

Women's hockey tie X to end season

Team gearing up to defend NSWHL championship title

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The Dalhousie women's hockey team tied St.FX at 1-1 to end their season on Saturday night at Memorial Arena. They finished, with a 10-3-2 record, in fourth place in the Nova Scotia Women's Hockey League.

The Dal team were forced to play without captain Tanya MacDonald, Nadine Hopkins and Simone Page who are members of Nova Scotia's provincial team. They were playing against New Brunswick and, though they arrived during the second period, were prevented from playing as St.FX contested the fact that they were not in the building for the opening face-off.

Dal, last year's NSWHL champions, easily dominated the first period, outshooting and out-chancing St.FX while exhibiting strong defence the few times it was

necessary. Their starting line-up of Sara Keyes, Laura Cormier, Beth Sharpe, Ros Day and Nancy Austin set the pace from the opening face-off. The visiting team got few chances to test blueliner Treena Hansen, who was tending goal, with a notable two-on-one performance late in the frame. Sarah Racicot broke away with less than six minutes left, faked a shot and passed to teammate Lesley Mosier who failed to score due to a huge pad save by Hansen. Dal kept control of the puck despite upsets in the game, largely caused by St.FX bruiser Beth McCharles. Center Keyes opened the scoring at 19:11, putting Dal on the board with a slapshot from the slot which went in off St.FX goaltender Janice Elliot's stick.

Hansen was a force again in the second frame as she denied St.FX forwards repeatedly. However, Heather Gilfoy took a rebound pass from Michelle Foitier and potted it from the slot with Hansen still down on the ice to tie the score at 12:20. Dal blueliner Allison Henneberry

put in a solid performance both offensively and defensively to keep St.FX out of firing range.

However, St.FX came out stronger in the final frame which resulted in chippy play. Dal regained control of the game as Kenzie Tobin checked McCharles in the latter half of the period and the home team took

the resulting penalty in stride. Sharpe stepped up the pace of the game in the dying minutes of the game and it was all the St.FX defence could do to keep her from getting a clean shot on goal, making for an exciting finish.

"We're very pleased with the season and we're just waiting for

league playoffs," Cormier said.

The NSWHL playoffs begin on Friday, March 27 in a single elimination format. The championship game will take place on Sunday, March 29, 8:30-10pm at the Memorial Arena. Come out and support the team as they defend their title!



St. FX's Shauna Beaton (no.8) tries to fend off Dal forward Sara Keyes. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

Women's Hockey

Saturday March 14 - Exhibition game at Memorial Arena versus Shearwater Flyers. Game time is 8pm. Admission is free.

Playoff schedule

Game	Date	Time	Location	Teams
1	Friday, March 27	5-7pm	Alumni Arena (SMU)	#4 vs. #5
2	Saturday, March 28	6-7:30pm	Memorial Arena (Dal)	#2 vs. #7
3	Saturday, March 28	7:30-9pm	Memorial Arena (Dal)	#3 vs. #6
4	Saturday, March 28	9-10:30pm	Memorial Arena (Dal)	#1 vs. winner of game 1
5	Saturday, March 28	10:30-midnight	Memorial Arena (Dal)	winner of game 2 vs. winner of game 3
6	Sunday, March 29	8:30-10pm	Memorial Arena	winner of game 4 vs. winner of game 5

AUBC PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- 12:30pm Acadia vs. UPEI
- 2:30pm UNB vs. St.FX
- 6pm SMU vs. Dal
- 8pm MUN vs. UCCB

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- noon Semi-final (winners of games 1 and 2)
- 2pm Semi-final (winners of games 3 and 4)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 2pm Final

There will be a pre-game party on Friday, March 13 at JJ Rossy's starting at 3pm. (No cover charge, happy hour prices).

MANAGER WANTED...

The Dalhousie men's varsity hockey team is looking for an energetic student-manager to assist with the day-to-day operation of the team.

Applicants must be goal-oriented, able to manage time very wisely, capable of budget management, and familiar with the game. Knowledge of skate-sharpening and equipment would be an asset. They must have great interpersonal skills and be assertive. There will be some travel involved, mostly on weekends.

If you think you are up to the challenge, please call 494-6673 and/or drop off a resumé at the Dalhousie Hockey office (located in the lobby of Memorial Arena).



Athletes of the Week



SARA HENNENBERRY
BASKETBALL

Sara scored 14 points in the Tigers' victory over arch-rival Saint Mary's at the AUAA Basketball

Championships at UPEI. She also played inspired defence on AUAA Player of the Year Jad Crnogorac of SMU and on AUAA All-Star Jen Deveraux of Memorial. Sara is a second-year Science student from Sackville, Nova Scotia.



BRIAN PARKER
BASKETBALL

Brian saved his best for last, putting up incredible numbers in his final home game at Dalplex. He scored 32 points,

hauled in 5 rebounds, dished out 7 assists and collected 8 steals, on 12 of 18 shooting, including 6 of 8 behind the 3-point line. This performance allowed him to capture the league scoring championship at 23.1 points/game. Brian is a fifth-year Arts student from Laurel, Maryland.

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