

Hockey Huskies humble Tigers



Dal Photo / Grandy

by Morley Bates

It was merely a case of too much power Saturday evening, as the St. Mary's Huskies humbled the Dalhousie Tigers 7-2 in a somewhat controversial encounter at the SMU rink. The controversy surrounded the officiating of Referee Ron Hollett who put in an atrocious performance, much to the chagrin of the Dal players and supporters.

Probably the most upset person in the building was Tiger coach Pierre Page who showed his frustration by throwing a roll of tape at the official, then proceeded to kick over a garbage can after a penalty call on Tiger forward Ray Off, a controversial call in itself.

Luckily, Page's antics were not detected by Hollett. The problem with Hollett's performance was that he conveniently missed many should-be penalties by SMU and called Tiger players on instances that wouldn't even have been considered borderline cases. Let's hope we see no more of this man this season.

Getting to the hockey game, the Tigers opened fast, capitalizing on a power play opportunity. Dan Cyr was fed a pass by Daniel Mongeon, and the Tiger right winger made no mistake. Unfortunately, for the Tigers, that was the best offensive thrust they could manage in the first period. SMU's Tom McDonnell

evened the count on a power play, while Mike Backman sent the Huskies into the lead midway through the period. Bruce Cochrane upped the score to 3-1 just over three minutes later, while Mac Davis rounded out first period scoring at 17:56. Tiger goalie Ken Bickerton had a busy first period, facing 21 drives.

The second period started exactly as the first, as the Tigers scored early with Shawn MacDonald the marksman. Tiger hopes were raised, but Gerry Applebee lowered them, as he found the range to make the score 5-2 for St. Mary's. Less than a minute later, Bruce Cochrane notched his second tally of the afternoon, taking a pass from Rick Berrard. The Huskies still carried the play, but failed to add to their total, despite numerous opportunities.

In the third frame, rough play became the main feature, naturally to the Tigers disadvantage. SMU's Tom McDonnell grabbed a loose puck in front of Darrell Young (he replaced Bickerton at the start of the third) and put the game out of reach. Although the Huskies pressed, Young admirably faced a 21 shot barrage, and kept the Huskies at bay for the remainder of the game. The Tigers, meanwhile, could not penetrate a tough SMU defence, giving little chance to launch a consistent attack. At this time, frustration began to set in, resulting in chippy play until the

final buzzer.

It was yet another disappointment for the Tigers. Their 7-2 loss at the hands of the Huskies cannot be entirely blamed on the referee, though his performance helped. It was just a case of superiority by SMU over the Tigers. The Dal forwards gave a lacklustre offensive performance, giving the puck away many times. Their forechecking was, to say the least, weak. The Dal defence was weak, as the Huskie forwards simply breezed by them at will. Ken Bickerton's performance Saturday evening was not that sharp, although Darrell Young played steadily in thwarting the St. Mary's forwards during his stint in the third period.

It has been a season of inconsistency for the Tigers, and considering that this was Dal's first regular season encounter, they must begin to acquire some consistency.

Next weekend the Tigers will be given a test, when the Mount Allison Mounties and UPEI Panthers invade the Dal rink for games on Friday and Saturday nights respectively.

The Tigers have yet to tangle with the Mounties, however, the Tiger's were 4-3 victors over the Panthers in the UPEI invitational two weekends ago. Therefore, both games should prove to be quite entertaining. If you're not doing anything Friday or Saturday evening, drop by the Dal rink and cheer on the Tigers!!

Busy 'polo week

by George Mullalley

During the last couple of weeks there has been much water polo action in the Metro Water polo League, and Dalhousie has been in the thick of it. Both c' Dal's Senior Men's teams, the Panthers and the Lions, have played four games in the two week period. The two teams came out with an identical record of two wins, one loss and a tie.

The Dal Lions continue to lead the league in total points, with the Halifax Trojans trailing very closely behind with only a two point spread. In fact, it was Halifax who brought the Lions their only defeat, winning by a score of 4-2. Tony Selby played outstanding offense for the Trojans, contributing a hat-trick, while Gordie MacDonald and Jim Landrigan were the two single scorers for Dalhousie.

The Lions' two wins came about from a 9-6 victory over Halifax and another 9-6 victory over the Dartmouth Lakers. Their tie came about as a result of a game played with the Panthers, when these two top rated teams put on a very competitive and exciting show. In the third quarter, with the score at 5-2 for the Lions, the Panthers mustered their strength and piled up enough points to enable them to tie the game at 6-6. Future encounters between the two Dal teams are being looked at with eagerness.

The Dal Panthers, who started the season poorly, are beginning to show signs of definite improvement. The Panthers, like the Lions, have lost only one game in the past two weeks, and this to the same team; the Trojans. Unfortunately, the Panthers had to play the whole game a man short, because of a lack of participants, and the Trojans won by a score of 10-6. Dalhousie, however, played an excellent game considering the man short situation. In particular, the defense was

exceptionally strong, with some great goal tending by Colin Bryson. Tony Selby was the top scorer again for the Halifax club, adding another hat-trick to his total.

The Panthers' two victories came

about by way of two wins over the Dartmouth Lakers, one by a score of 10-5 and the other by a score of 8-5. Their tie came from the 6-6 game played against the Lions.

The Dal Women are playing again this weekend, so hopefully there will be enough players to give an indication of the team's strength.

Just a reminder that Intermediate

practice will be held on Saturday from 12:00-1:00 and the Women's practice will be held also on Saturday from 1:00-2:00. All practices are being held at Centennial Pool.

For further information please contact Colin Bryson (477-6081) at any time.

Rugby wrap-up

The Dalhousie Rugby Club finished in the fourth and final play-off spot in the Nova Scotia Rugby Union League. The club played in the semi-final round against Pictou, in New Glasgow, Oct. 29, and lost 14-7. As there were no university teams in the finals it was decided at a special meeting of league officials to hold the N.S. University Rugby Championship in Halifax, last weekend.

In first round play last Saturday, Dal swamped SMU 46-6, to enter the finals. George Delmas led Dal scoring with 2 tries, 2 penalty kicks and four conversions for a total of twenty-two points. Nigel Kent scored three tries while Derek Irving, Bob Sheppard and John Godley scored one try each.

St. F.X. dumped Acadia and went on to the final against Dal on Sunday, at Studley Field. In a hard

fought contest before a good turnout of fans, St. F.X. topped Dal 18-9, to take the championship. Ralph Davies scored Dal's only try and George Delmas added a penalty kick and a conversion.

The final games for this season will be Nov. 19, at the Acadia Invitational Tournament. Finally, the club is holding a draw to raise money for a tour. The prize is a weekend for two in Montreal (includes flight tickets, accommodations, meals and hockey tickets) and tickets will be available next week from club members.

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