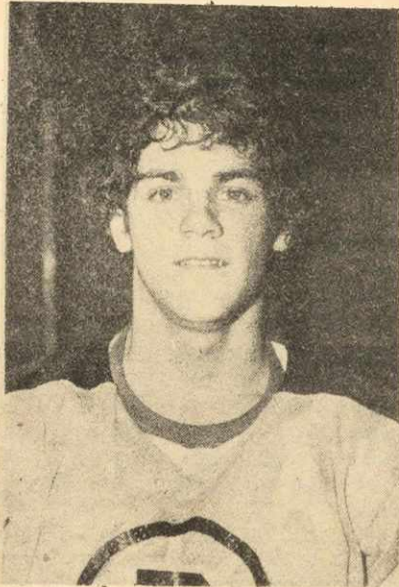


Injuries plague hockey Tigers

by Greg Zed

Dalhousie tigers, who had a rather successful pre-season record of six wins, a tie and a loss have run into a number of injuries which have curtailed their winning way. Last Wednesday, November 10th, the Dal squad travelled cross town to meet SMU Huskies in their first season encounter. The out-come was certainly a rather frustrating experience for the black and gold on two accounts. First of all, they lost the services of rear-guard Tom Macleod who has shown promising talent, which should bolster the blue-liners. Secondly, the club came out on the short end of a 7-3 defeat. Bob Dugan opened the scoring for the Huskies at 6:52 of the opening frame from a pass from Doug Chase and Disotell. Mike Reddy increased the lead on a goal from Mike Backman at 13:06. However, Earl Theriault put the Tigers on the score sheet on a marker from Rick Roemer and Hal Davidson.



Dal's Earl Theriault has been experiencing a rather consistent start.

In the middle frame, Dave Fellows added to the Huskie lead. However, rear-guard Tom Macleod drilled a shot home from Jack Gray and Theriault. With a score standing 3-2 it was evident that the Tigers were not only sticking with the host club, but it was evident that with a few breaks they could have been up a couple of goals. However, within the final minute of the second stanza, MacDavis and Doug Chaisson dented the Dal twines to take a 5-2 command into the SMU dressing room.

In the final frame, assistant captain Earl Theriault fired his second goal of the game to put the visiting Tigers back in contention. Assisting the goal was Hal Davidson. MacDavis, who was a stand-out for the Huskies, added his second mark of the affair before Gerry Applebee put the game out of reach of the Dal squad, giving the St. Mary's club a 7-3 win.

Two days later, the Dal Tigers entertained the Mt. Allison Mounties at the Dalhousie Memorial Rink.

In pre-season play the Tigers disposed of the Mounties by a score of 8-2 but the Jack Drover coached club were no push overs.

In the opening period, Dan Simon fired the Mounties first goal at 2:57; however, rugged Gerald Dickie tallied for the Tigers to take a tie into the dressing room.

In the second period, Shawn MacDonald put the Dal club into the lead when he fired his mark from Dickie and Davidson. The period was marred by a fight with O'Byrne of Dal and Shurman of Mt. A.

At 9:15 of the final period Bill Brennan notched a goal from Simon Shurman which gave the visitors a short lived tie. Rick Roemer took a pass from Davidson after centre, Rick Gaetz of Dal won a key face-off into the twines to give the Dal club a 3-2 lead. Dan Ferdus took advantage of sloppy defesive play in the Tigers' end to earn a hard-fought tie. However, with overtime hanging over the clubs Earl Theriault led a rush from the Tigers' zone into the Mounties end. He flipped a pass

over to rookie Eric Eisenhauer who made no mistake in tucking it away giving the home-towners a hard fought 4-3 victory.

On Saturday, November 13th the Tigers were handed their second set back of the season. The visiting U.P.E.I. Panthers under the coaching of Jack Hines up set the host Dal club 7-3. In pre-season play the Panthers defeated the black and gold pucksters by a margin of 8-1 to take the Panthers Invitational Tournament from the visiting Tigers.

The Panthers got goals from Dave Cameron and Ken Burton within the first four minutes to take an early 2-0 lead. However, Grant Pyle drilled a shot past the P.E.I. goalie to narrow the visitor's lead to one goal after the twenty minutes of play.

In the second period P.E.I. out-scored the Tigers by a 3-2 margin to take a two period lead of 5-3 in the visiting club's dressing room. Lennie Kelly fired two goals during his first shift of the period to lead the assault. Pyle blasted his second drive into the goal and Earl Theriault added another to bring the Tigers back into the game.

Ron Josey and Vern Mitchell scored unanswered goals in the third period to put the game out of reach and so the rather frustrated Dal club took their second defeat to the showers.

The next test for the Tigers is set for November 17 in Antigonish where at press time they were to battle front runners St. Francis Xavier X-Men. On November 24th, the club travels to Acadia to tangle with Acadia Axemen. Then, on November 27, the DAL pucksters battle with the X-Men in Antigonish. On December 1st, the Tigers play host to SMU Huskies at the Dal Rink before they travel to New Brunswick to meet U.N.B. December 3rd. The following night the club travels to Moncton to meet the Blue Eagles.

Thus far the Tigers have gone on record for having the most successful training camp in years. With the season just underway, it appears that injuries to Glen O'Byrne as well as to Jack Gray and Tom Macleod have been taking their toll BUT the end of the world has not come to the DAL pucksters. The club has its work cut out for them.

Throughout the Exhibition Trail the ice enthusiasts had to pull it all together to win key games. The task at hand is certainly an awesome challenge. It means that the players will have to dig a little deeper and put out just a bit more to carry the weight. It was the team approach

that got them through the training camp and exhibition trail and it is certainly going to be a solid, consistent team effort that is going to put the Tigers on track if the playoff berth is still a team goal.

It appears that the club is at its low, but consistency is certainly a factor that every team in this league is having trouble with accomplishing. To tell it like it is is merely to say that the team has to come to grips with the fact that a big November, followed by a successful December is the most realistic approach to their failing ways.

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Human Rights

Human rights should be a priority concern in the same way as fiscal policy, restraints and other important issues in municipal affairs, George F. McCurdy said Friday at a conference of Municipal Finance Officers.

The director of the N.S. Human Rights Commission told the officers meeting at Chateau Halifax that people are thinking more seriously today about the waste of human

potential and the high cost of prejudice and discrimination to our communities and society when people are unemployed or under-employed because of factors other than their skills.

"This is a waste of manpower that we cannot afford," McCurdy said. "The community is not as rich as it might be if all members in it could contribute according to their individual potential."

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