

Split last week

Tigers aim for second place



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The Dalhousie Men's hockey team defeated Saint Mary's last night by a score of 2-1

SMU 5 Dal 4

The Dalhousie Hockey Tiger fans won't forget this one as the home team built up a 4-0 lead at the 52 minute mark of the third period. The Huskies were baffled in their own end and could have even been further in the hole as the Tigers missed on 2 breakaways and two 2 on 1 while SMU was opening up the machine. At 8:27 of the 1st period, Earl Theriault outskated Scott MacLean to gain possession of the puck that he fired in the far upper end corner. It was quite a blast. At 8:18 of the second period, Shawn MacDonald took a pass from Allie MacDonald, flipped the puck behind the SMU defender and once again outskated him to gain a breakaway that resulted in Dal's second goal. The second period ended 2 to 0.

At 7:11 of the third, Shawn

increased the lead once again by blasting one from the slot area as Davies was screened by Hal Davidson and a SMU defender. The Tigers kept pressing and were soon rewarded by a fourth goal, this time by Linus Fraser who had taken a rink wide pass from Shawn MacDonald. He let go a solid backhand after fighting off the defender. That's when SMU decided to open up but it could have been costly for them if Dal had capitalized on the breakaways and 2 on 1 situations that followed.

With the score 4-0 in favour of the Tigers, the local players believed

that defensive play might be the solution but to their surprise SMU popped in three within 26 seconds to create quite a shock on the already jubilant Dal fans. The Tigers finally realized they should keep on pressing and so they did until the 17:48 minute mark when Jim Bottomley was penalized for tripping. Most referees would not have called the infraction unless more obvious in this late stage of the game. The McCallum-MacDonald and Theriault-Gaetz duos went to work, helped out by sound maneuvers from Off, Allie MacDonald, Carter, Mongeon and Aldrich and seemed on their way to successfully kill the penalty when Frank Donnelly took a 45 footer just inside the blue line and tied the score.

In overtime play, the Tigers had to kill off another penalty in the early play, however they mounted a few attacks but came short on too many power play occasions. Bruce Cochrane took a rebound from Melanson's shot to give SMU the lead that they would not relinquish. A most difficult game to understand but let's hope that this sort of experience will quickly benefit our representatives who seem qualified to dethrone anyone at any time.

Dal 7 Acadia 5

The Tigers came out firing, forechecking, and quickly gained a goal by Rick Gaetz who deflected a Ray Off shot from the point. Gaetz had just come out of the penalty box, but Dal was quick to find out

that the Axemen had come to play. It represented their last chance to make the play-off and they indeed fought to the end. The lead stayed in the Axemen's favour until the overtime period. Until then, Rick Gaetz, Wayne Briscall, Ray Off and Earl Theriault had scored to allow the Tigers to come from behind on four occasions.

The Tigers dominated the overtime period as they displayed their effective forechecking: Linus Fraser, the team sparkplug along with Dan Cyr, fired the puck in the corner, bounced off two checks, passed behind the net, speeded up to the slot area to take a pass from Dan Cyr that he directed between Baird's goalie pads. Quite an example of determination that the Tigers needed to come out of their shell. With 4 seconds left, Dan Cyr fired a pass off the board that roadrunner MacDonald (Shawn) picked up to score the 7th goal in an empty net. A must game for the Tigers who responded accordingly.

With 8 games remaining, the team is in a 3rd place tie with U.P.E.I. and Moncton, and only 1 point behind X with one game in hand.

The next games are scheduled for:

Sat. Feb. 4 at Acadia 2:00 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 5 at Dal (X) 2:00 p.m.
Tues. Feb. 7 at Dal (SMU) 7:00 p.m.

Don't miss the opportunity to support your Tigers in these upcoming games which will determine the final standings.

Intramural corner

Men's Volleyball

In the first of four games played over the weekend, a strong Medicine team defeated a Dentistry team, 2 games to none. In the second match, Pine Hill also blanked Oceanography 2 games to zero. Dentistry 1 followed the trend in the third game by defeating Pharmacy in two straight games. In the fourth scheduled game, Chemistry 2 couldn't muster up enough people, and as a result defaulted to Cameron.

Basketball

Seven games of basketball were played in Men's Intramurals last weekend. Medicine 2 started off by losing a close game to Chemistry 33-32; Law defaulted to Engineers; Chemistry defeated Science 16-14; Cameron beat Henderson 31-21; Bronson edged Smith 25-22; and Physical Education trounced the Matroids 43-12. In the two Co-ed games, Dentistry beat Medicine 1 54-28 and Medicine 2 hammered Cam / Shirreff 100-28.

Hockey

On the hockey scene, Bronson tied Cameron 4-4, Pine Hill lost to Studley 9-3, Park Victoria and Henderson fought to a 3-3 tie, Dentistry beat T.Y.P. 7-6, Law tied Science 4-4, P.E. dominated Phi Delta Theta as they won 7-2, and Medicine dropped their second game in a row to Engineers by a score of 7-3.



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