

# Huskies recover to edge Tigers

by Greg Dennis

St. Mary's right-winger Darren Pickrem's goal at 17:39 of the third period provided the Huskies with their winning margin as they nipped the Dalhousie Tigers 6-5 in Atlantic University Hockey Conference play at the Forum on Wednesday night. The game, which provided plenty of excitement for the large crowd, saw the Tigers rally from an early four goal deficit on consecutive goals by Jim Bottomley, Louis Lavoie, Lavoie again and Don Matheson to tie the game in the third period.

Greg Gard scored at 6:57 of the third to give the Huskies a 5-4 lead; taking much of the wind out of the Tigers' sails. Pickrem finished off a pretty three way passing play with linemates Tom McDonnell and Steve Axford to give St. Mary's a two goal advantage ten minutes later. Brian Gualazzi's power-play goal with less than a minute remaining brought the Tigers back to within one goal. The game ended with Dal pressing for the equalizer but unable to do so.

The win gave SMU sole position of first place in the AUHC's Eastern division with 25 points. Dalhousie stands in unfamiliar ground, slipping to second place at 23 points. The St. F.X. X-Men (8-4 winners over Acadia Wednesday) are one point back of the Tigers in third place while the Axemen occupy last place with 19 points.

The Tigers ran into trouble in the first period of Wednesday's game when they took, as Dal coach Pierre Page

said, "too many chippy penalties". The Huskies capitalized on their opportunities, scoring once with a man advantage and again with two Tigers in the sin-bin.

The Tigers came out flat in the second period and the Huskies jumped into a 4-0 lead. The Tigers came alive at this point and mounted their courageous comeback. Lavoie's second goal, which tightened the score to 4-3 was Tigers finest score of the evening. Rick McCallum carried the puck into the Huskie zone and deftly centered it to Barkley Haddad. SMU netminder Mark Locken robbed Haddad but the ensuing rebound was picked up by Lavoie trailing on the play and the veteran defenceman and his fifth goal of the season.

Said Page after the game, "I was really confident that we were going to win after we got that tying goal (by Bottomley). We had the momentum but their fifth goal sank us."

Goaltenders Locken and Ken Bickerton, probably the best two goalies in the AUHC, cannot be faulted for any of the eleven goals scored. The Tigers were outshot 34-28.

Last Wednesday, Dalhousie visited the Acadia Axemen in Wolfville and exited with a 5-2 victory. It was described as being a very physical contest, the type of game the Tigers play well in. The aggressive play of the visitors forced the Axemen away from their defensive and offensive strategies. The aggressive play also resulted in twice as

many minor penalties for the Tigers (14-7). However, the Tigers took advantage of their opportunities scoring three times on the powerplay. As well, Rick McCallum tallied while the team was short-handed.

The first period ended in a 2-0 Tiger lead as Keith Meagher and Paul Jeffrey found the net. For Jeffrey, it was his first goal in a Tiger uniform. After Acadia tied the game three quarters of the way through the middle frame, Tiger defencemen Ken Johnston and Peter Aldrich scored goals less than a minute apart to

give Dalhousie the lead for good. McCallum's marker in the third preserved the win.

The Tigers then took their act and first place into Antigonish to face the St. Francis Xavier X-Men who were riding a four game losing streak.

The X-Men managed to break out of their slump by beating the Tigers 4-3. It could be said that Dal beat themselves as they were guilty of sloppy defensive play and an all-around lackluster performance. Louis Lavoie gave the Tigers a short-lived first period lead but X's Tony

Cuomo quickly knotted the score then put the host squad ahead in the second period.

Dal pressed early in the third and scored a pair of goals. Unfortunately though, the X-men also scored twice, then held on the rest of the way to eke out the victory.

Scoring for Dalhousie in the third period was Johnston and Jim Bottomley.

	G	A	Pts	PM
Rick McCallum	13	16	29	18
Brian Gualazzi	14	9	23	8
Louis Lavoie	3	17	20	28
Kevin Zimmer	7	12	19	35
Ken Johnston	6	6	12	38
Don Matheson	3	9	12	15
Adrian Facca	7	4	11	31
Gary Ryan	0	11	11	18
Chuck Tuplin	2	7	9	39
Peter Aldrich	2	6	8	20
Jim Bottomley	2	5	7	26
Glen O'Byrne	0	6	6	51
Dwight Houser	3	1	4	35
Barkley Haddad	2	0	2	0
Mike Brennan	0	2	2	0
Paul Jeffrey	1	0	1	2
Dan Cyr	0	1	1	6
Don Woodworth	0	0	0	14
Ken Bickerton	0	0	0	6
Others	6	5	11	25

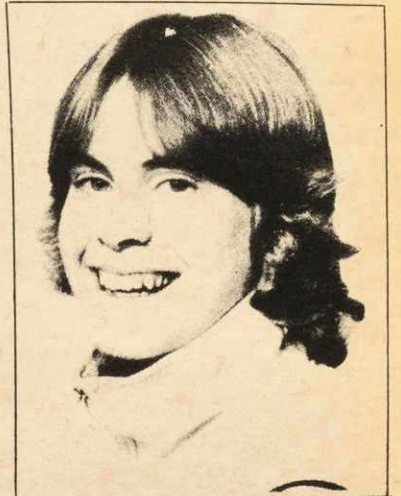
	G	MIN	Goals
Ken Bickerton	17	990	55

	Saves	Ave.	SO
Ken Bickerton	544	3.27	1

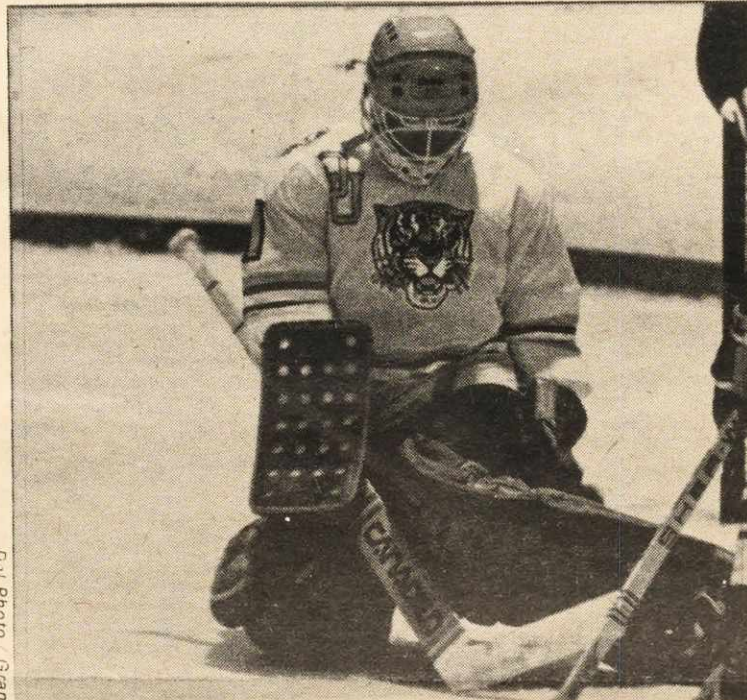
## Athletes of the Week

**KAREN FRASER**—The second year commerce student from Halifax receives her second athlete of the week honor for an outstanding performance in Dalhousie's four game sweep of New Brunswick schools last weekend. The member of Canada's Junior National team scored 58 kills in the four games while picking up 34 serving points.



**MARCEL ARSENAULT**—A diver who won first place in men's one metre and three metre springboard diving at the Dalhousie Invitational Diving Meet last weekend takes athlete of the week honors.

Arsenault is a third year physical education student from Halifax. He scored 328.65 points on the one metre board and 334.65 points on the three metre board. This qualified him for competition in the CIAU Diving Championships at Laval University in March.



Bickerton leads AVHC in saves

## Volleyball classic slated over weekend

by F.A. MacLeod

Al Scott, the Dalhousie men's volleyball coach, is trying to help volleyball to go big-time in this area. He wants to help make it into a big spectator and participation sport in the Maritimes. He has been the driving force behind the first annual Dalhousie Volleyball Classic to be held January 25-27 at the Dalplex. Scott thinks that this tournament will be a showcase for the best volleyball ever seen in the Atlantic Provinces. In future years he hopes the tournament will attract highly rated teams from the U.S.A. and Europe.

In this tournament the schedule is geared toward the spectator—only two courts will be in use at any one time. This will make it easier for the public to get a good look at high calibre volleyball and away from the circus-like atmosphere of many volleyball tournaments, where sometimes eight matches are occurring simultaneously, side by side. To make it more attractive for spectators, the finals on Sunday will all take place on one court, with the bleachers surrounding the playing surface the same way as for a basketball game. This will mean fan interest is concentrated on one game at a time.

The National Social Security

Institute team from Mexico, which was originally scheduled to take part in the tournament, will not be able to attend. However, the Hochelega Volleyball Club of Montreal; the Dal-Ceilidh club; the Sunbury Club of Oromocto, N.B.; and the Dalhousie University Tigers will compete in the men's section of the tournament.

In the women's division of the tournament will be the Rive Sud Volleyball Club of Montreal; the Scarborough Titans of Toronto; the Saint John Tridents; the Dalhousie Volleyball Club; the University of Waterloo; U.N.B.; and the Dalhousie University women's team.

This past Wednesday the Olympic Qualifying Tournament started in Bulgaria. That tournament is the last chance for teams to qualify for the Olympics. The Mexican team scheduled to appear in the Dal Tournament had six of its members on their national team. Initially four of those were selected to go on the Bulgarian trip. Later the Mexican national team had problems and had to take the two other national team members from the National Social Security Institute as well. When this happened the athletic director at the Mexican school decided that

without six of its best players the team was too weak and

vetoed the team's going to the Dal tournament.

The format in the men's division will be round robin, which will determine seeding for the semi-finals, which will be followed by play-offs for gold, silver, and bronze medals. In the women's section the seven teams will compete in a preliminary round robin competition. The top two teams will advance to the tournament final with the third and fourth place teams competing for the bronze medals. Each match will be the best two of three games; but the finals will be decided on a three of five game basis.

The Hochelega team are the No. 2 ranked club team in Canada. They have four ex-national team members, one of which has just been reinstated as an amateur after playing two years of professional volleyball in the U.S. Hochelega is the favourite in the men's tournament; two of their most outstanding players are Jean Catalan and Pierre Marcoux.

The Sunbury team is currently ranked No. 10 among club teams in the nation. It features five players with experience on the Canadian junior national team. Dal's varsity squad was ranked at No. 10 in the university rankings for January, the only ranked team from the Atlantic region.

The featured team in the