

# Tigers try harder

by Greg Zed

The Dal Tigers gave an estimated 550 fans quite a show last Wednesday evening when they squared off with St. Mary's Huskies. In fact the "psyched" black and gold squad played with the number one team for three full periods. Both teams played a very wide open-type of game, and very little attention was placed on the defensive part of the game, leaving both goalies unprotected for the better part of the game.

SMU's Dave Nolan led the Huskies attack with two goals, however it was see-saw battle with each team answering each others marks. The final score was 7-5 for SMU.

With the second half of the season well into high gear the Tigers are still not out of it. This past weekend they spent idle, the first weekend of its kind since the opening of the season. This weekend while the rest of the university is enjoying the Winter Carnival affairs the Tigers will be off to P.E.I. to tangle with the Panthers. The last time these clubs met on the island the Dal squad was edged by a score of 5-4. This time last year when the 1974-75 version of the Tigers were surging for the playoffs, they took the two points from the Islanders...this can be repeated. Although it is mathematically impossible to figure out if the Tigers can make the playoffs, it must be realized that clubs like the Huskies and the X-men

must play all their games against all other clubs; and the Mounties from Mt. Allison and the Red Devils from U.N.B. must level off. The Dal squad faces U.N.B. on Feb 16th in Fredericton and they face the X-Men on the 7th at the Dal rink. As it may seem and in fact reported several weeks ago, the playoff hopes have diminished; however, this doesn't suggest that the season is over. So if you want to see some good "come back" hockey, plan to attend the remaining home games and pack the rink like it was for the SMU game.

It is certainly proper time to thank the continued "vociferous" support of the Resident personnel as well as the "Gondola Gang". Also as the press continues to follow the Tigers it might be added that rookie Al McNaughton who was helped off the ice during the SMU game may not be back for the remainder of the season. Details on this will be available next week. Paul Finlay is still out of action and the latest rumor is that rear-guard Rick Roemer is suffering an injury to his hip.

Well the injury plagued Tigers must go deep to get performance. It has now boiled down to self-determination and in many cases the players themselves are going to have to put out "just a bit more" to gain a berth in the playoffs. Yes they can do it!!!



Was that a cheap shot boys or was it a "clean check"???? Dal's Al McNaughton being aided by Don MacGregor No. 4 and Rick Roemer. [Photo by Bill Jensen]

## Curling popular

by B.J. Jones

Curling is back in full swing at Dal, with many new faces appearing along with the regular curlers. One of the latest has been Pierre Page, who decided to try his luck on curling ice, and proved to the curling world that it only takes one lesson to become a pro curler. Pierre had difficulty convincing us that he had never curled before. Coach Page is staying away from Dal Curling, however, because we won't let him curl in the Men's Intercollegiate. The word is out now that one has to be a full paid member and have attended practices fairly regularly since the beginning in October to qualify for the Intercollegiate Playdowns. Next year the system will probably be different, but this is the best we can make of a bad situation for this year.

Penny LaRocque's team consist-

ing of three Dal curlers did not fare so well in the Lassie Zone Playdowns, finishing with a 2-2 win-loss record. However, the team is going to stick together and has officially accepted the challenge from Rod Shoveller of the Phys. Ed. Dept. to a match whenever and wherever he chooses. (We hear Rod is trying to get Pierre Page to come out of retirement for the game. He'll need all the help he can get).

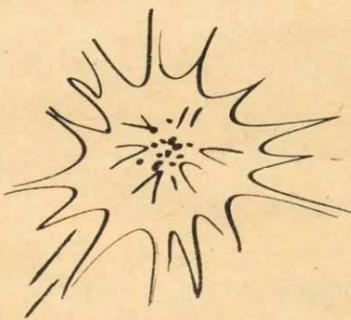
Dal Curlers are entering bonspiels in Amherst, Truro and Halifax in the upcoming months. To get in on these, you have to attend practices so that people will know you're interested. Plans are almost completed for the Women's Intercollegiate hosted by Dal this year at C.F.B. The executive has arranged a brewery tour and a banquet, to which all Dal members are invited.



Dal's Tom Mann stymied by SMU's Haskins. [Photo by Bill Jensen]

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