place, but the Legion won it

on the basis of a better goals spread between the two teams. The Legionaires were considered to be one of the strongest aggregation of hockey talent ever to be assembled on the Island, yet they lost a sudden death playoff game in Maritime playdowns to Pictou.

As this is being written, it was not known if the Legion could use Mike Kelly, George MacMillan, and Denis Decarufel against St. Dunstan's, although a league ruling states that players must participate in at least two games of the regular season to be eligible for the playoffs. The three Varsity players did not play in any league games.

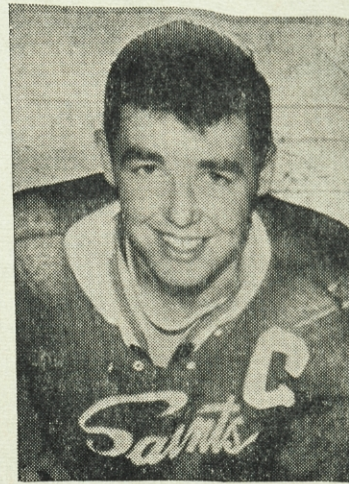
A.A.A. ELECTIONS

The annual spring elections for the posts of president and vice-president of the Amateur Athletic Association were held on March 23 at St. Dunstan's. Gene Kinch, a Junior Arts student won the post of president by acclamation. For the vice-presidency, Dick Flynn beat Bob Pelrine in an election by secret ballot. The voting went 134 for Flynn, and 44 for Pelrine. The A. A. A. looks after all non-varsity sporting events on campus. John Roy is the outgoing president.

JACK KANE

Looks to Future With Optimism

In his sophomore year as coach of the St. Dunstan's Hockey Team, Jack Kane has a task of completely rebuilding his team around returnees and his newly acquired star, Billy MacMillan. With ten rookies on the squad, St. Dunstan's ended the season in first place, despite the fact that the team lost its first two games of the season to U.N.B. and St. Thomas, two teams that were not given much chance for the championship. Of course, the rest of the year is history now, how the Saints went on a seven game winning streak, Billy MacMillan's scoring feats, and the complete assortment of little deeds that put St. Dunstan's into first place. The Executive's decision to give U. N. B. sole possession of first place is also too well known, so there is little need of laboring the point. Asked how he felt about the season in general, Coach Kane said: "We had a lack of experience in general. With so many new players, there was a lot of things to be ironed out, but we couldn't help but improve. Our defense was shaky at the first of the year, and our forwards weren't producing. However, we settled down after Christmas and showed the league what kind of



team we really had." This high percentage of rookies on the team made St. Dunstan's a unique centre in the league. Several clubs will lose over half of their players through graduation and dropouts, whereas the Saints will lose only three players, team captain Dick Tingley, Colin McMillan, and Jim Peddle. St. Dunstan's is also in the fortunate position of having several players ready to make the

jump into the Intercollegiate league. The Jayvee team has at least three, and the High School may produce a few more. Then there is the usual percentage of new recruits to pick from. Does Kane plan on any changes for next year? "Our changes, if any, will rely solely on our personnel next fall. Before the season I would like to put in a program of isometrics to overcome some weaknesses, especially shooting. I hope also to have an earlier start and a better schedule. This year's was the roughest schedule that anyone could dream up. We played eight of our eleven games as back to back weekend games. Playing two games within fifteen hours on a weekend is just too grueling."

"At this time though, and through your paper, I would like to thank all of the students who backed the team so generously all year. At times, we got in a bit of trouble, but the incessant cheering of the fans provided a great lift to the players and myself."

Congratulations are in order for Billy MacMillan, the Maritime Intercollegiate League's new scoring champion. Bill was a standout performer all season, and provided the fans with a display of hockey that made him a star with St. Mike's Majors and Neil MacNeil High School.

Sport News

Seniors win intramural

MARCH 23—Team captain Baz Haire picked up a loose puck at the blueline and swept in unmolested to score what proved to be the winning goal against the go, go Freshman "B" team. The teams were tied 3-3 at the end of regulation time, so they had to play a ten minute overtime period. Hubie Morrison gave the Seniors a 4-3 lead, but Andre Gelinás, a standout through the whole series, fired his second of the game to knot the count at 4-4. However

Haire's goal gave the win to the Seniors, who won the series two games to one. This was an even greater feat when one figures that they lost the first game 6-4. That third game climaxed a highly successful intramural season. The Sophomores came first in the regular season, but lost to the Freshmen in the semi-final rounds.

Billy, Vince Make All Stars



League officials gathered at Sackville last week officially announced the star forward with St. Dunstan's University Saints, Billy MacMillan won the Most Valuable Player award and trophy for scoring champion of the Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey League. Billy scored twenty-five goals and ten assists this year in just eleven games. Selected from St. Dunstan's on the league All-Star teams were MacMillan and defenseman Vince Mulligan. The team is picked by coaches and team captains of the league. The rest of the team consists of Wayne Synishin and Wayne O'Hollahan, both of St. F. X.; George Trainor, formally of St. Dunstan's, on defense; and John Wrigley of U. N. B. in goal. Gordie Whitlock, left winger on St. Dunstan's first line made the second team. Others on the second team are Bill Buntain, Dalhousie; Darrel LeBlanc, U. N. B.; Don Clark, St. F. X.; Ed Hospador, St. Thomas; and George MacDonald of Dalhousie in goal.

BOB SIMMONS TO OLYMPICS

It has been four years since the last Olympic Games, which were held at Rome. For some of the athletes there was happiness in winning, for others, sadness in losing. However, there is one emotion common to all these athletes—satisfaction—in that they at least had the opportunity to represent their country at the Olympic games.

For those athletes whose abilities were not up to the required standard in 1960, these last four years have been filled with the hope and anticipation that maybe they will be able to gain a berth on the Canadian Olympic team representing the country in 1964.

The task of making the Olympic team is quite a challenge, complicated by the fact that many places on the team have been filled by such great track and field stars as Bruce Kidd, Bill Crothers, and Harry Jerome.

Here on P. E. I. there are only two individuals who have an outside chance of making the trip to Tokyo in October. One of these is a student here at St. Dunstan's, his name, Bob Simmons.

In discussing Bob's Olympic hopes with him, he mentioned that he hadn't thought seriously of the Olympics until 1962. For him, the last two years have consisted of weight lifting three nights a week all year round; and practicing the discus throw for two hours a day, six days a week, for the last two summers.

Bob has been working on technique all winter at Birchwood High School gymnasium and is confident that these improvements will bring him at least to 180', with a possibility of 190', this summer. If he can win with a throw of 187' at St. Lamberts on August 6th, he goes to the Olympics this year.

Acadia Wins M.I.B.C. Ch'ship



The 1963-64 basketball team will go down in the record books as a combination of grand success and dismal failure. It was a season in which a fairly good team won four games; the gist of the matter however, is that the team was just too unpredictable to get excited over. In their first game of the season, the Saints were slaughtered by the classy Acadia Axemen 97-49. The following afternoon, they beat Dalhousie 54-47. At that time, there was a slight ray of hope that the team just might go places this year. Then the Saints lost their next five games. After that, even some of the players lost some of their interest. As usual there were some excuses put forward, why the team collapsed, out of shape, lack of depth, internal strife, complacency, but in the end, it boiled down to a case of too many producing too little too late. Things changed for the better a week later, though, and the Saints came through with double victories against Dalhousie and U. N. B. They didn't have a great deal of trouble with the Tigers, but the game with the Red Devils was a real spine tingler. After regulation time, the score was tied at 73-73, and the teams had to play a five minute overtime period. In this extra session, the Saints completely overwhelmed the Red Devils, and with the deadly shooting of Bob Francouer and Len Sirois, coupled with the rebounding of Jacques Dessureault and Frank Garrity, the Saints went on to win their third game of the year. The Red and Whitties lost the next two games to St. Mary's and St. Francis Xavier, but only after chasing each team to the final whistle. In their last game of the year, the Saints jumped into an early lead and went on to beat Mount Allison 77-72.

Despite the 4-8 record, Coach Ed Hilton can look to the future with optimism. He will lose only one player through graduation, Frank Garrity, and with four Freshmen on the team, there will be more depth and experience for next year.