



SCORE BOARD

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SAINTS START PLAYOFFS

The S.D.U. Saints, regular season winners in the MIHL, with a 15-2-1 slate, march into Halifax tonight with hopes of capturing the league championship. The Saints tangle with the St. Thomas Tommies at 6:30 and, if victorious, will fight for the crown Saturday afternoon at 4:00 against the winner of the contest between S.M.U. and Acadia.

Jack Kane has his forces primed and ready for the big weekend. They've been going hard all week in practice, and they all realize that they'll need a top effort to take it all.

The Saints closed out the regular season last weekend with lacklustre victories over Moncton and Mount Allison.

They topped the Blue Eagles Friday night 9-3, after trailing 2-0 in the early going. The Eagles led by that count after the first period on goals by Pierre Boily and Jacques Couturier.



The Saints put the game out of reach in the second semester as they beat goalie Paul Raymond six times. Barry Turner fired home a hat trick in a space of five minutes to lead the onslaught, while Allan Flood, Ralph McCully, and Brian MacIntyre potted singles.

Rick O'Donnell opened the scoring in the final as he connected on a blaster at the 49 second mark. Defenseman Bill Carson and Wayne MacDougall finished out the scoring, while Claude Louis Savoie netted one for the Blue Eagles.

The Saints turned in a poor performance the following day against the hapless Mt. A. Mounties in Sackville, as they won 7-4. It wasn't a very interesting contest, but the unruly hometown fans more than made up for it. A riot nearly broke out behind the S.D.U. bench in the third period, with MacDougall, Carson and O'Donnell receiving ten minute penalties.

The Saints led 4-3 after the first period on goals by Adams, LeClair, Turner, and Carson. Mt. A. goals were registered by Guido Marcolin and Lennie Sear with two.

Adams and O'Donnell each connected in the middle frame to put the game out of reach.

O'Donnell and Bodo Bartlett exchanged goals in the final to make the score 7-4. It was just after Bartlett's goal at 17:55 that the disturbance broke out behind the visitor's bench.

The Saints head into Halifax tonight, confident of victory, but they are all aware that a top performance will be necessary. Coach Kane feels that to get this far you've gotta be good, so any of the four teams could take it all.



PLAYING LAST SEASON



BLAINE JELLY, CARL MCQUAID, RICK O'DONNELL

FOLEY NUMBER 1

Congratulations to Jim Foley who is the top draft choice of the Grey Cup champs. It's quite an honor for the Ottawa Junior, and we hope to see him back next year to lead the Saints (or whatever they'll wind up calling them) to the B.F.C. championship.

We'd like to stop the clock for a minute and say so long to five seniors that are finishing their playing days at S.D.U. Rick O'Donnell, Carl McQuaid and Blaine Jelley have already played their last home games, while basketballers Mike Sullivan and Owen Jay will play theirs this weekend.

One of the top forwards in the league for the past four years, captain O'Donnell has been the club's leader this year. He will likely be named the all-star left winger for the second year in a row.

Goaltender Carl McQuaid has been the backbone of the club for the past four years. He is the best netminder that coach Kane has had at S.D.U. Carl combined with junior Mike Brown this year to lead the league with the best goals against average.

One of the hardest workers on the squad, Blaine Jelley has been the man that coach Kane has called upon in tough spots for the past four years. The fans will certainly miss watching Jelly Bean scurrying into the corners and taking the puck from opponents twice his size.

Coach Hilton has built his roundball squad around Mike Sullivan and Owen Jay for the last four years. It is frightening to look at the prospects for next year, with neither Sully or O.J. around. Two of the top guards in the conference, both will be sorely missed...

The fans at Mt. A. have once again firmly established themselves as the world's worst. There were about 1,200 spectators in the rink for the game, and most of them seemed to be pie-eyed. As the S.D.U. players skated by, Mt. A.'s famous bushers spat, punched and swung at the Saints with anything they could lay their grubby little hands on.

According to the Mt. A. players, their fans couldn't care less who wins. The just use the contest as an excuse to drink and fight.

The affair nearly developed into a bloodbath as a skirmish erupted behind the S.D.U. bench. After taunting the bench for most of the game, the fans started bombarding the Saints with debris, including a bucket of water. There is no partition between the visitors bench and the stands, so several of the Saints went up in the stands after their tormentors. A dozen campus cops helped to squelch the riot and after a long break, the game was finished...

Believe it or not, the Saints see the best refereeing in the league when they perform at home. Some of the refs throughout the league make our Mr. Lewis look pretty good. At Moncton the Saints received nine penalties while the Blue Eagles picked up only two. At Mount Allison the score was 13-5. The refs were equally poor at Acadia, Antigonish and Fredericton... What's the matter around here this year? The smallest crowd in four years witnessed our championship hockey team tie U.N.B. 4-4. This hockey team is the best in four years and nobody's got the time to get enthused. There is also a shortage of enthusiasm in intramural sports this year. I don't think the blame can be attributed to the A.A.A. or to Mr. Mulligan, but to student apathy. Part of the fault lies with the Freshman class. In past years, the frosh would march as a group and cheer at athletic contests, but this year's class seems to be top cool for that. They'd just as soon watch a football game from their window in Dalton... Fan support is one of the few things that we can offer an athlete at S.D.U. If an athlete comes here, he has to play for bird droppings compared to the large sums of money he could receive at Mt. A., Acadia, or S.M.U. Our old pal Gus over at Mt. A. has been trying to buy varsity teams for years. Sorry Gussie it won't work. A guy has gotta wanna play first. It's a lot more fun to play with a winner. Let's really show our support this weekend in Halifax.

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