

SPORTS SOUNDS

BY MIKE O'BRIEN

YEAR DRAWING TO CLOSE

The 1966-67 Intercollegiate Athletic Season is rapidly coming to an end. The year was mixed with success and disappointment for Saint Dunstan's University. However, most seasons bring both victory and defeat.

In this respect 1966-67 resembles most other years. Yet, the end of this season is also different. For it marks the departure from Saint Dunstan's of five of the school's top athletes.

The Varsity football team will lose its first string quarterback when John Driscoll departs. Driscoll has been with the team since his freshman year and has been team captain for the past three years.

Although football is in the background at this time of the year, it will soon be time to look towards next season. The coaching staff must find a replacement for Driscoll next year. They have a big job in front of them. They must not only find a good football player, but they must also find a team leader.

On the basketball front, Allan "Postie" Connolly will play his last game for the Red & White tonight. Connolly has played four seasons with Saint Dunstan's and has often managed to score crucial points. Connolly leaves behind him a fine record as an athlete.

Coach Ed Hilton is fortunate in that most of his team will be returning. With Danny Theriault, Owen Jay, Ronnie Diamond, Eddie Lawlor and Mike Sullivan eligible for next season, prospects look good for the coming year.

The Varsity hockey Saints are not as lucky. This year they proved themselves as the best college team in the Maritimes. Next year they will be without three big guns. Mike Kelly, Vince Mulligan and Glen Hughes will not be back.

Mike Kelly has a list of accomplishments too long to mention. After tomorrow he will add the title of 1966-67 M.I.H.L. scoring champion to his record. The best center in the league will play his last game for Saint Dunstan's tomorrow. It will be well worth watching.

Vince Mulligan leaves behind him the image of Saint Dunstan's hockey team. When one mentions hockey around S.D.U. the name Mulligan comes to mind. Things won't be the same when Vince is gone. The likes of Mulligan will not pass Saint Dunstan's for a long time.

Glen Hughes is often forgotten when credit is given. Yet, Hughes has proved himself as one of the best defencemen in the league over the latter half of this season. He has turned out to be the policeman on the club. His checking has had an effect on his opponents. The Xaverians could vouch for this.

Yet all is not lost for Jack Kane's club. Rick O'Donnell, Paul MacWilliams, Allen Flood and Maurice Roy should be with the team next year. That will be a fair start for any club.

This weekend will be the last time when the fans will have the opportunity of watching these departing athletes. The fans owe it both to themselves and to these athletes to turn out in great numbers even though both games have little effect on the standings. It will be one of the most remarkable weekends Saint Dunstan's has ever had.

AND SO IT GOES . . .

The M.I.H.L. has come up with another dandy. Not one member of Saint Dunstan's made the All-Star team. Mike Kelly, the leading point getter in the league, did not make it. Nor did Paul MacWilliams, the leading goal scorer in the league; nor Vince Mulligan; nor Rick O'Donnell; nor Allen Flood. One would have to look hard to find stranger happenings . . . It will be of interest to see who will win the Father McGuigan Memorial Trophy this season. This observer thinks there should be a repeat performance with Mike Kelly again taking the honours . . . The Xaverian Weekly had to eat their words after they boasted of certain victory over the Saints in Quebec. The Saints trounced X 8-2 and spoiled the Xaverians chances of a gold medal. And then there are some who are presumptuous . . . Allen Flood has come on strong in the last few games and is threatening Paul MacWilliams for the leading goal scorer on the team.

WINTER GAMES REPORT

QUEBEC CITY — The high-scoring Alberta Golden Bears were forced to stout defensive play here to salvage both their reputations and hockey's gold medal at the first Canadian Winter Games.

Canada's second-ranked college team earned the games' top hockey award by defeating British Columbia Thunderbirds 4 to 1, but only after St. Dunstan's Saints allowed them to enter the finals.

The Saints avenged Alberta's 8-4 upset loss early in the week to St. Francis Xavier by trouncing the X-Men 8-2 Saturday.

Xavier, who are nationally fifth-ranked, had tied two mid-week games and fell from first to third behind Alberta and Manitoba in Section A after their defeat by St. Dunstan's.

British Columbia also entered the final game through the back door, which was opened for them by tiny St. Thomas University, representing New Brunswick.

Ontario's McMaster University were all set to enter battle for gold and silver medals, when the previously-winless Tommies scored the week's biggest upset by stopping seventh-ranked Saskatchewan Huskies 8-5 Saturday.

A Saskatchewan victory would have created a three-way tie for first in Section B among the Huskies, McMaster and UBC, with McMaster entering the final game by virtue of scoring the highest number of goals. The Huskies' loss gave UBC the top spot because of its victory over McMaster.

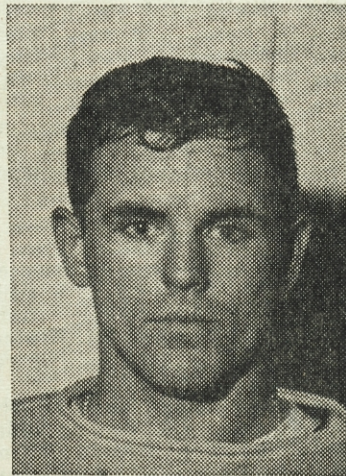
An open net and a deflected pass in the last minute allowed Alberta to score its impressive point total in the hard-fought final.

A first period goal by Brian Harper and one by Ron Cebryk early in the second period were all the Bears could muster before British Columbia began to dominate play halfway through the game.

The hardchecking, fast-skating Thunderbirds kept Alberta in its own zone throughout the

S. D. U. Saints and Mt. A. Mounties Close Season Sat.

The Saint Dunstan's University Saints and the Mount Allison Mounties meet at S.D.U. rink tomorrow night in the final game of the 1966-67 M.I.H.L. season. The outcome of the game will have little bearing on the league standings as the Saints have clinched second place and Mount A is assured of third spot.



RICK O'DONNELL

The Saints have been playing their best hockey lately and last weekend won convincingly over both Mount A and the University of Moncton. Allen Flood paced the Saints in their two weekend victories by scoring five goals. Flood increased his goals output to 13, just two behind the team's leading goal scorer, Paul MacWilliams.

The Saint saved most of their scoring punch for the last period in both games. On Friday night in Sackville they exploded for four third period goals to down Mount A. 7-5.

Rick O'Donnell returned to

the ranks of goal scorer as he netted two goals. Other S.D.U. goals were scored by Flood with two, Glen Hughes, Mike Kelly and Bill LeClair with one each.

On Sunday afternoon in Moncton the Saints scored three unanswered third period goals to down the University of Moncton Blue Eagles 5-2.

Allen Flood led the way with three goals while Rick O'Donnell and Bill LeClair each had one. Mike Kelly picked up two assists in the game to raise his season's point total to 30. Kelly is all but certain of winning the M.I.H.L. scoring race tomorrow.

The Saints have become much more aggressive since their victory over the Xaverians three weeks ago. Glen Hughes has begun to throw his weight around and has the opponents looking twice.

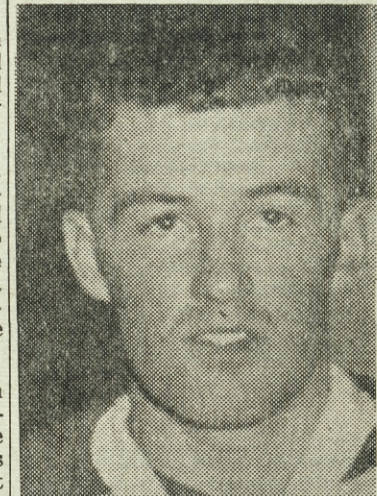
WINTER GAMES

Saint Dunstan's met with bad luck in their first few games as representatives of Prince Edward Island in the Quebec Winter Games. In the opening game, injuries to Wayne McDougall, Joe Cheverie, Mike Kelly, and Rick O'Donnell left the Saints on the short end of a 6-4 decision with Quebec's Laval University.

The Saints also lost to tournament champions University of Alberta Golden Bears and to the University of Manitoba Bisons. Saint Dunstan's first victory came with an 8-0 win over the Yukon.

However, the Red and White team saved their best effort for

the end. Meeting their arch rivals the Saint Francis Xavier X-Men in their final contest the Saints spoiled the Xaverians chance for a gold medal.



MIKE KELLY

A victory for Saint F.X. would have sent them into the tournament finals. But the outcome was a convincing 8-2 victory for Saint Dunstan's and left the Xaverians to make their way back to Antigonish empty handed and with a bruised pride.

Tomorrow night's game will see a new M.I.H.L. scoring champion created in the person of Mike Kelly. Kelly presently has 11 goals and 19 assists for 30 points, and barring a scoring spree by teammates Rick O'Donnell or Paul MacWilliams, Kelly will take top honors.

Tomorrow will also be Saint Dunstan's last look at Kelly, Glen Hughes and Vince Mulligan. Game time is set for 7 p.m. at the S.D.U. hockey rink.

STATISTICS

S.D.U. SCORING

	G	A	Pts	PM
Kelly	11	19	30	10
O'Donnell	7	18	25	26
MacWilliams	15	9	24	14
Flood	13	8	21	8
MacKinnon	2	9	11	6
Cheverie	5	4	9	4
Hughes	3	6	9	36
Mulligan	2	7	9	18
LeClair	3	4	7	2
MacDonald	3	3	6	0
MacIntyre	1	3	4	13
Jelley	1	2	3	4
McDougall	1	2	3	22

STANDINGS

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
St. F.X.	12	1	0	89	42	23
SDU	11	1	1	67	42	23
Mount A.	8	4	1	59	50	17
Acadia	6	7	0	49	53	12
UNB	5	7	1	50	59	11
Dalhousie	3	9	2	59	78	8
STU	4	10	0	36	66	6
Moncton	1	11	1	32	60	3

Winter Games Basketball

QUEBEC CITY (CUP)

Dalhousie Tigers came within a whisker of winning basketball's gold medal at the Canadian Winter Games here but were forced to settle for a third place bronze.

Dalhousie blew a 13-point halftime lead in their final game against Manitoba, to lose 53-49 and drop from first to third in the overall basketball standings.

Manitoba's victory allowed them to tie Ontario for first place in total points, but were awarded second place silver medals because of a midweek loss to the Sarnia team.

Dalhousie, the only team to defeat Ontario, proved to be the only college entry to provide competition for the gold and silver winners.

SAINTS WIN-LOSE ON WEEKEND; RECORD 1st ROAD VICTORY OF YEAR

By MIKE McCORMICK

X went down again (97-94), as the basketball Saints won their first road trip of the season, last Sunday night. On Saturday night the Saints were bombed by the Acadia Axemen, as 6'5" centre Don Smith set a league record grabbing a phenomenal 43 rebounds. The score, 117-76, was indicative of the edge Acadia held throughout the contest. Dan Theriault was the lone bright spot for the Saints as he netted 28 pts. The 41 point spread was the biggest of the season against the Saints, who played one of

their worst games of the campaign.

It was a different story in Antigonish the next night, as the Saints and the Xaverians battled right to the wire. The first half was particularly close. Neither team could go ahead by more than three points at any one time. The X-Men managed to take a one point lead into intermission on John Gorham's last second basket.

In the second half St. F.X. seemed to come to life. They went into an eight point lead almost immediately. The Saints were not able to overcome the Xaverians until the last three minutes. Just when all seemed to be lost, the Saints settled down and began to play basketball again, but it looked like they had made the move too late.

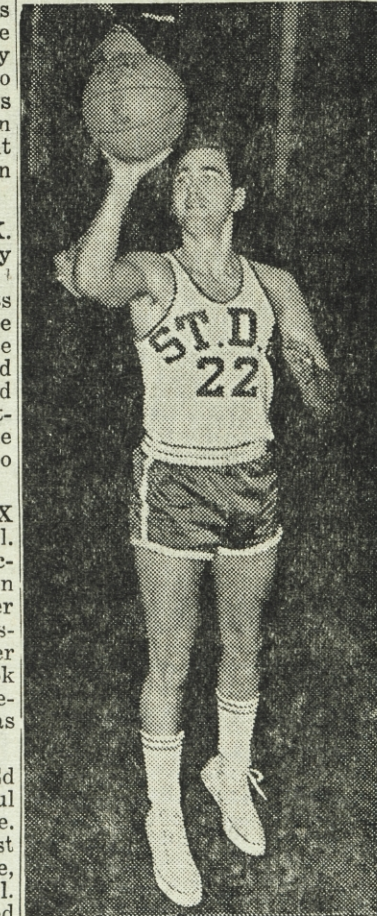
There were 32 seconds left, X was up by one and had the ball. All they had to do for the victory was freeze the ball. Then came the break. An Xavier guard, trying to avoid the pressing Saints, retreated back over the centre line. The Saints took possession with 30 seconds remaining. After that it was easy.

Dan Theriault passed to Ed Lawlor who popped a beautiful 12 footer to put SDU up by one. X came back up court, but just as they were about to score, Ronnie Diamond stole the ball. A frustrated Xaverian fouled him in a desperate attempt to regain control. Ronnie sank the two free throws to wrap it up for the Saints.

Owen Jay led the scoring parade with 33, but this time the whole game was a determined team effort. Three other players hit double figures. (This was the first time more than two individuals had scored more than 10 points away from home). Mike Sullivan kept up his recent streak as he and Ed-

die Lawlor combined to handle most of the rebounds for the Saints.

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RONNIE DIAMOND

Dan Theriault was the playmaker throughout the evening. He repeatedly set up Jay, who seemed to be camped under the X basket, despite the best efforts of 6'4" Jerome MacDonald. Sullivan and Diamond sparred on defense, hurrying the bigger men, and never giving them a chance to get settled.

The Saints close out the season this Friday (today) in

Alumni gymnasium when they host the UNB Red Raiders who are currently tied with the SMU Huskies for top spot in the league standings.

To quote SMU's coach, Les Goodwin, "I don't envy them (UNB) that trip to the Island. If you don't score over a hundred points on that floor, those little guys'll beat you for sure." Last season, the Raiders, playing with much the same squad, managed to squeak out of here with a one point victory. This year it will be a different story.

SAINTS

	FG	FT	Pts.
O. Jay	14	5	33
D. Theriault	8	1	17
M. Sullivan	8	1	17
E. Lawlor	7	3	17
R. Diamond	3	3	9
P. Connolly	1	2	4

X-MEN

	FG	FT	Pts.
J. Gorham	15	2	32
T. McGrattan	8	2	18
J. Gabriel	6	5	17
J. MacDonald	4	2	10
J. Power	4	0	8
Y. Morvarity	1	3	5
S. Webb	1	1	3
F. Fisher	0	1	1

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