

# Tigers mauled by Xmen, beat Capers

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The Tiger hockey team split their weekend series by losing 8-3 to the lowly St. FX-men Friday and defeating the University College of Cape Breton 10-5 on Saturday.

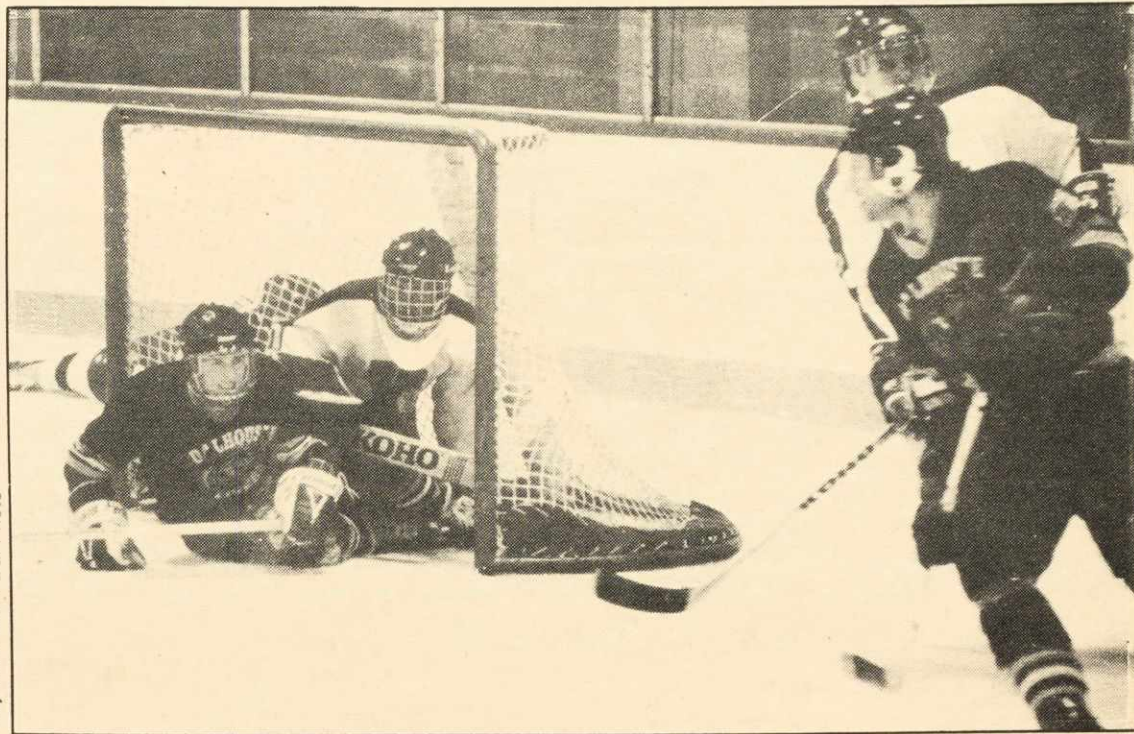
In the first game for the Tigers since their victory of the Lobster Pot, Dal played poorly in losing to St. F.X. Lobster Pot MVP, goalie Peter Abric, did not start the game, and backup Eric Legere looked shaky, especially on the first goal of the game. Allan MacIsaac scored on a weak backhand from about 10 feet in front of the net at 3 minutes and 45 seconds to give the X-men a lead they would never surrender. Ben MacIntosh scored with St. F.X. shorthanded to extend the lead to 2-0. MacIsaac scored again on the powerplay at 10:29 just two minutes after Martin Bouliane had scored to give the Tigers their first goal of the game. Jonathan Hartley scored on another powerplay at 11:35 to give the X-men a 4-1 lead after one period of play.

St. F.X. scored twice in the second period as Alan MacIsaac completed his hat trick to cap a four point performance, and Darryl MacDonald scored shorthanded on a breakaway. The only Dal goal came from Wade MacNeil. In the third period, the X-men again outscored Dal 2-1 with goals coming from Joel Derouin and Jeff Boucher with the Tiger goal scored by winger

Scott Meek.

In the second game, the Tigers were a different team. Peter Abric was back in the net and the Dal team forechecked well for the full 60 minutes. The first period was a quiet one with only two goals, one on the powerplay from Tiger Craig Morrison at 15:18 and the other one also a powerplay goal from UCCB forward Joel Jessome at 19:12. The second period proved to be the deciding factor of the game as Dal outscored the Capers 7-2. Paul Kleinknecht scored on a delayed penalty at 5:01 to give the Tigers the lead but it was the UCCB special teams that led to the Capers' defeat. Martin Bouliane and Graham Stanley scored on the powerplay but the most damaging problem was the Capers giving up two short-handed goals, 28 seconds apart, with Greg Royce and Craig Morrison converting their respective scoring opportunities.

In the third period each team scored two goals, and Greg Royce scored his second short handed goal of the evening at 8:21. Royce had four points for the game, with linemate Craig Morrison also picking up four. The player of the game was Joel Jessome of UCCB who scored four of the five Capers goals. The game was the last regular season home game for the Tigers and will be home next on February 22 for the first game of the playoffs against the team which finishes second in the division.



Raymond Mah: Dal Photo

Tigers found it easier to put the X-men's goalie in the net than the puck. They lost the game 8-3.

## Volleyball tigers peaking

by Barry Dorey

Sure, they're 16-0 and the playoffs don't begin for two weeks, but Dal's volleyball Tigers are treating their three-game exhibition series in Laval this weekend with playoff-like seriousness. It's the only chance the eighth-ranked men will have to move up in national ratings and secure a better position at the CIAU finals in Calgary.

"It's crucial to get a couple of wins in Laval," said two-time AUAA MVP Brian Rourke. "Right now, we're ranked eighth, which means you play the number one team on the first day and that's not the best situation to be in."

He's right. Calgary Dinosaurs, the nation's top team and unbeaten in Canada this year, host the CIAU final eight March 16-18 and they would play the eighth-ranked team.

But, coach Al Scott feels that Dal is peaking at the right time and will have a serious say in the placing. They have fully recovered from a rash of ankle injuries and an unsuccessful bout with the flu bug and are now prepared to launch a concentrated assault on sixth-ranked Laval.

The Tigers are winding down their most successful campaign in years. Losers of only four games against AUAA competition all season (48 games won, four lost with a 16-0 mark), the two-time defending AUAA champs have also managed a winning record against tougher competition. And all this while battling injuries to three all-star starters; Brian Johnstone, Jody Holden, and Rourke, and a nasty flu bug.

For the Tigers, this highly competitive action comes later in the season than in past years. Rourke said the AUAA tradition-

ally doesn't offer them stiff challenges and they suffer when they get to national play.

"It's the latest we've ever played a really tough, competitive series," Rourke said. "I think it'll come at the right time for us and enable us to peak at the end of the season. You have to play the best to be the best, and that's hurt us playing in this conference."

Coach Scott hopes a good showing in Laval will bump his Tigers from eighth into a "more comfortable spot" like sixth. Part of liking the sixth spot comes from past experience. In 1984, the sixth-ranked tigers upset Victoria in the first round and last year, Dal knocked off third-ranked Laval from their number six seeding.

"Throughout the top 10, there's not a lot of difference," Scott explained. "Calgary and Manitoba deserve the top spots, but from three to 10, it's very volatile and lots of discretion should be used in rating them. That's why we think we have a shot at a medal."

"It's not a kiss of death if we don't do well this weekend, but it will certainly help our chances by moving up in the ratings."

The Tigers, admittedly better than last year, when they finished fourth at the national finals, will be trying to improve on that performance.

"We talked about it as a group and we're trying to be in the medals," Scott said. "We would have to pay three super matches, exceeding the level we've reached so far this year three times, but it's certainly possible, especially when we're healthy. I can honestly say that we can beat Manitoba and it's been a while since I could say that."

He said he doesn't anticipate any upsets along the way.

"The top eight teams in the country will all be in the national tournament," he predicts. "It's the most competitive year I've ever seen in CIAU volleyball; everybody has been beating everybody else. We should win the conference and advance, because this is one of my better teams."

## SI reports questionable

by James Reyno

Have any of you ever read a *Sports Illustrated* hockey article? You'd swear they were discussing some of the crimes of Nazi war criminals. Their insistent focusing on violence, though it may be well intended, is about as accurate as the shot of one of those 'SCORO' shooters who appear between periods at just about every hockey rink.

If *Sports Illustrated* is so disgusted with the horrid acts of gore that supposedly take place during every hockey game, perhaps they should have a look at the other major sports and their faults. As for violence, how about hockey? When's the last time a hockey player died as a result of a fight? Football is another violent sport except the players are that much larger and stronger. Also, the drug problems of basketball players and baseball players, whose biggest concern is to hit that spider crawling across the dugout floor with a spray of tobacco spittle, are well documented. It seems that *Sports Illustrated* doesn't feel that drug use, ridiculous salaries, and all-round immorality are as important as Jay Miller and Joe Kocur swinging one hand at each other for forty-five seconds.

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