

Blue Eagles Edge Tigers 4-3

by Sandy Smith

For almost the entire sixty minutes last Saturday at the Halifax Forum, the Dalhousie Tigers and Universite de Moncton Blue Eagles traded practically everything teams can trade without trading players. They traded three goals each, they traded penalties, they traded a good many cheap shots, and almost traded punches on several occasions. The only difference between the two teams seemed to be the one extra break the Blue Eagles got that the Tigers did not. With under seven minutes to play, Alfred Goguen of the Eagles jammed the puck in the short side between the post and Tiger goaltender Ken Book's pads to score the one goal the Tigers could not match. The final score was 4-3 in favour of Moncton. This break was the only

difference athlete of the week Don Woodworth could see between the teams, although he felt "a big difference was that we couldn't finish our plays off" in a game he called "the best of the year" for the Tigers. Woodworth added that the team was not overly disappointed after the loss as he said, "It was definitely our best game of the year. It gave everybody a lot of confidence . . . we definitely played well enough to win . . . and everybody saw that after the game that we're in the league. We still have fifteen games to make the playoffs."

For Woodworth, it was only his second game of the year. He missed the first seven games while recovering from a ligament tear on the inside of his left knee suffered six or seven weeks ago. The layoff did not, however, appear to take anything away from

Woodworth's ability to play the game. He not only played with confidence and authority on his blueline position, he also managed to put two of the three Tigers' goals behind Eagle goaler Jean-Claude Charest. His first goal tied the score at two just fifty-two seconds into the second period. After crossing the Moncton blueline, and while this reporter was not paying attention, Woodworth ripped a slap shot by Charest that he says his teammates told him Charest misplayed. His second goal, which tied the score at three, came thirteen minutes later when he took a pass in the slot from Kevin Zimmer, lost the puck, regained it, then put it away low to the goalers' glove side. Brian "Wizzard" Gualazzi scored the other Tiger goal.

Although outshot 42-26, a good deal of Dal's chances

were better than Moncton's. The Tiger defence seemed to play far and away their best game of the year forcing the Blue Eagles to shoot from poor angles and from far out. Goaltender Ken Book played his best game of the year although he did look weak on a goal by Charles Bourgeois who rapped the rebound of a scorching shot dropped by Book into the empty net, as well as looking weak on the fluky winning goal.

Yet one must not think that the Tigers did not have their chances to win the game. Indeed, it was not a case of the Tigers making good on the few chances they had, rather a wealth of opportunities to beat Charest and his fellow Blue Eagles. Shawn MacDonald had the best chance of the night with five minutes to go when he unceremoniously

deked Charest out of his jock only to miss the empty net. Rick McCallum, who replaced Book as the sixth man on the ice for the Tigers in the last minute of the game, also had a wonderful chance to tie the game and send it into overtime with but a few seconds showing on the clock—only to miss on his shot.

Thus the bad luck continues for the Tigers and their record has dropped to two wins and seven losses. With just four points after the first nine games, (I'll warn you there is a cliché coming) the Tigers have their work cut out if they want to make the playoffs. As noted by Woodworth, the Tigers do have fifteen games in the New Year, but it will take efforts nothing short of those given on Saturday night for the Tigers to do the impossible.

Tigers busy over holidays

For those of you interested in keeping on top of what your favourite varsity Tiger team will be up to over the holidays, here is a brief rundown of their

various activities.

HOCKEY — The Tigers are in Montreal on the fifth of January to play Concordia in an exhibition game before taking part in a tournament in

Three Rivers the next day. Their next home game is January 11 against the Saint F.X. X-men at the Forum.

VOLLEYBALL — The men are entered in the three day York Excalibur tournament on January 2 before moving further west to take part in the 1 University of Winnipeg Classic on the weekend of January 9-11.

The women will not play any tournament or league matches until they face the Universite de Moncton January 10 and 11 for two matches in Moncton although Karin Maessen and Karen Fraser, co-captains of the team this year, will leave Halifax Boxing Day to train with the national team for a while. Coach Lois MacGregor assures us that the rest of the team will not be idle.

BASKETBALL — The Wesmen

Classic begins on Boxing Day and the men's Tigers will be there to play two games. The day after they finish Wesmen tourney the Tigers are entered in the Brandon University Tournament for another pair of games on the 29th and 30th, then return for a game with Saint Mary's on the 6th of January before heading off again for a game in Trois Rivieres on the 9th.

The women do not play again until the 6th of January when they, like the men, play Saint Mary's. The weekend following this game the Tigers will be in Montreal to play in the McGill Invitational. **SWIMMING** — The Tigers won't be competing but they will be in training at a special training camp from the 29th of December until the 4th of January at Dalplex.

Tigers tops in tournament

by Andrew Sinclair

Dalhousie's volleyball Tigers continued their winning ways this past weekend, as both the men's and women's teams emerged victorious from the Universite de Moncton Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

The men's team dropped only one game in the round robin part of the tournament, defeating the Moncton senior club 15-12, 15-12 on Friday night and despatching the host Universite de Moncton team 15-10, 15-8, and the Sunbury Volleyball Club of Oromocto 17-15, 11-15, 15-0 on Saturday. The Tigers then advanced to the semi-finals, knocking off the Universite de Moncton in two straight games, 15-11, 17-15, to move into the final against Sunbury.

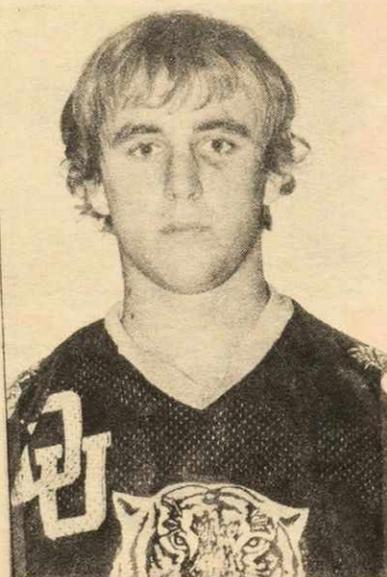
Sunbury, the fourth ranked club in the country, proved again to be a worthy adversary, losing the first game 15-4 but coming back to take the second 15-11. The Tigers, however rallied in the third game to beat the New Brunswick squad 15-11 and capture the title. The top offensive performers for the Tigers in the final game were Jan Prsala with 12 kills, and Phil Perrin and Roddie Walsh, each with 9 kills and 2 blocking points.

The women's team also dominated the round robin play, defeating Mt. Allison, the Universite de Moncton, the Fredericton Volleyball Club, and the Moncton Volleyball Club to place first going into the final rounds. In semi-final action the women defeated the Universite of Moncton again, advancing to meet the

Moncton seniors in an exciting final won by the Dalhousie team in three games.

The tournament was the last competition before Christmas for both teams. In the new year the men's team will travel to Toronto and Winnipeg to compete in two tournaments, while the women's team heads back to Moncton for an AUAA clash before setting out for the University of Waterloo Invitational.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



DON WOODWORTH — hockey — returned from a knee injury and playing only his second game of the season . . . scored two goals and was strong on defense as the Tigers almost upset Moncton 4-3 . . . Don is a third year recreation student from Kentville.



CAROL ROSENTHAL — womens basketball — in her final year of varsity basketball, the two time CIAU All-Canadian led the Tigers to a pair of wins over UNB last weekend . . . she scored 22 in a 69-65 win and added 20 in a 60-53 triumph . . . Carol is in physical education and hails from Dartmouth.

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