

Dal hockey highlights

by Rusty James

Dalhousie's Memorial Arena provided the setting for the second annual Lobster Pot tournament. St. F.X. and Dalhousie squared off on Friday night and all eyes were on the Tigers to see if they had the necessary tools to make it into Sunday afternoon's final. It turned out to be the "Cossar" show as brothers John and Darren came through for the Tigers. John opened the scoring at 6:52 of the first period and started the hometown boys out on the right foot. Forty-seven seconds later Tiger rookie Royce Baker upped the count to 2-0. John Cossar then traded goals with Wayne Deighton of St. F.X. and the Tigers confidently skated to the dressing room up 3-1. The period was one filled with minor penalties such as tripping, holding and hooking. Dal outshot the X-Men 16-9, but goaltender Cossar still had to make several close range clutch saves.

The teams took turns scoring in the second with yet another rookie, Paul Heron, scoring for Dalhousie.

The third period proved to be all Dal as Terry Grove, Pierre Dion and John Cossar (completing his hat trick) sealed the X-Men's fate. The final score was 7-2 with Dal outshooting St. F.X. 44-31.

The key to success in this game was undoubtedly the Tigers' specialty teams. While on the power play or killing penalties, they moved the puck well and executed with precision.

The second game of the tournament proved to be an entertaining tilt as the ever-strong Université de Moncton Blue Eagles flew into town and snatched victory away from the tenacious and talented Panthers from UPEI. The game was rough throughout and although it is early in the season both teams displayed a mid-season desire to win. The final outcome was 5-3 in favor of U de M.

The tables were now set for both Sunday's final and the consolation. In the first game Sunday morning the PEI squad crused a pathetic bunch from Antigonish 9-1. The X-Men showed little effort, no teamwork and totally forgot about pride. One begins to wonder how X-Men coach Wayne Maxner ever made it to the pro level as his team showed little discipline and no desire. It seems Maxner's only talent lies in berating the officials when things turn sour. The X-Men are evidently in for a long and cold winter back home in Antigonish.

The match-up many local hockey fans and loyal Dalhousians were waiting for was set to begin at 3 pm at Dal. An anticipatory buzz and strong emotion was in the air even before the game got under way. It was obvious the Dalhousie-Moncton rivalry had not dissipated to any large degree despite Dalhousie's huge personnel turnover.

The first period opened quickly and both teams managed

to maintain the fast pace throughout. It was to be an afternoon where the goaltenders rose to the occasion. Jean Claude Charest stood out for the Blue Eagles while Glen Ernst turned in his finest performance since his arrival on campus a little over two years ago. Time after time he turned back Moncton shooters leaving them shaking their heads. The Blue Eagles, never known to give up, kept plugging at the Tigers and by the end of the

second period had built up a hard-fought 2-0 lead on markers by Michel Gallant and Pierre Giard. The first two frames saw both teams miss many opportunities as the game potentially could have gone either way. The Blue Eagles were up 27-23 on shots heading into the final period, illustrating the closeness of the contest.

At 1:49 of the final frame hard-hitting veteran Mike Jeffrey stood the crowd on its feet,

drawing the Tigers within one goal. The rangy centreman has come into his own this year displaying leadership qualities and desire which remained hidden in the previous two years while Mike played in the shadows of "bigger" names. The celebration, however, was short-lived, as Moncton rearguard Pat Dodier scored at 3:26 to break the backs of the young Tigers. The floodgates were opened and before the period was over the Blue

Eagles had scored three more, skating away with a 6-1 victory. For the second year in a row, the Moncton squad was leaving town with the Lobster Pot banner within their grasps. This, then, closed the book on the second annual Lobster Pot affair until the same time next year. The Tigers' next home game is yet another exhibition match, and it goes Wednesday, October 26 at the Dal rink against Three Rivers from Quebec.



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The Dalhousie men's hockey team, shown above in opening-game action against the St. Francis Xavier X-Men, took second place in the second annual Lobster Pot Hockey Tournament at Dal

Memorial Arena last weekend.

Moncton defeated Dal 6-1 in the final to take the championship, while PEI Panthers defeated St. F. X. to take the consolation.

Men's basketball Tigers look stronger than ever

by Mark Alberstat

The men's basketball Tigers are back this year and looking stronger than ever. Last year their conference record was 12-6 and their overall record was 20-12. This was good enough to rank them third in the country and tied them in second place with St. Mary's in the AUAA.

The team consists of 12 players, but one, Louis Atherton, will be sitting out this year because of the CIAU transferring rule. Atherton will be in a managerial position this year, but will be playing next season.

The team boasts one All-Canadian, Robert "Bo" Hampton; one All-Star, Steve Lambert; and one All-AUAA, Stan Whitestone. Hampton, a second year Tiger, spent his summer in the Worcester/Brantown summer league and should show signs of improvement over last year. Steve Lambert is in his senior

year as a Tiger and passed the 1000 point mark last season. Rounding out the trio is Stan Whitestone, the 6'7" veteran from Jersey City. Whitestone is known for his blocking and throwing ability and is one of this year's co-captains.

The other co-captain is Bo Mallott, a third year veteran from Toronto. He will be changing his position to point guard this season and should bring the experience and leadership the team needs.

The head coach this year is Doc Ryan, entering his fourth year as Tiger mentor. Doc has played for Canada's national team in four major tournaments since 1978 and also at the Pan American games in Puerto Rico in 1979. The two assistant coaches are Ken Seaward and Jack Lucier.

The conference this year is going to be very competitive and coach Ryan says it's "the toughest

since 1979." You can be sure the basketball action this year will be of a high grade and exciting to watch.

Dal's first action will be the Alumni Exhibition match on October 23. Game time is 8:30 p.m. at Dalplex.

McDonald resigns as Tiger soccer coach

Dalhousie Director of Athletics and Recreational Services, Ken Bellemare, has announced the resignation of Terry McDonald as head coach of the Tiger Men's Varsity Soccer Program at Dalhousie University.

McDonald had indicated differences in philosophical approach to the sport, saying he felt he could not continue. The announcement follows a three game suspension issued by the

The alumni won the first match easily as the younger Tigers seemed intimidated by their talented opposition. The Tigers came back to tie the match at one game apiece by winning the second game. The alumni bounced back to win the final two games and the match.



AUAA to McDonald for playing a player who was ineligible for the game.

Bellemare appointed Tony Martin of the Department, a former varsity soccer player at College of Cape Breton and Acadia, as interim head coach.

Bellemare expressed regret at McDonald's decision and praised his contribution to the Tiger soccer program over several seasons.