

Dal wins 4-1

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Dal hockey shuts down Axemen

by Gordie Sutherland

Score: Dal 4, Acadia 1
Dal Scoreres: Mike Griffith, Joe Suk, Scott Milroy, and Gord Reid
Acadia Scoreres: Duane Dennis
Attendance: 700
Final shots on goal by: Acadia 37, Dal 34

The Dalhousie Hockey Tigers, buttressed by the superb goaltending performance of Pat McGarry, defeated the Acadia Axemen 4-1 in a Sunday afternoon affair at the Dalhousie Memorial Arena.

The contest came one year and one day after the Tigers beat the same Axemen team, at the same rink by a score of 5-1. Ironically, Dalhousie keeper Pat McGarry earned Player of the Game honours in both contests.

Sunday's win was a crucial one for the Tigers, who were upset 5-2 on Saturday night by the St. Mary's Huskies. The victory over Acadia allowed Dalhousie [7-2-2] to remain in first place in the Kelly Division with 16 points, two more than second place Cape Breton. The Axemen dropped to 6-5-0 but remained in third place.

Acadia outshot the Tigers 21-8 in the first period, but Dal head coach Darrell Young suggested that the shots on goal did not reflect how well his team actually played.

"I don't think there was anything going wrong in the first period," said Young. "I thought we played a good, fast pace. We were hitting them and laying our style. The shots they were getting were from outside the top of the circle and that is fine. They can shoot from there all night. We were taking away

the second shot and we were picking up the man."

The Tigers clearly controlled the last two periods. The black and gold used a fierce forechecking attack and on several occasions forced the Axemen defenders to give up the puck deep in their own end. Young compared their forechecking strategy to basketball's full court press.

Dal played 60 minutes of aggressive, tight-checking hockey. All four Tiger lines played well and their physical style appeared to wear down the Axemen. Former Pickering Junior "B" play Scott Milroy stood out for the Tigers as he handed out four or five open-ice body checks.

Rookie Todd Mondor led the Tiger defence by assisting on two goals. Mondor, a former Cornwall Royal [OHL], set up Dal's first and third goals by drilling point shots

that stayed low to the ice. On the first goal, forward Mike Griffith was planted in front of the Axemen goal and simply banged home the loose rebound. Scott Milroy scored the third goal by tipping a shot from Mondor over the shoulder of Acadia keeper Chris Churchill.

Pat McGarry had a super game in nets as he stopped 36 Acadia shots to aid the Tiger cause. McGarry, a commerce student, is in his second year with the team. Young, a former Dal goaltender, was very pleased with the play of McGarry. "Pat played a very strong game. In order to win you have to have a strong goaltender," he said. "When you are struggling to score, the goaltender has to be twice as strong."

McGarry, last season's Rookie of the Year, stopped 20 of Acadia's 21 first period shots and in the process put on a clinic on how to contain rebounds. The former Guelph Plater [OHL] goaltender lost his shutout bid when a Dal defenceman misfired on a clearing attempt which resulted in a give away to Axeman Duane Dennis who was positioned directly in front of the Tiger net. McGarry didn't have a chance on the play. The game ended with McGarry making a glove save right at the buzzer.

The Tigers were ranked number two in the nation last week but Young predicts that they will probably drop to fourth or fifth after splitting last week's games.

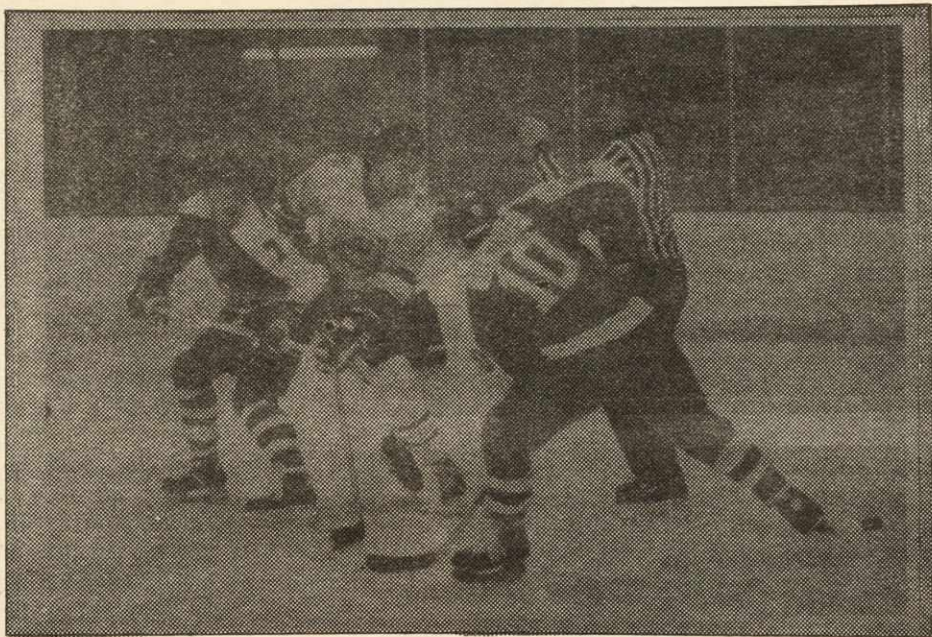


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B-ball Tigers bump X

by Kevin Barrett

The Dalhousie Mens Basketball team split a pair of buzzer beating barn-burners last week and in doing so, sent a message to the teams in the A.U.A.A. Mens Basketball conference they will be a force to be reckoned with this season.

The Tigers (1-1) shocked the number one nationally ranked St.F.X. X-Men 79-77 last Tuesday before falling to the UPEI Panthers 74-71 on a last second layup by Panther guard Darryl Glenn Saturday afternoon at the Dalplex.

The Tigers had struggled to a 3-4 win loss record during the exhibition season and were thought to be in jeopardy of not winning a single game during the year. The opening games of the 1990-91 campaign changed all that though.

"We are glad to be 1-1", said freshman Marcus Williams, named Dal's player of the game against UPEI. "Nobody thought

we'd win a game but we will give everyone a go."

Coach Bev Greenlaw was content the way his young team played and emphasized the positive aspects of the effort last week. "We didn't play badly and our expectations certainly have changed from the start of the year. We still have some things to work on such as ball handling and passing," said Greenlaw.

Against X, Guard Keith Donovan provided the heroics from the foul line with no time left on the clock as he calmly sank two fouls shots, breaking a 77-77 tie. Donovan was awarded the shots after an unbelievable miscue by X. After stealing the ball with five seconds left and the score tied, Donovan heaved a desperation shot from center court as time expired. He was fouled during the attempt by an X player and went to the line to seal their fate.

X -coach Steve Konchalski simply called the play "dumb",

referring to the lack of concentration on his players' part.

The full house at the Dalplex had plenty to cheer about as Dal jumped out to an early lead and at one point held a 36-24 edge. X, behind the play of Richard Bella, came back to take the lead early in the second half and held it until the Tigers, fueled once again by the outside shooting of Donovan (21 pts) and David Pacquette (16 pts) stormed back. The Tigers went on a late 11-4 run to set up the opportunity for the win.

On Saturday, Dal lead most of the way but a pair of Brett Wood three pointers gave the Panthers the lead 66-62 with under four minutes to play. Dal responded by going on a 8-0 run, thanks to a Donovan three and a bucket each by Dean Thibodeau (14 pts) and Williams to lead 71-69.

With 48 seconds remaining, Dal had possession of the ball but a missed Dal field goal was corralled

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