

Acadia and St. FX drop Hockey Tigers

by Greg Zed

When Pierre Gagne's club from Acadia University invaded the Dal rink, they had one thing in mind... a win was a must if they wished to make any gain on the Tigers in search for a playoff spot. Prior to the game both clubs had tied in an exhibition tilt earlier this year and last year both clubs tied for third spot in the final standings. After three periods of close-checking hockey the Axemen did in fact gain the victory.

Marred only by ten minor penalties, the contest was a goal-tender's battle to the final buzzer. Jim Palmer played a big part in holding Acadia off the scoreboard coming up with thirty-three saves. Al Humer was equally steady in picking up the shutout. He was tested twenty-five times including key saves off Tom Coolen, Paul Finlay and Bob Lewicki.

Mark Robert's goal at 12:36 mark of the final frame gave the Axemen the win, giving them a record of 2-2-0 at presstime. All in all it was another tough one to lose but it is becoming apparent that regardless of which way you view the hockey scene, it is going to be a long road this season and the words close, edged, and nipped will undoubtedly be used quite frequently. The only hope is that the Tigers can fall on the longer end of their very close battles.

On hand for the game was ex-manager Tex Seabourn from Newfoundland. This Dal Law graduate was the hockey manager in the late sixties when hockey was a higher priority with Dal students. When asked about the caliber of hockey now in comparison to that which was prevalent during his stay at Dal, Tex replied:

"Now the tigers seemed to be playing a very defensive type of hockey and their scoring punch will only come when their opponents make mistakes. This hockey is great and works if you can get the entire system to play that style. On the contrary if the system fails to gel the goalie is left holding the bag. In the late sixties Dal had great scoring punch in Ron Naud, Pierre Gagne, and Greg McCullough. It is becoming apparent that this league doesn't have this punch so the defensive style will undoubtedly be used by several teams and the team that doesn't use it properly will get a fine beating."

In closing it must be noted that

Sailing

The Nova Scotia Association will be offering its annual advanced testing and evaluation for the Silver and Gold Sail Awards this coming Saturday.

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the Dal hockey team sincerely appreciated the continued support that more and more students are beginning to show at the home games.

In the game on Sunday afternoon the system fell through and the Tigers were literally stung and when the final buzzer sounded St. F.X. gained the two points on the virtue of a 9-3 triumph. Unlike most of the previous losses that the Dal squad experienced, this one was one in which the club was completely out-hustled, out-shot, and out-played.

In the opening period the Tigers played with the X-men and trailed 2-1 at the end of the frame. In the second period the Tigers saw four unanswered goals fired against them and this completely humiliated the Halifax squad. Coach Pierre Page decided to inset Melvin Barlett for starter Jim Palmer in the third period but the home-town X-men were not to be denied in this game. In the final frame the blue and white club fired in three more goals to Dals two and the final score stood 9-3.

If one was to look at the game objectively and see what the future may hold for the hockey Tigers much time would be spent in working out the frustration that the club is experiencing. I can only empathize with the players and coaches in that no matter what way you look at it, the season is certainly not over and although the club holds



Such concentration! R. Fulton / Dal Photo

Hockey Tournament that was held November 1st. and 2nd. in P.E.I. As far as this writer is concerned Roemer has definitely been a great work horse for the club and one can only hope that his injury will not be too serious, not only for the teams' sake but for the sake of a fine hockey enthusiast.

On the brighter side of things Dal's Danny Flynn (No. 17) has finally begun to come on. In the St. F.X. game he fired three goals in an outstanding effort. It was really great to see this young Dartmouth native fire the goals. Danny has been experiencing much frustration this year and his scoring ability (lack of it) was felt during power play situations. Certainly without a



Rick Roemer- the most consistent defenseman. Dave Grandy / Photo

a 0-4-1 record injuries have plagued the team since the early goings and the fact that veteran rear-guards Don MacGregor and John Gillis are injured have hampered the success of the rookie club. To add to the misery Rick Roemer was injured in an incident during Sunday's game. Roemer dove in front of a shot that ricocheted off his chest and hit him solidly on the chin, cutting his chin for three stitches. To top it off his cheek bone may have been fractured. Whatever the diagnosis, it will certainly be very uncomfortable for this outstanding rear-guard. Rick Roemer is a rough, tough, an aggressive hockey player and his playing ability has been one of the brighter spots for the Tigers. To date he has been selected second star on two accounts at home games and he was selected to the All-star team at the end of the U.P.E.I

doubt this player has the potential to lead the league in scoring department. This was evident in that he placed third in the scoring race in a training camp this season for the Junior Marlees in Toronto.

Well, the battle continues this weekend when U.P.E.I. Panthers take on the Tigers at the Dal rink

Friday evening at 8:00, and then on Sunday the Tigers will travel across town to play the S.M.U. Huskies at 2:00 at the SMU rink.

PLEASE NOTE:

November 28th., Friday 8:00
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