

## SPORTS SOUNDS

BY MIKE O'BRIEN

### THE GRIDIRON IS DESERTED

The 1966 Intercollegiate Football season is now a memory. To some at SDU this is a fond memory; to others a dismal and obscure one. Yet this need not be the case. This year's football Saints offered much to leave fond memories in the minds of those following the team.

Perhaps a look at the league standings seems to contradict this. But remember: "Looks are deceiving." True, Saint Dunstan's won only two games while losing four. But it is the four losses that should leave the fond memories as well as the two victories.

Victory speaks for itself. It brings satisfaction to the players and coaches; joy to the fans; and increased sales to the local vendors. But what of defeat?

It is difficult to remain cheerful in the face of defeat. It is hard to realize that a team can play well while being drubbed 47-0 or 33-14. Yet such was the case with this year's Saints. Success is not determined by what you have, but rather by how you use what you have. And except for one game against the Acadia Axemen, the Saints made good use of what power they had.

A quick glance back shows that neither Dalhousie nor Mount Allison came close against Saint Dunstan's. These two games were moments of happiness for Saint Dunstan's University. Everyone loved the team when these games ended.

The UNB game was a mistake. Everyone at the game, even the officials, must realize that by now. The Saints were robbed. But that's history now and all we can hope for is that another such fiasco does not occur.

The Acadia game is better forgotten. It was the only bad game the Saints played all year. Although the Xaverians from Antigonish whitewashed SDU on the scoreboard, the Saints must be given credit for staging a losing battle right to the final gun against the Bluenose Conference Champions.

The moment of greatest satisfaction for the Red and White squad occurred at Saint Mary's Field on October 7. Much has previously been written about this game. Suffice it to say that on that night no one could be prouder than to be a Saint.

So that's it for football this year. Congratulations are in order to the players and coaches. It will soon be time to plan for next season.

### TRAINING COUNTS

The basketball and hockey clubs are now hard at practice. The basketball team got off to an early training season and that's what is needed in order to have a team in shape for the opening game. Lenny Sirois started things rolling while Ed Hilton was still occupied with the football Saints. Coach Hilton took over after the football season, but did not have to start from scratch. This may mean a lot especially during the early part of the season when some players have trouble adjusting to their teammates style of play.

The Varsity Hockey Saints are not as lucky. Practice was started only during the first week of November. This certainly is not coach Jack Kane's fault. The coach wanted the rink opened a little after mid-October, but was not granted his request. Then a breakdown in the plant caused a further delay. Finally training started. Then when the coach had planned to make up for lost time by having two practices a day over the long November 11th weekend, warm weather and incompetence on the part of the rink management wiped out this plan.

The hockey season opens November 26 when the Saints host Dalhousie. Although Dalhousie is not a powerhouse in the league, they will be no pushovers if the Saints are not in top condition.

This matter of opening the rink later than most other universities has become a habit at Saint Dunstan's. This habit has hampered the hockey clubs in the past. Three seasons ago the Saints lost their first two games which cost them the league championship. Did a short training camp contribute to this? Last year the Saints lost an early season game to Mount Allison. What caused that?

Let's hope that the Saints meet a better fate in their two pre-Christmas games (both at home) this year. I'll bet fan support could help the team a great deal.

### AND SO IT GOES . . .

Apologies are in order to three Saints who have played their last college football game. John Rodgers, Warren Harvey and Ken Hubley were omitted when I mentioned those playing their last game in the last edition of this paper. Sorry about that chief, and best of luck . . . Not only does Mount A have the worst football team in the league, but they also have the most inhospitable campus police force of any university in the league . . . Saint F.X. disposed of Saint Mary's in relatively easy fashion last Saturday to become Bluenose Conference Champions. The score was 27-15 for the Xaverians, but from listening to the game one would judge that Saint Mary's was badly outplayed. X now travels to Toronto where they will meet the Lutheran University of Waterloo in the College Bowl at Varsity Stadium this Saturday. Let's hope the X-Men can pull this one out also . . . The Saints took their own entertainment along on the trip to Sackville. Herbie (the maintenance engineer) travelled with the team and did a little song and dance routine to help liven up things.

## THE LOCAL SCENE

The fall season of the Inter-mural athletic program has been completed and champions have been determined from the post-season playoffs. The Seniors, paced by centre-forward Harry Soontiens and the strong defensive play of Fred Legere, swept the final series from the Juniors with two straight victories, 6-0 and 7-0. In fact, no team was ever really in contention with the Senior Class.

On the softball front, age and experience gave way to spirit and hustle as the power-hitting Freshettes proved too much for the girls from Mar-

ian. Led by Donna Gardner, Bernie Gaudin and Elizabeth Ellsworth, the freshettes stole the show from the on-campus co-eds.

The closest struggle occurred in the men's softball league. The Freshmen took the series two games to one from the Seniors, after the Seniors had rebounded from a 1-0 loss in the opening game to pound out a 13-0 win in the second contest. Glen Hughes, John O'Malley and Walter Bradley led the Seniors hitting in the second game while Julian Gaudin was

## STATISTICS

### SCORING

Cyril MacDonald picked up two touchdowns in the Saints last game to become scoring leader on this year's team. The following is a run-down of the SDU point getters.

	TD	S	C1	C2	Pts
C-Y MacDonald	5	0	0	0	30
Jim Foley	4	2	0	0	26
John Kinsella	3	0	2	1	22
Owen Jay	2	0	0	0	12
Lary DiMarco	1	0	0	0	6
Ken Hubley	0	0	0	2	4
Bob Driscoll	0	0	1	0	1

### STANDINGS

The Saint Francis Xavier X-Men compiled a 6-0 won-lost record and became the 1966 Bluenose Conference Champions. The league standings went as follows.

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Saint F.X.	6	6	0	0	12
Saint Mary's	6	5	1	0	10
Acadia	6	3	2	1	7
UNB	6	3	3	0	6
St. Dunstan's	6	2	4	0	4
Dalhousie	6	1	4	1	3
Mount Allison	6	0	6	0	0

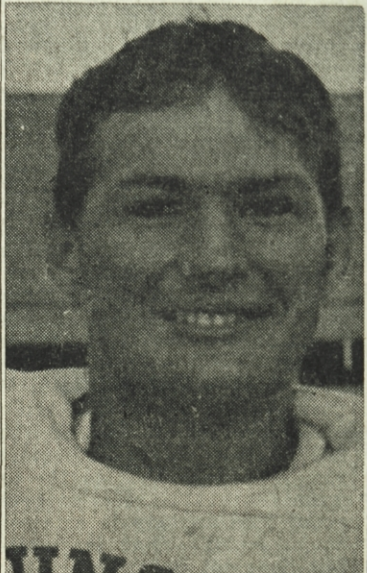
### SUMMARY

The 1966 football season went like this for the Saints:

UNB 9, SDU 7.  
Dal. 23, SDU 49.  
SMU 33, SDU 14.  
Acadia 43, SDU 6.  
St. F.X. 47, SDU 0.  
Mount A 14, SDU 25.

## Saints Humble Football Mounties

If the old saying that "All's well that ends well, is true, then things look good for Saint Dunstan's Football Saints. In their last regular season game the Red and White team strolled to a 25-14 victory over an inept and lacklustre team from Mount Allison.



JIM FOLEY

Employing the powerful running of Jim Foley, C-Y MacDonald and John Kinsella to good use, the Saints were never in real trouble—even though it took a strong defensive corps to hold the Mounties out when

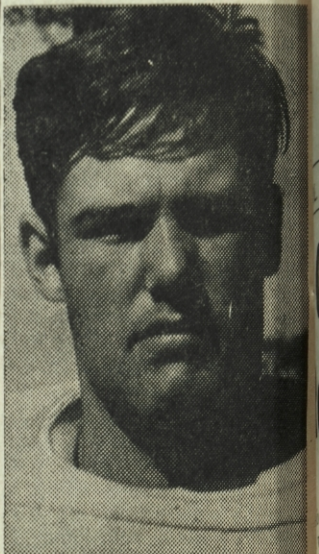
they had first down on the Saints four yard line near the end of the first quarter.

C-Y MacDonald opened the scoring at about the ten minute mark of the first quarter, with a five yard plunge for the major. Bob Driscoll converted, and that ended the scoring for the first quarter. Halfback Rob Allen of Mount Allison scored the Mounties only earned touchdown of the game on a pass from quarterback, Eric Springings, midway through the second quarter. The convert was blocked, and the half ended with the Saints on top 7-6.

The Red and White offence showed good scoring punch in the third quarter as both John Kinsella and Cyril MacDonald crossed the goal line. Kinsella ran the opening kickoff back to the Mount A 20 and then after the ball exchanged hands twice, John swept around the right end from the 25 yard line for the major. On the Saints' next sequence of plays, MacDonald crashed over for his second score of the day, and his fifth of the season.

The final quarter was just a matter of running out the clock. The only excitement (on the field) in the final 15 minutes came with less than three minutes remaining. Ted Reynolds scouped up a Saint Dunstan's fumble, and scurried 30 yards to give the Mounties agree?

their second touchdown of the day. On the two point convert attempt, the Saints were called for pass interference and the sympathetic referees donated two points to Mount Allison's losing venture.



STEVE CLARKSON

This ended the season for Saint Dunstan's, and a look back over the Saints six games leads this observer to believe that the most outstanding player on the Red and White squad this season was Jim Foley. Steve Clarkson gets the nod for best lineman. Agree or disagree?

## SAINTS HOST DAL. NOVEMBER 26

The Saint Dunstan's University Hockey Saints open their 1966-67 season against Dalhousie University one week from this Saturday at SDU rink. Prospects for this team look good even though the Saints will be missing their high scorers from last season, Maurice Roy and Gordie Whitlock, who together contributed 45 goals.

Back from last year's team are defencemen Vince Mulligan and Glen Hughes, forwards Mike Kelly, Rick O'Donnell and Blaine Jelley, and Goalie Carl McQuaid. All six veterans are expected to see regular duty with the Saints this season.

Paul MacWilliams of Summerside, who last year played with the Halifax Junior Canadians, is a welcome addition to the Mount A 20; and, then to the club. Many people are of the opinion that it will be MacWilliams' play that will determine whether or not the Saints make top spot.

Alan Flood, who last year starred for Saint Dunstan's High School, is also with the Varsity team this year. Alan is beyond a doubt the smoothest skater on the squad this year.

Other newcomers to the Red and White team are Bill LeClair, Wayne MacDougall and Bill MacKinnon who all have looked impressive in practices to date.

Dalhousie should not pose too



PHOTO BY GENE MURPHY

Three senior students will be returning for their final season with the Varsity Saints. Coach Kane is shown discussing prospects for this year's team with these veterans: Glen Hughes, Mike Kelly and Vince Mulligan. Saints open their regular season next Saturday.

much of a threat to Saint Dunstan's, but early season games are hard to predict. In recent years the Saints have not been at their best in their pre-

Christmas games. After Dal, team this year. The Saints are also scheduled to play an exhibition game this Saturday against Shearwater a good of Nova Scotia.

## Basketball Team Shaping Up

By MIKE McCORMICK

The Saint Dunstan's University Varsity basketball team has been back in training for

the past three weeks. The first practices saw the largest turnout of hopefuls in the past few years. This year's edition of the Saints will again be the shortest team in the league; however, they will have the advantages of talent and speed. Coach Hilton intends to combine a fast breaking offense, with a pressing defense in an attempt to utilize his speed.

The team will be comprised of 11 players: one senior, two juniors, four sophomores, and four freshmen, making it the youngest team in the league. The players are Allan 'Posty' Connolly, a senior from Ch'town, Jrs. Eddie Lawlor and Ronnie Diamond from Ch'town, Sophomores Owen Jay from Bos., Leon Berrouard, Springfield, Mass., Mike Sullivan from Saint John, and Dennis Hodgdon, from Waldo, Maine, Freshmen John Keaveney from Rumford, Maine, and Tom Forestal from Saint John.

### SCHEDULE



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