

Come to play or lose it

by Gordie Sutherland

What a difference 48 hours can make.

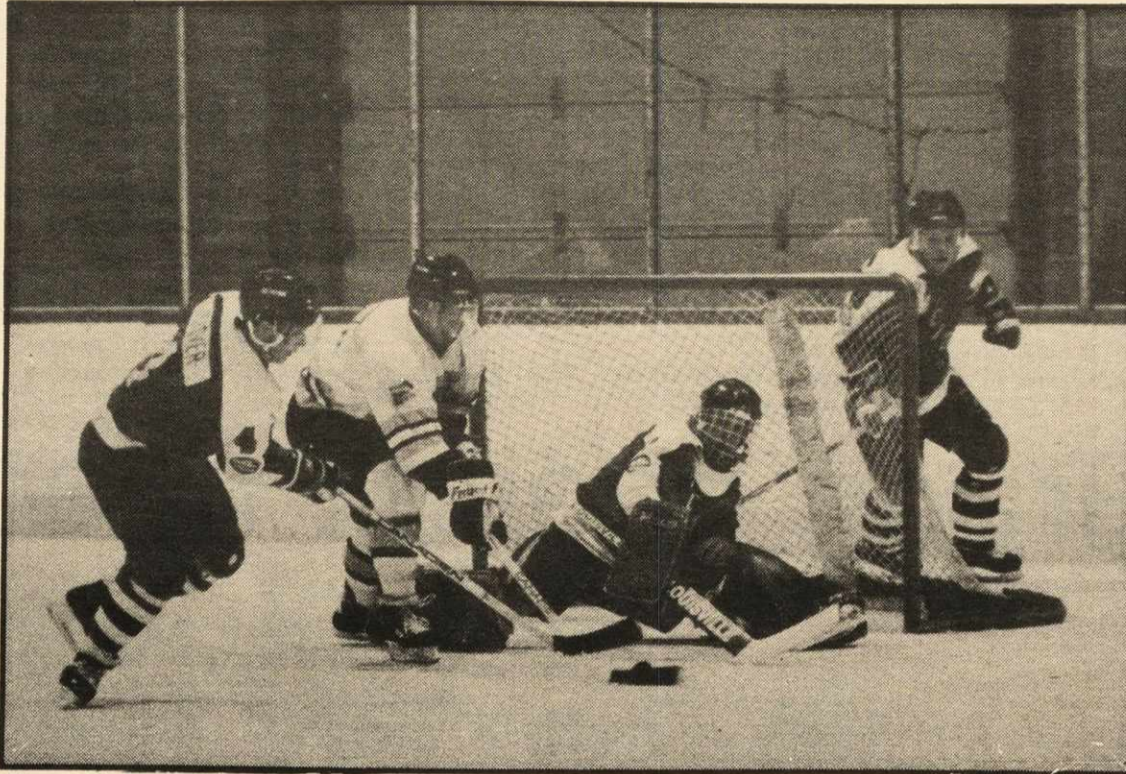
Last Friday, the Dalhousie Tigers began their two-game Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference weekend with an impressive 5-1 victory over the Acadia Axemen. The Tigers' success was turned to humiliation on Sunday when the host Moncton Blue Eagles humbled the Tigers 9-3.

On Friday night, the Tigers pleased the partisan crowd of 800 fans with their fourth straight home victory. The Tigers outshot the seventh-ranked (nationally) Axemen 31-24.

Scott Anderson contributed two goals for Dalhousie, while Mike Griffith, Kelly Bradley and George Wilcox helped out with a goal apiece. Team Captain Craig Morrison continued his point rampage with two assists.

Former Cornwall Royal (Ontario Hockey League) Darren Colbourne accounted for Acadia's lone marker.

The turning point in the game came midway through the second period. With the game tied at 1-1, Wilcox scored a power play goal to fuel the Tigers' attack. The Tigers added three unanswered goals over the last thirty minutes.



Tigers win one. Tigers lose one.

photo: Marc Earhard

The Axemen managed just four shots in the Dalhousie-dominated third period.

Special teams had a great deal to do with Dalhousie's success. The Tigers stymied Acadia's power play by killing off six of seven shorthanded situations. Dalhousie also added a goal when Acadia had the man advantage. Fifth-year assistant coach Kim

Houston applauded the performance of the shorthanded unit. "We were very pleased with our penalty killing. We were pressuring them quite a bit, especially in the neutral zone. That forced them to maybe do things they didn't want to do, and it worked out to our benefit."

The Tigers were defensively solid. Goaltender Pat McGarry

stopped 23 shots to earn player of the game honours. "Paddy (McGarry) made a couple of key saves. It was unfortunate that they did get a goal, because I think overall the team deserved the shutout," said Houston.

In Moncton on Sunday, Eric Galaneaus' hat trick led the Blue Eagles to a 9-3 thumping of the Tigers. Also scoring for Moncton

were Dani Gauvin with two and Richard Linteau, Sylvain Lemay, Claude Gosseline and Claude Legace with a single apiece.

Craig Morrison, Mike Griffith and Brad Murrin replied for the Tigers.

Coach Houston was disappointed in the Tigers' output. "We didn't have twenty guys prepared to play hockey. I'll tell you right now, in this league, if you don't come to play, you're not going to win," said a stoic Houston.

With the win, Moncton improved to 7-2 and maintained their first-place position in the MacAdam Division. Dalhousie dropped to 4-3 but remained in sole possession of second place in the Kelly Division.

The contest was the last Tiger game before the Christmas break, and Houston was hoping for a win. "It's unfortunate because we wanted to end the first half on a positive note, to have something to carry us through Christmas break and into the new year.

"We'll just have to regroup after that. The key for us now is to maintain our conditioning over the Christmas period."

The Tigers will return to action on January 6, when they host the University of New Brunswick (5-3-1) at 7:30 p.m.

Vanier update

Western takes it

by John Jarvis

HALIFAX (CUP) — The University of Western Ontario Mustangs defeated the University of Saskatchewan Huskies in Saturday's Vanier Cup, leaving no doubt the Mustangs were the best team in the country.

The Mustangs accumulated 406 yards in total offence in their 35-10 victory. Western's strong running game was extremely effective, picking up 223 yards on 42 rushes with four players gaining over 40 yards each. Duane Forde led the way carrying the ball 14 times for 62 yards.

Chris Gaffney, Western's quarterback, completed eight of 18 passes for 183 yards and ran for three touchdowns. Halifax native Tyrone Williams caught five passes for 157 yards and won the Ted Morris Trophy as the game's Most Valuable Player.

Gaffney, who was named offensive player of the game, said the key to the Mustangs' success was the running game. "Saskatchewan had to focus on the run and this opened up room for our passing game. Credit has to go to Tyrone [Williams] and

Dave Sapunjis. These guys are great receivers and make my job a lot easier."

The turning point of the game occurred near the end of the first half with Western leading 14-10. Saskatchewan had the ball on their own 42 yard line facing third down and two yards to go. They decided to go for the first down, but the gamble didn't pay off as the Western defence stopped Huskie running back Terry Eisler for no gain.

Mustang Chris Gaffney then completed a 37 yard pass to Williams on the five yard line. Rick Clawson scored on the next play to give Western a 20-10 lead with 29 seconds remaining in the half. Steve McCann kicked the extra point, and Western enjoyed an 11 point advantage heading to the locker rooms.

The second half was no better for Saskatchewan. The Mustangs' defence continued to put pressure on Huskies' quarterback David Earl. He was only able to complete 12 of 26 passes for 145 yards and was rushed into throwing three interceptions.

Earl was replaced by first-year quarterback Todd Baker at the

start of the fourth quarter. Baker fared no better, completing only four of nine passes for 42 yards.

Darryl Forde led the Western defence by intercepting two passes and returning them 58 yards. This tied two Vanier Cup records, and Ford was named the defensive player of the game.

The pro-Western crowd of 32,877 was the largest in Vanier Cup history. The CIAU final attracted about 10,000 more people than the previous week's Toronto Argonauts-Winnipeg Blue Bombers game. The game proved to be a tremendous success and the move to Toronto's Skydome played a large part. If the game had been held at Varsity Stadium as in the past, it undoubtedly would have attracted fewer than 15,000 fans.

By winning the 25th Vanier Cup, Western added another chapter to their rich football tradition. Saskatchewan played a courageous game, but lacked the Mustangs' depth or talent. Western dominated every aspect of Saturday's game to give coach Larry Haylor his first Vanier Cup and the team its fifth in its history.

Swimmers win

by Gordie Sutherland

Swimming — Lynne Patterson

Last Monday, Dalhousie swimmer Lynne Patterson was named the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association's female athlete of the week.

Patterson, a graduate of Dartmouth's Prince Andrew High School, continued to dominate the AUAA swim scene. The first-year physical education student won four individual events at last weekend's AUAA invitational in Sackville, NB. Patterson won the 400 freestyle, 200 butterfly, 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly. She

was also a member of the winning relay teams in the 400 individual medley and 400 freestyle.

Teammate Kelly Andrews won the 100 freestyle event. The women's team placed first out of five teams competing in the Mount Allison meet. The team accumulated 111 points, some 36 points ahead of second-place Memorial.

The men placed second at the tournament, four points behind the University of New Brunswick (133). Darcy Byrne, Darryl Dutton and John Duncan truned in outstanding results for the men's team.

Volleyball brief

The Dalhousie Tigers women's volleyball team captured first place in the Moncton Open in Atlantic Universities Volleyball Conference action over the weekend.

The Tigers earned a berth in the championship match by virtue of a 2-0 (15-5, 15-13) semi-final win over the host Moncton squad.

Dalhousie continued their winning ways with another 2-0 (15-1, 15-12) victory in the championship. This time the team's win

came at the expense of the Mount Allison Mounties.

Dalhousie's Sandra Rice and Christine McCreery starred in the championship contest. Rice had 12 kills, two service aces and six stuff blocks. McCreery was credited with 15 kills and seven stuff blocks.

Rice and Tiger setter Lori Walsh were named tournament all-stars.

In league play, the Tigers are in third place with a perfect 5-0 record.