

HERE AND THERE IN SPORTS

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THE FIRST TIME

This is the first season in the past seventeen years that a St. Dunstan's hockey team has been in serious contention for a Maritime Championship. In his first year at the helm, Coach Jack Kane assembled an aggregation of hockey players which were of relatively mediocre quality and astounded the league experts by ending up in third place. That was last year. Although he lost all but a handful of last year's team he proceeded to build a squad around five returnees. Oddly enough, seventeen years ago, another St. Dunstan's coach by the name of Jack Kane, the present coach's late father, was faced with much the same situation. The team that the Saints had that year went on to win St. Dunstan's first Maritime Championship, but only after a game against St. Francis Xavier which was described, at the time by local papers, as one of the best ever played in the Sports Arena. What happened was this:

The Saints went into the game as underdogs; only the SDU students had a flame of hope for a win. The uphill victory is one of the grandest stories in local sports history. Led by the four goal production of mercury-footed Joe Mahar, the Saints came from behind in the first to tie the score at 3-3; they took a 6-3 lead in the second, and went on to beat the mighty X-men 8-6. The third period was classic for excitement and jubilation. At the three minute mark, Bert Methot of SDU was chased for tripping. During his stint in the penalty box, the Xaverians pumped two goals behind MacKinnon in the Saints goal. However, as soon as Methot returned to the ice, Cart MacDonald was awarded a penalty shot, and responded to the kind gesture by putting the Saints ahead 7-5.

St. F. X. hemmed in the Saints for the next eight minutes but scored only one goal. The visitors shooting and passing was erratic, however, they failed to score a goal. With the seconds ticking away in the end, Reg Rodgers relieved Elmer Blanchard and put the game on ice with the Saints eighth goal.

On February 14, some fifteen hundred fans saw a repeat performance of a SDU-St. F. X. clash. It was only fitting that after seventeen years, another Jack Kane was at the helm when the Saints "went marching in".

BALON IS THE BIGGEST CATCH

At the beginning of the 1963-64 season in the NHL, there were many interesting questions posed by the so called experts: Were the Maple Leafs too old to capture their third Stanley Cup in a row? Would Chicago's new coach, Billy Reay, improve the Hawks enough to beat Toronto? Could the Bruins finally make it out of the Cellar? There were more inquiries, of course, but the most interesting one was this: In the long run, who got the best of the Montreal-New York deal involving Gump Worsely and Jacques Plante?

Thus far the obvious answer is Montreal. However, Plante and Worsely are not the key figures in the five-player swap. The key man, of course, is a diminutive little hockey player called Dave Balon, the success story of the 1963-64 season. True, Goyette is scoring regularly and Plante is holding his own for New York, but make no mistake about it, one of the big factors in the Habs drive to first place was Dave Balon. At the half way mark in the season, Balon had fifteen goals, three more than such an established star as Frank Mahovlich and six more than Ab MacDonald. Balon was so good in fact that he just missed out on an all-star position. He has lots of time though. He's that good.

There is an interesting story surrounding Jacques Plante and Gump Worsely when the New York Rangers came to Montreal for the first game between the two rivals. As it turned out, Les Canadiens bombed Plante for some fifty-five shots and scored five goals. However, the biased Montreal fans gave Plante a tumultuous ovation before and after the game. As Plante was leaving the ice after the firing squad was over, Worsely skated over to Plante. "Now you know what it's like playing against a team like this (the Canadiens). You're in for a rough season, buddy boy. I hope you can last through all of it." "Let's compare notes at the end of the season," replied Plante sourly. It seems that Plante won't forget that conversation in a hurry.

Varsity Cagers Face Toughest Weekend

The St. Dunstan's basketball team faces its toughest assignment of the season this weekend, facing the powerful X-men of Antigonish, and the St. Mary's Huskies of Halifax. SDU has already suffered losses to these teams on home grounds, the first to the Huskies 77-54 during the Winter Carnival, and then to St. F. X. 55-33 two weeks ago. However in the Saint's next two games at home, they beat Dalhousie and U. N. B. Red Devils in back to back games. The biggest ray of hope stemming from these victories is the tremendous improvement of Shawinigan native, Jacques "Jake" Dessureault. Playing only a fraction of the Dalhousie game, Jake scored eight points and almost completely controlled the backboards snagging twenty rebounds. The following afternoon, he put on a repeat performance assisted by Frank Garrity. Garrity played a tremendous game both offensively and defensively. Bob Francouer, who had his right index finger bandaged up for almost two weeks, nip and tuck game reached a zenith in the five minute overtime after the teams tied the count at 73-73 in regulation play. Garrity and Dessureault were the stars, of course, with their outstanding two way contribution.

The win gave St. Dunstan's a record on the season of three wins and six losses, for a total of six points out of a possible eighteen. As of February 20, the Red and Whiteners were in second last place ahead of Dalhousie. The standings look like this:

St. Francis Xavier	10	8	2	16
Acadia	8	7	1	14
St. Mary's	9	6	3	12
U. N. B.	10	4	6	8
Mt. Allison	9	3	6	6
Saints	9	3	6	6
Dalhousie	9	1	8	2

Basketball Schedule: February 28, SDP at SMU, 8:00pm; February 29, SDU at SFX, 8:00p.m.; March 6, Mt. A at SDU, 4:30 p.m.

Varsity Hockey Team Story

Jack Kane's Varsity Saints host University of New Brunswick Red Devils and St. Thomas Tommies this weekend, in a pair of games that will determine the final standings in the league. Ever since the saints lost their first two games to these same two teams back in early December, coach Kane has led his Red and White team to an unprecedented seven straight victories. To date, the team has won all of its four point games with the Nova Scotia entries, plus double wins against Mount Allison. The biggest victory, of course, came at the hands of the St. Francis Xavier X-Men. That loss for the Xaverians put them out of first place contention. Double victories against U. N. B. and St. Thomas will give SDU sole possession of first place, but the second place team can still challenge. Judging from the way the Saints came on in the X game, Jack Kane will become the second man in St. Dunstan's sports history to bring a Maritime Championship to this fair province.

ICE CHIPS: Billy MacMillan is the leading scorer in the league with nineteen goals and ten assists. The other two players on his line, Denis Decarufel and Gordie Whit-



JACK KANE

lock, have 9 goals, 10 assists, and 2 goals and 12 assists respectively. Glen Hughes played his best game of the season against St. F. X. He contributed a very strong defensive game, as did Vince Muligan, who perhaps saved the game in the final seconds stopping two X-Men from getting a shot on the net after they broke in alone. Gerard Smith's average is 3.37. He has been twenty-seven goals go past him in eight games, which means that he is pretty much of a miser where goals

are concerned. The insertion of Mike Kelly on the third line after Christmas has sparked it to great feats. It probably is one of the best "checking" lines in the league. With Jack Hynes speed, Roger Calille's checking, and Kelly's play-making, this line soon earned an enviable reputation around the league. Coach Kane has last year's scoring leader at left wing now with George MacMillan at centre and Maurice Roy at right. The move produced beautiful dividends for the Saints. Tingley scored the all-important first goal against St. F. X., George set up Roy for the second. St. Dunstan's will lose Colin McMillan, Jim Peddle and Dick Tingley next year through graduation. About the only mainland newsmedium that gave SDU a chance of beating St. F. X. was the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic News. It was predicted in this weekly, where there are predictions on the most important games of the next week. However, the forecaster, Keith Woods, called U.N.B. over St. Thomas, but the Tommies came through for a 3-2 win.

As of February 12, SDU was the seventh best team in the nation according to the Ryerson ratings.

SPORT NEWS

JAYVEE PUCKSTERS

Finish First

The St. Dunstan's entry in the Charlottetown Junior League finished in first place this year, courtesy of a 7-4 victory over the North River squad. The Jayvees, coached by Varsity star Billy MacMillan and Father Charles Cheverie, lost only one game in the regular schedule—a 5-2 drubbing to the classy Legionaires. However, in their next encounter, the Saints edged the Legion team. George Monaghan, Bob Gallant, and Dick Flynn are on the first line, and Andre Gelin, Jacques Dugre, and Marcel Belanger comprise the second. Arthur LeClair and Jim Molyneux make one defense line, and Derrel Pollick and Yvon St. Arnaud comprise the other. Utility men are Carl Cheverie, Wes MacAleer, and Dave O'Brien. In goal, the Saints have big George Power. George, a tower of strength all season, was the biggest single factor in St. Dunstan's drive to first place.

The remarkable thing about the St. Dunstan's team is that there almost wasn't going to be a team. When the hierarchy contemplated forming a league, it seemed very dubious whether S. D. U. would sponsor a team. There were two factors that caused this: The first was economics, the second was the fact that all ice time in the rink was either used up by the school or by rent, hence the team wouldn't have any time to practice. However, by a compromise, it was decided to let the team practice late in the evenings, and have the players use their own equipment. The school would provide socks, sweaters, transportation, and a coach. In other words, what it boiled down to is this: If the players wanted to play hockey

badly enough, they would be given a chance to form a team. The players accepted the offer with a debt of gratitude. The school paid its share. By finishing in first place, the players have now pyed their share.

A SUGGESTION

It has been quite evident in the last two Varsity games that there is a serious deficiency in good basketball referees on the Island. When St. Dunstan's has to rely on the same two referees for all of its home games, it is high time that something constructive be done. Take, for example, the Dalhousie-Saints game on the fourteenth of February. This was a prime example of the poor refereeing on the Island. One of the referees even stooped to the ridiculous when he asked SDU coach Ed Hilton to have the fans stop booing him. The fans are free to express their opinion of a call at any sports spectacle as long as the language doesn't get foul. That's the price a referee must pay as an occupational hazard. What can be done to improve the standards? As a starter, why not give instructional schools on rules, and make them mandatory to anyone refereeing Varsity games. This would eliminate the kind of display as in the Dal game. The next move would be to raise the referee's pay to a level where it would be worth the trouble to take the—course. Some may say that there aren't enough home games to make much money. Well, there six home games this year. If a referee got 15 or 20 dollars per game, and he worked four or five games, he would earn as much as fifty or sixty dollars. For eight hours work, that's pretty good pay, chum!

TOP SCORERS

	G	A	Pts
Reg McClintick (Srs.)	21	13	34
Dick Manz (Srs.)	16	13	29
Basil Haire (Srs.)	13	11	24
Hubie Morrison (Srs.)	11	6	17
Don McCormick (Srs.)	8	9	17
Urbain Gaudin (Srs.)	6	9	15
Geo. Monaghan (Sophs.)	7	5	12
Dick Flynn (Sophs.)	8	2	10
Terry Burman (Jrs.)	6	4	10
Dave Morton (Sophs.)	5	5	10

INTRAMURAL STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Seniors	8	7	1	0	14
Sophomores	7	6	1	0	12
Freshman (A)	7	2	5	0	4
Freshman (B)	7	2	5	0	4
Juniors	5	0	5	0	0

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I JUST RETURNED FROM HONOLULU

"The greatest one man performance I ever saw," said one spectator. "He's too good for this league," added another. All the talk, of course concerned Rev. W. P. MacIntyre's brilliant display in the Student-Faculty game played during the Winter Carnival. Although he scored sixteen points and was a key figure in much of the faculty's scoring punch, his biggest contribution to the cause was his brilliant effort in the last minute when the score was tied at 28-28. Stealing the ball at centre court, he stickhandled his way down the side and then dunked the ball for two points to the disappointment of the Senior squad. Chosen as first, second, and third star, Father MacIntyre gave a few words of thanks and inspiration after the game. He expressed his pleasure at being able to attend the game so soon after his successful tour of Honolulu, and was elated that the team came through with a win for the second year in a row. Break that team up before next year's game", sobbed Senior's Coach Dick Tingley after the game.

