

Dal hockey remains in second place

by Gordie Sutherland

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The Dalhousie Tigers started the new year with their first home loss of the season.

The University of New Brunswick squeaked by the Tigers 4-3 on Saturday night in front of 800 enthusiastic fans. The loss evened the Tigers record at 4-4. The Red Devils improved to 7-3-1. The host Tigers were outshot 34-27.

Dominic Deluca, Jim Landine, Danny Altherr and Ken Murchinson scored for the Red Devils. Murchinson played last season with the Dartmouth Fuel Kids of the Junior 'A' circuit.

Brad Murrin, Kelly Bradley and rookie Mike Griffith replied for the Tigers. Bradley and former Halifax Blue (Nova Scotia Senior Hockey League) Bill Wiseman had two points each.

The Red Devils scored on their first shot of the game. The goal came seconds after UNB won a face-off deep in Dalhousie's end. Defenceman Dominic Deluca shot a knuckle puck that simply fooled goaltender Kevin Stairs.

The Tigers managed to tie the game late in the first period. Tiger Mike Griffith described the goal. "Bill Wiseman worked his butt off and got it back to Kelly Bradley and Kelly fed it over to me in front of the empty net and I just shot it in," he said. "The whole key to the play was Bill Wiseman and the three of us all going to the

net."

The opening frame was the kind of period that one might expect from two teams that had been off for the last month. There were a great number of missed passes and play was slightly slower than usual.

The Tigers came out flying in the second period, scoring two goals in less than four minutes. Dalhousie's two goal lead dwindled to 3-2 when Murchinson scored a power play marker at 13:23. The Red Devils added the equalizer at 17:57.

Griffith, a former Buffalo Sabres draft pick, was frustrated by the collapse. "We basically fell apart," he said. "We scored three quick goals on them and then we thought we could coast for a while. Ten minutes later it was 3-3 and all the guys got down."

The Red Devils scored the only goal of the third period and it was enough to win the contest. The game was evenly played and really could have gone either way. The Tigers had several missed opportunities. "We simply didn't capitalize," said Griffith. "It's like missing a one-foot putt in golf. You just can't do it if you want to win the tournament."

The game featured a couple of anc of the year after recovering from a back injury. On the same night as Woodford's return it was key Dalhousie line-up changes. First year defenceman Marty Woodford made his first appear-

revealed that star defenceman Paul Kleinknecht had opted to leave Dalhousie for school-related reasons. The loss of Kleinknecht is a big blow to the Tiger defence.

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On Sunday afternoon the Tig-

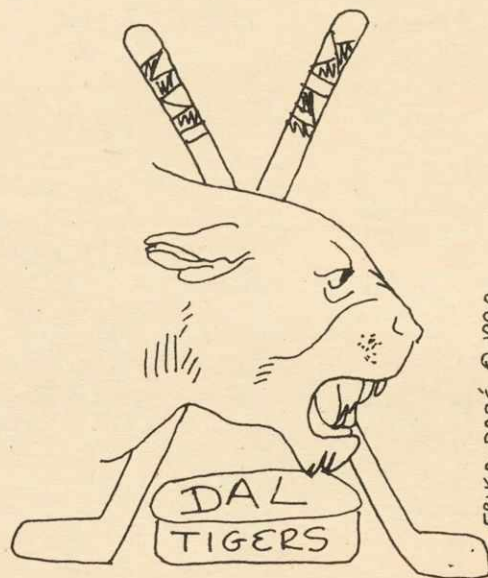
The story of the game was the sensational hat-track performance of team captain Craig Morrison. Morrison earned player of the game honours by spearheading the Tiger offence. The former Oshawa General (Ontario Hockey League) figured in six of the eight Dalhousie

Melanson, a fourth year veteran was impressed by the team's turn around from the night before. "We were a little rusty last night coming back off the month layoff," he said. "We were clicking today and everybody was more disciplined team-wise, not just in taking penalties but in playing our positions better."

The Tigers held first and second period leads of 2-0 and 4-2. The game was significantly closer than the final score would indicate. In fact, the Tommies trailed by only a goal with fifteen minutes left in the game. Then the Tigers exploded for four unanswered goals in just over five minutes. The Tigers had four power-play goals while the Tommies scored twice with the man advantage.

Goaltender Pat McGarry stopped 33 shots en route to the Tiger victory. McGarry had a busy second period facing twenty Tommie shots. "He kept us in there," stated Melanson in reference to McGarry. "At the end of the second period he stood up and stopped three or four shots in a row. That could have been the difference in the game right there."

The Tigers record now stands at 5-1 at home and 0-3 on the road. The Tigers will aim for their first regular season road victory when they take to the ice against the Saint Mary's Huskies on January 17 at 7:30 pm.



ers returned to form with an 8-3 thumping of the visiting St. Thomas Tommies.

The win allowed Dalhousie (5-4) to remain in sole possession of second place in the Kelly Division just four points behind the leading Axemen. The Tigers have two games in hand on the Axemen.

goals.

Other Dalhousie scorers included George Wilcox with a pair and Derrick Pringle, Alan Baldwin and Stuart Birnie with one apiece. Tiger defenceman Brian Melanson had three assists.

Responding for the Tommies were players Brent Grant, Dan LeBlond and Phil Huckins.

At 41,000 feet with

The Dal Breakfast Club and Swim Team

by Sandy MacKay

The Dalhousie Women's and Men's Swim Teams came home last Friday after more than a week of gruelling training in Jamaica. The holiday training session is funded by the athletes. This reporter was lucky enough to catch the teams on the last leg of their journey, at 7:00 a.m. Toronto time, on their way back to beautiful Haligonian. Over a specially prepared breakfast, I asked the athletes various questions: about their training sessions, about their coming prospects, about Jamaica, but mostly about breakfast. Their replies:

Paul Chui, Dal Swimmer and Breakfast Eater: "The eggs? Okay, I guess. That's breakfast for you." **On Dal's prospects for the year:** "We (the men's team) should do well. UNB beat us twice, so our record is two-and-two. The women are 4-0. They should take the AUA no problem. Mount A and MUN are the top competitors in the women's." **Ali, Dal Swimmer and Break-**

fast Eater (beaded look): *How did you like your breakfast aboard today's flight?* "Not at all — the eggs, that is. Were they still alive?"

John O'Brien, Dal Swimmer and optimistic Breakfast Eater: "The eggs? fine. They were good. It's a regular breakfast omelet, with low salt. I haven't been sick yet."

Nigel Kemp, Dal Swim Team Coach and Breakfast Eater: "We got these special meals from Air Canada, without request. Apparently they supply special meals for groups like ours. We try to get high-protein, low-fat meals." **Do you normally eat airplane food?** "Well, the omelet's kind of tasteless, but that's no reason to turn your nose up at it."

Sarah Petrie, new member of the Dal Swim Team and Breakfast Eater (beaded look): *How do you like this airplane food compared to Jamaican?* "Well, at least here you know what you're eating. The difference is that here (on this plane) the food is plain. Jamaican's pretty spicy. I didn't like the idea of eating curried goat

(a popular Jamaican dish) — the idea of eating a goat. What? No, I wouldn't eat it at home." *If, for the rest of your life, you had to eat Jamaican or airplane food, which would you choose?* "Airplane food, because it has the four main food groups." **How about the prospects for the upcoming season?** "The women's team is really strong. We should have no problems taking the regional conference. Last year, we won double at the regional (both women's and men's teams took the title). At the national, we'll have a small team, maybe five women, and one or two guys. The women's team should do well, maybe take 6th, 7th, 8th place. The top team? McGill or Calgary." **How about the beads?** "Yeah, everybody picked up some beads. There's a rasta belt. You can see lots of us have them braided into our hair. We'll have the beaded look for the AUs. They start February 20 at Dal. It should be an exciting meet to watch."

Darrell Dunn, Dal Swimmer and Breakfast Eater, on the quality of airplane food and service:

"When my granny flies, she makes special requests for fruit, apples and such, and she gets them. My special meal? No, I didn't get champagne with my orange juice. This is my first meal of the day."

The Dal Swim Team spent ten days in Jamaica, training under a gruelling hot sun, some of the swimmers covering up to 55,000 metres during their stay in Jamaica. To protect the innocent, none of the swimmers touched any of the sweet-smelling marijuana that locals were offering. Apparently, locals were also trying to sell the swimmers "hash pipes" full of beautiful Jamaica

weed, "just to test". "Crazy drugs down there. (If you wanted to) you could get anything you wanted."

As well as dealing (no pun intended) with the local drug sellers, the Swimmers also had to deal with lost luggage. They left Kingston Airport, but their luggage did not. The swimmers I met at 41,000 feet were decked out for the most part in flashy Caribbean gear, shorts and light shoes.

After all that strenuous training, it should be exciting to watch the women's and men's teams performing at the AUA. They start February 20th and are taking place here, at the Dalplex.

