

Women's hockey keeps on truckin'

BY PATRICK BLACKIE

Dalhousie's women's hockey team has started the year off on a promising note, and the team is optimistic that the year could continue that way.

Their match versus St. Mary's on Oct. 30 resulted in Dal strolling away with a 4-0 shutout against last year's AUAA champs.

Dal's Beth Sharpe contributed two goals, while Tanya MacDonald and Amy Graham each walked away with a single marker apiece. Goaltender Krista Skodje received the shutout for Dal.

The following match, on Sunday, Nov. 1, ended in a 1-1

tie against the Halifax Breakers, who are last year's Nova Scotia Women's Hockey League champions. The goal for Dal was scored by Allison Beaton, and the Breakers' goal was scored by Shelly Darson-Davis.

On Sunday, Nov. 8 Dal and Acadia played to a 2-2 tie. Dal goals were scored by Tanya MacDonald and Adina MacDonald.

The team's record now stands at 2-1-2.

The team next heads to the 2nd Annual University Challenge Tournament at Acadia.

"I think we've got a good chance of winning this weekend," says team president Laura Cormier. "We've got a good team this year."

Men's hockey wins, loses

BY ANDREW SIMPSON

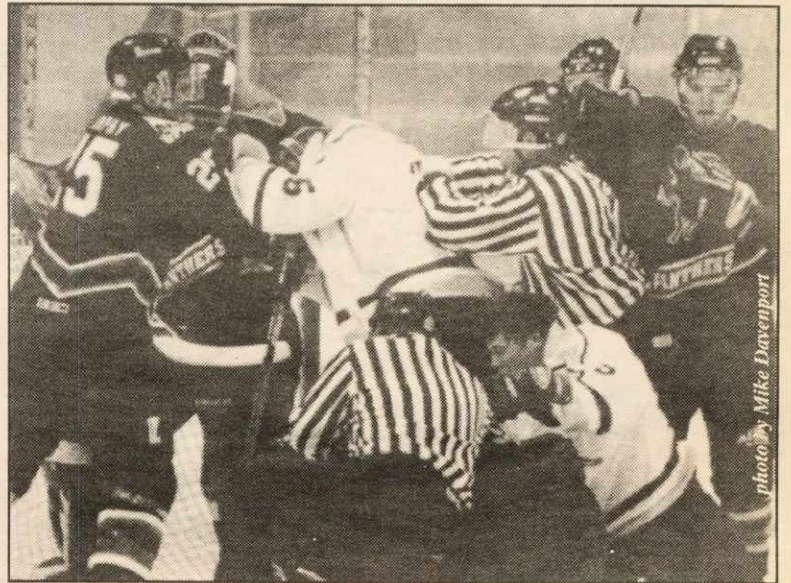
Dal's Men's hockey played two home games last week, losing 7-5 to the St. FX X-men on Wednesday and beating the Panthers on Saturday 4-3 in overtime.

In Wednesday's loss the Tiger goal scorers were Chad Kalmakoff, David Haynes, Chris Pittman, Nicolas Maheux and Martin Lapointe. Netminder Neil Savary stopped 21 shots.

In Saturday's victory over the Panthers Pittman scored two goals, including the overtime winner, and Dallas Gray and Jan Melichercik also scored for the Tigers. Savary made 22 saves in the victory, while Panther netminder Craig Johnson stopped 47 of the shots fired his way.

The Tigers now have 4 wins and 5 losses on the season — bad

enough to be at the bottom of the AUHC's Kelly Division, but good enough to be ranked 9th in the nation. The Tigers' next home game is on Thursday, Nov. 19 against St. Mary's.



The Dalhousie Tigers show their claws.

Bone-rattlin' bodychecks and 12 oz. draughts

The Mooseheads hockey experience is kickin' ass in Halifax

BY PATRICK BLACKIE

One of the most interesting things to do in Halifax, right up there with throwing rocks at pigeons and trying to pick up at the Palace, would undoubtedly be going to a Halifax Mooseheads hockey game.

The Mooseheads sure put on a show. That actually doesn't sum it up. It's more than a show. Mooseheads games are an experience. I had heard of the games — rumoured to be exciting, action-packed, bone-smashing bloodbaths that were the hockey equivalent to 7 consecutive

orgasms. So, I went.

When I first strolled into the Halifax Metro Centre, I was first overcome by the crowd. The game, versus Hull, who are with the Mooseheads in the QMJHL (Quebec Major Junior Hockey League), was only a regular season game, but the Metro Centre was only about 2000 fans away from filling the roughly 9700 seats.

Then I got a good look at the crowd. Devoted fans, clad in Mooseheads paraphernalia and painted faces, yelled for the opponent's blood while juggling 12 oz. draughts in one hand and bags of cold popcorn in the other. Every

successfully-delivered check by a Halifax player was celebrated with incoherent noises mixed with contemptuous slander directed at the battered checkee lying in a crumpled ball on the ice.

Then I saw the beer. I was glad to see the marriage of beer and hockey so elegantly joined. You need to walk for ten minutes to go to the bathroom, but you can't blink without tripping over a beer vendor.

And of course, there was the hockey.

In what was a exciting and well-played match, I learned precisely why I paid \$7.50 to sit in the Goddamn nosebleed section.

Hull started off the scoring midway through the first period, and the Mooseheads quickly responded with one of their own. The teams went one more round of goal-for-goal, leaving the teams tied at two apiece. But the last few minutes saw the Mooseheads take the lead 3-2, and then 4-2 as Hull

pulled their goalie in a failed attempt to tie it up.

So, if you like loud noises, beer, gut-wrenchingly hard body checks, and damn good hockey, seeing a Halifax Mooseheads game is a necessity.

As for the orgasms, no promises.

Dalhousie Tigers' Athletes of the Week

Janice King

Women's Basketball, 3rd year Kinesiology, Grand Lake NS

Janice King is the Dalhousie Tigers' Female Athlete of the Week, for the week ending November 8, 1998. Janice scored a total of 24 points in games against Acadia, St. FX and UPEI on the weekend at the Subway Centennial Tournament at Dalplex. King played three solid games in the tournament and was named to the all-star team.



Chris Pittman

Men's Hockey, 3rd year Arts, Stephenville NF

Chris Pittman is the Dalhousie Tigers' Male Athlete of the Week, for the week ending November 8, 1998. The hockey centre had four goals and one assist last week in AUAA conference action. In a pair of games against St. FX, Chris had one goal and one assist on Wednesday and the only Tigers goal in the 8-1 loss on Friday. At Memorial Arena on Saturday, Chris landed a pair of goals, including the game winner against the UPEI Panthers, which gave the Tigers a 4-3 overtime victory. Chris is second in the league in scoring with a total of nine goals to date. Dalhousie is currently ranked ninth in the country and is tied with SMU in the Kelly Division for third place.



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