

# Tiger hockey team on a tear

## X-men fall prey

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

The hockey Tigers were back with a vengeance on November 6 as they treated a sparse but enthusiastic home crowd to a 6-3 win over St. FX. The X-men were understandably a little disgruntled as they had taken the previous game (October 25) 6-2 on home ground.

"Things seem to be getting a little better now," commented Dal centre Mark Alexander.

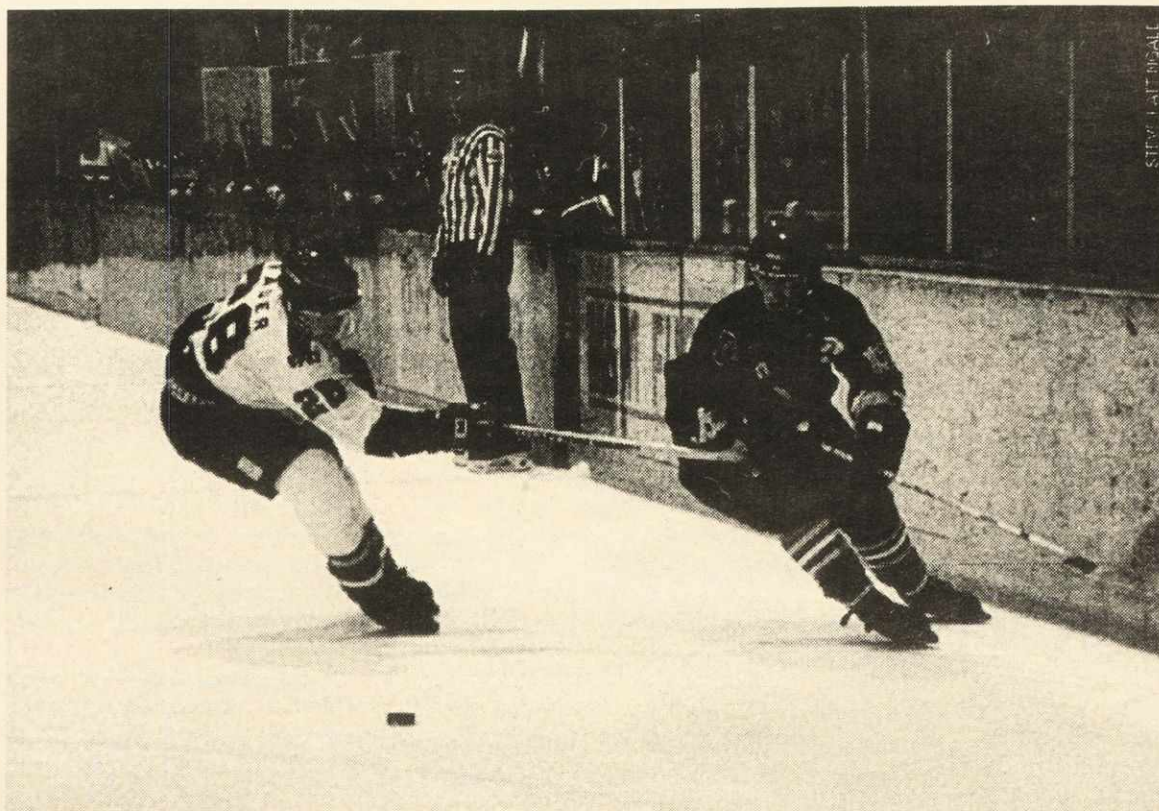
"We had a pretty slow start but

that's expected — there are a lot of new faces around," added forward Ted Naylor. "The last few games were pretty good. It's looking pretty positive."

Following the previous week's 10-6 win over the Acadia Axemen, the newly-confident Tigers opened the scoring at 4:47 with an inside slapshot from captain David Haynes, assisted by Jan Melichercik and Richard Ujvary. The first period ended 2-0 for the home team, following a wristshot from Trevor Doyle that was assisted by Craig Brocklehurst and Pat Russell.

The X-men played a dirty and vicious game as usual, delivering cheap shot after cheap shot and a lot of unnecessary hooks. The Tigers coped well under the added pressure, making the score 3-0 at 2:57 with a shot from Marc Warner.

Obviously graduates of the Axemen School of Etiquette, the X-men taunted and slashed the Tigers, and were rewarded with their first goal at 3:54 from Carl Beaudoin. Tiger rookie Dallas Gray responded with a backhanded wristshot at 5:14, netting the puck on the rebound from Brocklehurst. X-man



Ted Naylor fends off a UPEI defender. Dal won the Nov. 9 game, in Charlottetown, 8-4.

Jarret Reid managed to narrow the difference to 4-2 at 9:43.

Third-period scoring started at 1:51 for St. FX thanks to a power play and a shot from Reid. Undeterred, the Tigers responded at 5:05 and 7:04 with goals from Jason Pellerin (assisted by Alexander and Gord Dickie) and Luke Naylor (assisted by Ted Naylor and Martin LaPointe), respectively.

Once again, Dal goalie Fred Corkum got the win in the net, stopping 20 attempts. By comparison, the Tigers had 32 shots on target.

The win brought much needed division points to the Tigers, who edged past St. FX to third place with 7 points and a 3-3-1 record.

Understandably, head coach Darrell Young was extremely pleased with his team's effort.

"Even though we're not as big as other teams, we have enough skills so that we don't have to be as big," he commented.

This year's hockey team is a relatively young one, yet their team spirit is apparent, more so to Young. Under his coaching expertise, the Tigers have come together as a team relatively early

on in the season. Earlier losses haven't dampened their enthusiasm. More to the point, lately they seem to be enjoying themselves on the ice.

"We're a team that doesn't have any superstars, and when we're not playing as a team, we're not going to win," said Haynes. "For example, in the St. FX and Acadia games, every forward had a point which just goes to show that we're a team. We don't have 'key' guys like [Acadia's] Clancy and Skoryna or [St. FX's] Martell and Reid. Everyone's got to play and everyone's got to produce."

# Reds escape unscathed

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The weekend had looked promising for the Tigers, despite the absence of key defenceman Jeff Letourneau. The fourth-year blueliner was still unable to play due to a broken nose. The outcome could have been different, however the Tigers scraped a 2-1 victory over the Mount Allison Mounties and suffered a 2-5 defeat to the UNB Varsity Reds.

At Mount Allison on Saturday, the first period was scoreless for both teams. The Tigers came out stronger in the second period, with tight checks and better passes, and were rewarded with two goals. Forward Marc Warner deflected the puck from the slot and in behind the Mountie goaltender. The second goal came from Mark Alexander, who scored on a rebound from a shot by Martin LaPointe.

The second period also saw Warner benched by a foot injury resulting from a stray puck. While the loss of a valuable offensive player did not affect the overall outcome of the game, the absence of both Letourneau and Warner was noticeable on Sunday at UNB.

The Tigers started off strong against the Varsity Reds, despite sloppy play and an overall lacklustre performance. With five minutes to go, Jason Pellerin managed to break away but an excellent

save by UNB goalie Frank LeBlanc prevented him from scoring.

The Reds put the pressure on and scored at 18:57 thanks to a wristshot from Wright. The first period also saw some excellent scoring opportunities for Tigers Scott Gallant and Chad Kalmakoff. The team outshot the Varsity Reds 9 to 5 in the period.

The game seemed to pick up during the second period. Luke Naylor evened out the score at 1:54, with the assist going to his brother Ted. Jan Melichercik also contributed a goal at 8:43, from

Craig Brocklehurst and Kalmakoff.

UNB quickly recovered and Kevin Barry beat rookie goalkeeper Fred Corkum at 9:34. Ryan Naismith also contributed a goal for the home team at 17:43.

The Varsity Reds sealed their victory during the third period, scoring at 5:06 (Chris Zanutto) and 5:52 (Toby Burkitt). The Tigers put the pressure on, but strong goaltending from LeBlanc crushed any hopes they may have had of scoring.

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Acadia (3)	10	2	0	71	40	20
St. FX. (9)	7	3	0	49	34	14
Dalhousie	6	4	1	52	45	13
Saint Mary's	4	8	0	38	62	8

**MacAdam Division**

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
UNB (8)	7	5	0	51	39	14
Moncton	4	5	1	49	50	9
St. Thomas	4	5	1	41	45	9
PEI	4	8	0	50	59	8
Mt. Allison	2	8	1	26	53	5