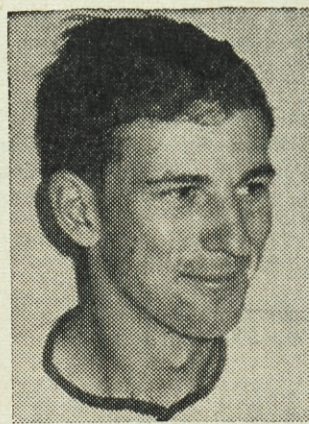




Pictured above are Brian MacIntyre, Carl MacQuaid and Wayne MacDougall, three of the SDU hockey players who will be in the line-up when the Saints face Acadia and Dalhousie next weekend.



## SPORT SPOTLIGHT

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### PLAYOFF THIS SEASON

This season the MIHL inaugurates a new system of choosing the MIHL representative for the Canadian intercollegiate hockey finals. This year the four top teams in the MIHL standing take part in a tournament in Moncton, March 1-2, and the winner of this series represents the MIHL in the Canadian intercollegiate finals in Montreal, March 7-9. It is not before time that such a change was made in the outmoded system of having the team that leads the league represent the MIHL in the Canadian finals. At present all the teams play 16 league games, plus exhibition games and invitational tournaments. In a schedule of as many games as this, there is a great chance that for at least one game a team could have injury problems which could cost them the game. The MIHL has been so tight the past several seasons that a loss in one game could cost a team the league championship and yet the team that misses out on top spot could indeed be the best team in the league. We have to go no further than St. Dunstan's to prove this fact. Under the old system, the Saint's hockey squad was robbed of its rightful place in the Canadian Intercollegiate hockey finals in the 1963-64 and 1966-67 seasons. In the 1963-64 season we finished in a flat footed tie with UNB. Yet on account of the league rules which didn't provide for a playoff (even in the case of a tie) UNB was given the right to represent the MIHL in the Canadian finals. Last season SDU lost its first game to St. F.X. However we defeated "X" twice later in the season, once by the tune of 8-2. Also on account of a letdown in one period we tied Dal. This one point loss cost us a tie for the league championships and St. F.X. went to the Canadian finals.

Considering the condition of the Saints in both of these seasons it is very likely that we would have won a playoff tournament, if this method of choosing the MIHL representative for the Canadian finals had been in vogue. Thus if this system had been in effect the last four seasons, SDU would have been in the Canadian finals three times instead of once.

### ROBBED AGAIN

This year a new trophy, the Hec. Creighton Trophy, has been put up for grabs in the Canadian Intercollegiate football league. This trophy is awarded to the outstanding intercollegiate player in the nation. Each of the four college leagues in Canada, The MIAA, the Central Canadian Intercollegiate, the Quebec-Ontario Senior intercollegiate league, and the Western Intercollegiate league, each select one nominee, who is supposed to be the top player in the league. These four players are then entered in the voting for the Creighton trophy. The winner of this trophy is selected by a central selection committee. The trophy will be awarded at the College Bowl game in Toronto, on November 25.

But now to get down to the crux of the matter — the coaches of the seven teams voted for the nominee in the Blue nose football conference. In the first round of voting Jim Foley of SDU received three votes, as did Paul Brule of St. F.X. A single vote was garnered by Murphy, the interior linebacker of St. Mary's. As a result of the tie the coaches had to vote again and in the second round Brule got the four votes to three.

Therefore once again a St. Dunstan's player was robbed of an award that should have been his.

There is no question whatsoever, in my mind and in the minds of many other knowledgeable football observers, that Jim Foley should have been selected to represent the MIAA in the voting for this trophy. In a previous Red and White I stated that Foley was the top quarterback in this league. After seeing last Saturday's game against St. F.X., I am more firmly convinced than ever that he is the top player as well. He was outstanding in every game we played this season. He is the quarterback and still he placed second in the league scoring race, scoring 73 points. Whenever he played on defence, he was a standout, intercepting passes and making key tackles. Paul Brule is not nearly so capable of going both ways. Foley is the team leader, the man that makes our team click. Neither Brule nor Murphy are the team leaders that Foley is.

Jim Foley can run as well, or better than any quarterback, fullback, or halfback in this league. A case to illustrate this point — in the game against X, Foley ran for fifty yards in one rush. In every game this season, Jim has made football of would-be tacklers as he left them diving at thin air, while he rammed for 20.....30.....40.....50 yard gains.

A grave injustice indeed, to our Red & White team, to our college, and to Jim Foley, in not selecting Jim as the MIAA nominee for the Creighton trophy.

## The 53-10 Isn't All The Story

The football Saints closed out their Bluenose football conference schedule last Saturday against the St. Francis Xavier X-men, winners of the Bluenose Conference. Although the Saints came out on the short end of a 53-10 score, they put forth a remarkable effort against the highly touted Xaverians and the score was in no way indicative of the play at many stages of the game. The Saints gave a better account of themselves against the Don Loney coached team than did any of the other teams in the league, with the possible exception of St. Mary's Huskies. However it should be noted that the Huskies played St. F.X. in the first game of the schedule, when X were not as polished as they were in the final stages of the season. The Saints defense was very effective in bottling up Brule, Aronson and company when they tried running.

In the second half S.D.U. had 121 yards rushing while St. F.X. had 98. However for the whole game X had an edge in rushing 267-163. The fact that the X-men went to the air for 220 yards, 133 of them in the last half is indicative of the fine play of our defence in containing the X-men's running game. Also we were very unfortunate in losing the services of our brilliant middle linebacker and halfback, Dermie Kinsella. Dermie received a serious concussion in the first play of the game and had to be taken to the hospital in Hal-

ifax. But to sighs of relief of everybody Dermie was released from hospital Monday and is well on the way to recovery.

Once again Jim Foley was outstanding for Saint Dunstan's as he scored all our points coming from a field goal, touchdown and a successful convert attempt. It is significant to note that of the 173 yards St. Dunstan's got rushing, Foley got at

least 120 of them.

When asked to comment on the game Xaverian coach, Don Loney, had this to say: "St. Dunstan's gave us as much or more trouble than any other team in this conference. We found them very hard to run against. There is no question about it, your boys came here to win, Ed (Hilton) did an excellent job in preparing the team for this game".

## Basketball Bouncers

Additions and deletions to the basketball team have shaken up the roster. Last year's freshman star, Dan Theriault has decided to stay in Maine. His departure leaves a large gap in the scoring department.

Allan "Posty" Connolly graduated into Dalhousie. He was sixth man on the squad, but lead the team in drive and spirit.

The additions include Jim "Fitz" Fitzgerald, a 6'5" centre from Springfield, Mass. Fitz will provide the height the Saints have lacked in recent years. It is also hoped that he will plug the scoring gap left by Theriault.

Jim Burke, (6'2", Boston), John White, (6'1", Charlottetown), Vic Renfro, (6'2", Indiana), Rick Butler, (6'1", St. John), and Dave 'Hermie' MacNeil, (6'1", St. John), are all new to the Saints, and all possible starters.

Four of five first string players are back from last year's squad. Their jobs are on the line this year. The Freshmen, particularly Fitzgerald and Burke are giving the veterans a run for their money.

Returning are Owen Jay, (4th highest scorer in last year's league), Eddie Lawlor (team leading rebounder), Mike Sullivan, Ronnie 'Oscar' Diamond, (who broke Sullivan's league record for foul shooting percentage), Leon Berrouard, and Tom Forrestall.

The starting five, at least for the time being, will include Fitzgerald, Jay, Sullivan, Diamond, and Lawlor, with Burke and Renfro close to breaking the lineup.

The Saints attack should be more diversified this year, thanks to the sudden influx of height.

Fitzgerald, Burke and Renfro will start giving the Saints greater control under the boards. Eddie Lawlor has been handling this job, almost singlehanded for the past few seasons.

White, MacNeil and Butler, three Freshman ballplayers, will add bench strength, something else the Saints have not had in a long time.

The only element the Saints really lack, to become a championship team this season, is the sparkplug.

Without Theriault, however, they will still be a good bet for the first division. Look for four, maybe five victories at home, and two on the road. Third place is a definite possibility.

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