

Tigers may make playoffs

by Greg Zed

Friday wasn't the happiest day in the life of Head Coach Pierre Page and the Atlantic Intercollegiate Association was all to blame. At midday Friday, Warren Lutes, Athletic Director and President of the Association informed Page that two players, namely Rick Roemer and Tom Macleod were suspended for one league game for their part in the fighting spree that mared the Dalhousie victory against Mt. Allison January 15th.

It appeared that the reason for the suspensions was centered around the fighting rule of the college league...no one can sort out what it is or how it works due to continued inconsistencies. It appears, however, that if a player is involved in a fight for a second time he can be handed a suspension of a game or two, perhaps three, if the league fathers wish to see it that way...certainly a rather "Bush-League" operation.

With Roemer and MacLeod, Page had to re-organize his pucksters for a Saturday game against Acadia Axemen. Incidentally, both of the suspended players are defencemen, which further magnifies the problem. Friday's practise was one of the most meaningful practises the team had. Each player obviously concerned with the problem seemed to put out a bit more to carry the weight...it payed off for the South Street Ice Machine on the following night when they romped the Axemen 9-4 on a good team effort.

"It had to be one of the finest team efforts of the year...the boys knew they had to put out and I'm sure everyone here at the game would agree," said an elated Page following the triumph. "We have to be pleased with the defencemen who certainly came through with a big game."

In the opening frame Acadia's Mike Johnston tipped in Rob Dawe's blast from the point to give the visitors the early lead. Dal's Earl Theriault, who has certainly begun to produce for the Tigers tied the encounter on his first of three



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goals when he took a pass from Ray Off at 6:08 of the initial period. Acadia made it 2-1 when they fired the controversial goal. Bill Young shot the puck into the upper right hand corner of the net, which had been knocked out of place during the scramble in front of the net. Referee John Campbell allowed the goal, saying that the puck was going in before the net move.

Gerald Dickie, who is showing signs of mid-season consistency, scored the equalizer at 12:55 from Ray Off and Eric Eisenhauer. Two minutes later Dal's Rick Gaetz fired the go-a-head marker from Earl Theriault and Jack Gray. The Tigers took the 3-2 lead into the dressing room despite the gross incompetence of the officials.

In the second period Acadia's Roger Surrette tied the encounter from Bill Young and Dave Halpin. Then, at 3:25, the Axemen, displaying signs of a surging team, took the lead when Mike Johnston fired his second goal from Ron Armstrong and Greg Hubbert. Earl Theriault tied the game after taking a pass

from Thuder Bay native Ray Off...and the Tigers never looked back. Paul Chapman gave the Dal squad their fifth goal on his marker from Forward-turned defenceman Hal Davidson and Ray Off. Then Off fired a goal at 15:18 of the middle period on a play from Theriault and Mullooney to give the Tigers a 6-4 lead over a two period stretch.

In the final frame, the Tigers got shut-out performance from Bickerton and fired three goals to complete their massacre. Earl Theriault scored his third goal of the evening to lead the team. Paul Chapman fired his second from Theriault and Off, while Grant Pyle notched a goal from Gerald Dickie to add to the Tiger triumph.

In essence, the victory had a number of personal victories that may have been covered by the great team effort. Ray Off and Earl Theriault added six points to their season's total, but for Theriault it put the end to his scoring slump. During the first part of the season he displayed most of the club's offensive power but it became

apparent that he had lost his touch after an ankle injury.

Ray Off spirited by Riddell's Raiders of Henderson had a stalwart performance. He has certainly been the most consistent player since the Christmas break. Defenceman Jack Gray had another solid game as a blue-liner and Hal Davidson, who normally patrols the left lanes was moved to the defensive corp...a job that he executed with the greatest versatility. It was the best team effort at home in a number of years. To add to the fine playing ability of the players, it was equally gratifying to see the Dal rink filled to near capacity. Spirited by the Riddell's Radiers from Henderson House in Howe Hall, the fans supported the club from the opening whistle and didn't let up until the final buzzer.

Incidentally, the fan club is planning to rent a bus to travel to Wolfville to see the Tigers in action on February 5th at 2:00. Tentative plans are to go up to the game and return for the Winter Carnival activities that evening.

Intramural hockey

Intramural hockey action continued on Sunday with seven games scheduled. Arts downed Education 6-3 in the first match with George Thomas and Brian Woodbury each scoring twice for the winners. Singles went to Robert Jardine and P. Findlay. Bruce Horne, Paul Stanley and Rick Hayward scored for Education.

Engineers bombed Medicine C 7-2 with S. McCombe firing the hat trick for the winners. L. MacKenny had two goals while D. Matthews and R. Hilchy each notched singles. M. Burnstein and S. Cameron replied for Medicine.

Dentistry trounced Law C 6-2. Holburn, Doyle, Snow, Stackhouse,

Goodday and Besanson all had singles for the winners while K. MacKinnon and I. Logan accounted for the Law markers.

A high scoring game in which Commerce never really got going. Top scorer for P.D.T. was T. Gillis with 2 goals and for Commerce was P. Conrad also with 2 goals.

Law totally outclassed by the Science side looked totally dejected and never really fought back. Scorers for Science were Little, Beck, Clark and Ready.

A strong MBA side held out to a fighting Science side and managed to take the game with 2 goals to none. Geddes and Plumber were the scorers.

PLAN TO FOLLOW THE TIGERS TO THE PLAYOFFS!!!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1977 at 2:00: DAL VS ST. F.X. (DAL RINK)

Skating at Dal

by C. McLean

Dig out your old skates, tie a pillow to your pituchi and you are all set to work off the bulges you have been hiding under those baggy pullovers (hoping to slim up in time for summer sin).

'No puck' ice-time for students is scheduled at the Dal rink conveniently during lunch hours, so you can skate between your peanut and jelly and your 1:30 class on Mondays and Wednesdays (12:30-2:00).

It will soon be rolling around to 'camping-out' time in the Killam with paper deadlines drawing uncomfortably nearer. Tuesday and Thursday evenings (8:30-10:00) an hour on the ice would be a welcome break, or if you are like me, a healthy alternative to other more desperate forms of procrastination.

You can glide around to the music of the Irish Rovers or Engelbert Humperdinck (after a little practice at least). This may not suit your tastes, but then again Elton John or the Electric Light Orchestra would probably cause fatal 20—skater pile-ups.

Dull blades are no excuse, you can get them sharpened just inside the rink door (at the rear) for only 75¢.

So come on out, beginners will not be alone, and join the rosy-cheeked. (i.e. those who forgot their pillows).

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