



## JOCK TALK

We were left a bit puzzled after the past weekend's games with St. Francis Xavier University, last year's very good representatives of this district in the intercollegiate hockey finals. According to the billings the same two teams were to play on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. In the first contest we saw a smooth skating, fast and smart X group out-play (our judgment of play is the number of times a team puts the puck in the net in relation to its opponent's success in this endeavour) a rather lacklustre group of Panthers to win 5-1. Brian Ostroski was the sole Panther able to beat the X-men's outstanding goalie, Mark Hull. How a student from VIRGINIA acquired the hockey skill that this young man has is a mystery to us. We, after the game, advised some of our players that, in future games, they should skate by the X goal and make derogatory remarks about Robert E. Lee's ancestry in the hope of upsetting the agile net-keeper. It seemed to us, however, in Sunday's contest, that two entirely different sextettes faced off. The Panthers were out to play winning hockey and did a great job of it for all three periods. The X-men seemed confused and unable to

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cope with the dashing rugged game of the locals. After X had jumped into a 2-0 lead, our Dave Cameron and Brian Ostroski took charge and potted no less than three goals in one minute and three seconds. Later on both Brian and David scored again and singles were added by Gary Trainor, Wilfred MacDonald and Trevor Crawford. Trevor's girlfriend (too bad, girls, he's taken) and her parents had travelled to P.E.I. to see the games so we were very pleased to add his name to the list of scorers. We think those who saw this game will agree with us that the unsung hero of the afternoon, and we can't give him too much praise, was our former assistant postmaster, John MacKay. John handled the positions of statistician and penalty timekeeper and Referee Jamie Kennedy passed out no less than 98 minutes in punishments! We've never seen this before....at one point ten players headed for the bench at the same time! As all had to sit out their terms, with four returning after the first two minutes, four after the interval of four minutes and the remaining two at the expiration of six minutes, things were difficult. To further complicate the situation, some of the players on the ice kept up their misdeeds and were, at varying times during the remaining minutes, also banished. Confusion really reigned. Of course the players did nothing to help as each one kept up directing questions to John about how many minutes he had to stay out of play.

Quite fortunately the banished participants were not seated adjacent to one another. All this gave rise to the prize booboo of the season when Jamie gave out two simultaneous double penalties. He just shouts something like "Blue 24 & 18....White 16 & 8...roughing" and we transposed it and announced it to be something like: "St. F.X. 16 & 8...U.P.E.I. 24 & 18." Everything was so confused at this point we were surprised that anyone noticed. Later on Yvon Blais (X 21) and our Brian Ostroski had a slight disagreement, in which Brian, with admirable and surprising restraint, threw no punches while Blais landed a beaut. Both drew 5 minute penalties and thereupon entered violent argument from opposite ends of the official's bench. We may look forward to future meetings between these two teams. League play commences this Saturday, still in the local ice box, where the spectators seem to be participants, with Acadia at 2:00 on Saturday and Saint Mary's on Sunday at the same time. Our schedule this year is a peculiar one with all pre-Xmas action being with the tough Nova Scotia teams while after the New Year we will play only N.B. teams until the playoffs. IF WE ICE THE SAME TEAM WE HAD SUNDAY THERE IS NO DOUBT WE'LL BE IN THE PLAYOFFS. If we have Saturday's team it will be a long season. We might add to our account of the games that we thought goalkeepers Howie Murney and Neil MacKenzie played well and were in no way to blame for any goals scored upon them...and we were also pleased and surprised at the greatly improved play of Brian Cameron.

In Pantherette basketball under their new coach, "Hermie" MacNeil the present UPEI's outclassed the Alumni by a lopsided score. Last year's mainly freshman (please don't insist on "Freshwoman") has now become largely a sophomore team and we thought the difference apparent. The girls play two exhibition games this weekend against the Memorial University girls ("Beothuckies"???)

in St. John's, Nfld. Message to the Pantherettes: "Tell no Newfie jokes and eat at the Starboard Quarter...seafood casserole and Irish coffee recommended." They will win many games this season as they start it off on the 17th and 18th against U.N.B. in Saint John. The basketball Panthers are covered, at length, in this issue by John Neville so we won't dwell too long on their endeavours and prospects but we are pleased to report that they made a short sojourn to the Rabbi's home state of Maine where they were successful in three games, the first a 78-70 win over the U. of Maine at Farmington, with subsequent triumphs over Thomas College 85-71 and 84-71. Next action will be at Acadia for the annual Tip-Off Tournament this Friday and Saturday. We'd like to report on our experience as we, for the first time, sat in the official's box as announcer (all voice.. no brains needed) and had an excellent opportunity to hear the comments passed between the opponents from opposite sides of the penalty box. In the old St. Dunstan's days, when intercollegiate debating was an organized activity that drew great interest we rarely missed a contest and St. F.X. ALWAYS sent over a very able duo to face up to the sometimes Canadian champions, S.D.U. Sad to relate the level of debate, as heard from our weekend vantage point, has sunken to a regrettably low level and we are sure that such former enthusiasts and consultants as Doctors O'Grady and Bolger would be shocked if, indeed, they could follow the remarks which are greatly interspersed with invitations to biological absurdities. May we respectfully suggest to the coaches that courses in public speaking could be very well added to the curricula of their charges. Perhaps we might paraphrase Conny Smythe's "If you can't beat 'em in the alleyway, you can't beat 'em on the ice" to "If you can beat them on the podium you can outclass them on the ice." Wouldn't it be novel.... and interesting!

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