

SPORTS

Hockey club in first place after two wins

vs. Acadia

BY DERCK NEARY

The Dalhousie Tigers skated into action on the weekend looking to put some distance between themselves and the Acadia Axemen atop the Kelly Division. First up for the Tigers were the Moncton Blue Eagles on Saturday night.

Starting netminder Kevin Stairs kept the Dal squad in the game by making some key saves early in the first period. The most spectacular stop came when he stoned Moncton's Peter Thorne on a breakaway.

The Tigers got on the board first, 13 minutes into the contest.

Keifer House, positioned behind the Moncton net, centered the puck out front to George Wilcox who lifted it high over the outstretched glove of goalie Anthony Hill.

The second tally of the game came with just over a minute remaining in the first. Greg Smyth slid the puck past a prone Hill, to finish off a beautiful passing play initiated by Joe Suk and Ken MacDermid.

The Blue Eagles answered back early in the second as Denis Leblanc scored to put the opposition within a goal. Despite some careless penalties, the Tigers held on to their 2-1 lead after two periods.

Dalhousie got the first big break of the third when rookie Mark

Myles shot the puck into an empty Blue Eagles' net. Goaltender Hill had been knocked out of the play as a result of a thunderous check when he left his crease.

Five minutes later Cory MacIntyre crossed the puck to Wilcox for his second of the game to put the Tigers up 4-1.

Dal notched the third goal of the period on Mike Griffith's harmless looking shot which beat Hill through the pads.

Moncton's last gasp came with a mere 48 seconds left in the match. Serge Pepin fired a 30 foot blast that beat Stairs to the short side. But it wasn't nearly enough as the Tigers came away with a 5-2 victory.

vs. SMU

BY STEVE MILLS

On Sunday, the Tigers then pounded the St. Mary's Huskies to a final score of 12-5. The last time these two teams met, on November 13, Dal also embarrassed the Huskies with an 8-0 shutout.

Outshooting St. Mary's 48-22 in this game, the Tigers established a 5-3 lead at the end of two periods.

In the third, the Tigers' power-play took charge and scored four of five goals that were tallied in the period. The Huskies managed to score a pair, but by this time were too far gone.

Joe Suk and Kevin Meisner each had a pair of goals for the Tigers, while Gord Reid, Ken MacDermid, Greg Smyth, Trent Gleason, George Wilcox, Kelly Bradley, Mike Griffith, and Jeff Quinn each added singles.

The Tigers, now 7-2-3, still retain sole possession of first place in the Kelly division with 17 points. They will play second-place Acadia, in Wolfville, on Friday night. Acadia trails Dalhousie by only two points in the standings and could tie for first place with a win.

After that game, the team will break in December, and then return to action on January 8, when they will host the Axemen at Dal Arena.

B-Ball season is in jeopardy

BY SATISH PUNNA

The Dalhousie Tigers men's basketball team suffered a major setback at the hands of a strong University of Prince Edward Island Panthers squad on Sunday at Dalplex.

In a game with all the thrills of a two hour-long roller coaster ride, the Tigers rallied twice from a ten point deficit to lead the Panthers, only to be stopped two points short at the buzzer, with 78 points to UPEI's 80. Dalhousie's top performance came from veteran forward Paul Riley, who scored 27 points, and shot 11 for 14 from the floor. Unfortunately, play from the rest of this young team was not up to par.

The Tigers led 40-39 at half-time after a strong rally, leading the large crowd to believe that an early case of nerves had been shaken off. But the second half saw the Panthers taking off on another scoring run, before the Tigers managed to claw back to a one point lead.

The final quarter of the game could be summed up for the Tigers in three words: lack of concentra-

tion. It was the beginning of the end when the UPEI squad capitalized on a critical missed shot to sink an easy basket and lead 77-76 going into the final sixty seconds of the game.

The Tigers then had not one, but two chances to tie the game and force an overtime in the last two seconds. Following a UPEI foul with two seconds on the clock, Shawn Mantley went to the line with a chance for two points, and came up short on both accounts. But before the Panthers could celebrate, another foul with one second remaining sent Don Chisolm to the line to try again. It clearly wasn't meant to be however, as each throw bounced off the rim, sending an elated UPEI team back to the Island.

The mood in the stands and on the Tiger's bench went from dejection to hope and then back to utter disappointment in seconds. Said a visibly distraught coach, Bev Greenlaw, immediately after the game, "...the season is in jeopardy...this team must begin to produce rapidly."

Dalhousie has historically had a

difficult time breaking into the top four in the competitive AUAA conference, and securing a playoff spot. Traditionally, these spots have been held by squads from Acadia, St. Francis Xavier, Saint Mary's, and Cape Breton. This loss will translate into an "uphill struggle" for a team that so far has been lacking confidence, and has had a difficult time finding consistently good performances from everyone on the floor.

Later, coach Greenlaw was quick to stress that the team is not going to give up, and needs a "boost in confidence" to kickstart its season. In the mental game, fan support will mean a lot to these Tigers.

"We really appreciate the fan support," said Greenlaw, "they're going to see some hard, exciting basketball."

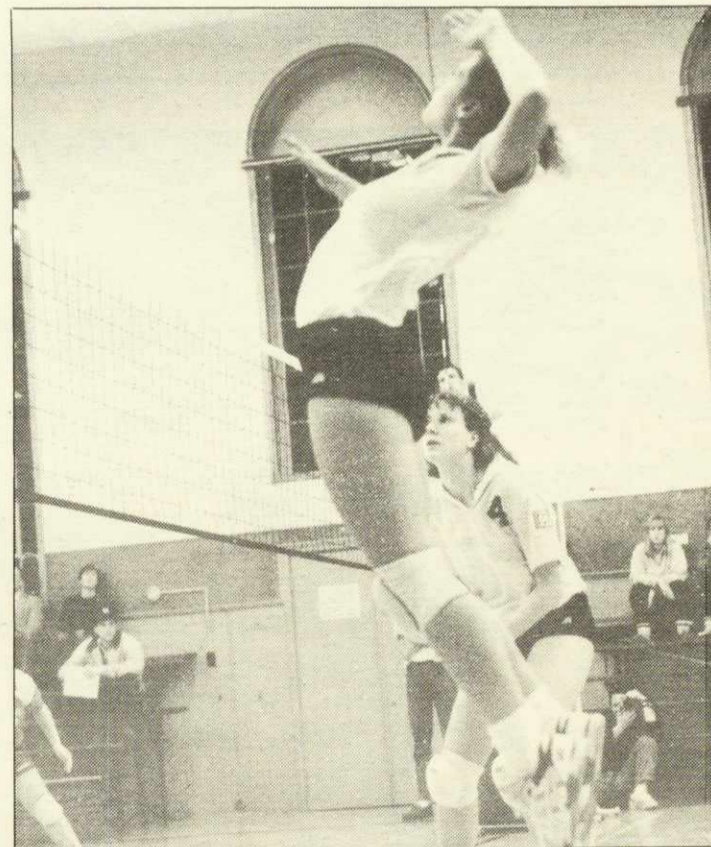
The physical ability is there, but it's anyone's guess as to when the minds will come on line.

Tigers' early lead dwindles

BY KEN HWANG

Last Sunday, the UPEI Panthers were in town to play Dalhousie's men's and women's basketball teams. The women started the afternoon doubleheader. Both Dal and UPEI had 1-1 records coming into this game.

The Tigers dominated the first 13 minutes of the game, leading 28-15 at one point, with Jackie Herbert scoring 12 of Dal's first 14 points. In the last seven minutes of the first half, UPEI out scored Dal 13-3. The Panthers retained that momentum, and they out scored the Tigers 29-16 in the second half, blasting their way to a final score of 57-47.



This is a picture of women's volleyball.

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TIGER BEAT

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Nov. 29 DAL @ SMU 7:30 p.m.

JAN. 3-5 TOURNAMENT @ DAL

HOCKEY: Nov. 29 DAL @ ACADIA 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL: Nov. 30, UNB @ DAL 7 p.m.

Dec. 1 UNB @ DAL 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: Nov. 30, DAL @ MUN 5 p.m.

Dec. 1 DAL @ MUN 10 a.m.

TRACK AND FIELD: Dec. 7 DAL @ UDM