

Split decision

Dal loses, keeps victory against X-Men

BY TERRY HAWES

The Dalhousie Tigers hockey club almost suffered the dubious distinction of being the first team to lose two games in one day.

After a tough 3-2 defeat to the St. FX X-Men on Sunday, the Tigers had to go through a shootout that was wiped out from an October 20 game when the black and gold used the same shooter twice. Fortunately, Dal maintained that controversial result with a 3-2 win in the shootout to gain some reward for a hard-working display in the regulation match.

Dal sits on a 2-8-2 record, but seven of their eleven matches have been decided by one goal, making the team very competitive in the AUAA.

The Tigers play twice on the road this week against Acadia and UNB before they play their last game before the Christmas Break on December 1 against SMU at Dal Arena.

St FX 3 Dalhousie 2 (Nov 21)

The Tigers surrendered two third-period goals to fall to the X-Men in a match in a match where Dal was the better side for the first two periods.

After the humiliation of last Wednesday night where the team was decisively outplayed in a 6-2 loss to SMU, the Tigers played a solid all-around game for 40 minutes before X got the breaks

when it counted to steal the win.

Dal came out strong and had a two on one break in the first minute only for Dan Tudin's shot to be stopped easily by X goalie Shawn Degagne. Tudin came close a couple of minutes later on a breakaway, but was again foiled by Degagne.

The X-Men capitalised on Tudin's misses with a goal at the 2:44 mark. Rob Massa took the pass from Kurt Walsh and beat Dal's Neil Savary through the legs. Despite the early goal, both teams continued to play wide-open hockey in the first period.

However, Dal's hard work paid off late in the first period as Derrick Pyke picked up the loose puck and flicked it past Degagne to the right-hand side. It was no more than they deserved for one of their better periods this year.

The second period shifted to a more defensive style of play as both teams had few scoring chances. This in no way led to a boring game — not by a long shot.

Dalhousie took a 2-1 lead at the 9:38 mark when Tim Bryan's shot from the point was tipped perfectly by Denis Aucoin, who deflected it out in the air for the goal.

Xavier was not fazed, and about a minute later, Massa and Dean Stock broke out on an odd man rush. Massa's pass to Stock looked certain to be a goal, but Savary dove to make a fantastic save that fooled even the goal judge, who flashed the red light regardless of the save.

The momentum was slowly shifting towards the blue and white and they tied the match five minutes into the third period as a point shot was tipped by Paul Andrea, giving Savary no chance in the Dal goal.

Once again, Dalhousie failed to convert their opportunities.

Dean Stock got revenge for an earlier high-sticking incident that went uncalled by Dal forward Warren Holmes heavily into the boards. This brought defenceman Jason Metcalfe into the fray, leading to an extra 10-minute misconduct for the Tigers.

Xavier was the aggressor now and the winner came seven minutes from the end. Savary stopped the initial shot, but X-Man Massa was there to pounce on the loose puck and tuck it into the open net for the win.

The game puck went to X forward Rob Massa with two goals and an assist, including the game-winning goal.

Shootout
Dalhousie 3 St FX 2

The Tigers kept their shootout victory with a 3-2 win in sudden death after the scores were level after five shooters.

Derrick Pyke scored first beating Degagne to the blocker side and they went two up as Jan Melichereik beat the X keeper through the legs. Yannick Evola and Paul Andrea managed to beat Neil Savary as the Tigers were



Stick it: Dal has ups and downs.

stopped on three consecutive shots sending the shootout to sudden death.

But Dean Stock was denied by Savary leading to Jason Metcalfe's winning goal on a deke to the left-hand side.

Saint Mary's 6 Dalhousie 2 (Nov 17)

SMU outhustled and outplayed the Tigers last Wednesday night, out-shooting the Tigers 32-8 after two periods in a rather lopsided victory.

Jim Midgley had a goal and four assists while Travis Kennedy and Ryan Davis had a goal and an assist each. Other SMU scorers were Chad Murray, Bob MacIssac and Steve Gallace.

Warren Holmes and Marty Johnston replied for Dalhousie. Saint Mary's is 3-0 against Dalhousie this year.

The game puck goes to the line of Midgley, Davis and Kennedy. The trio combined for nine points — 3 goals and 6 assists — against the Tigers.

Tigers undefeated in womens' basketball

BY JOHN BADCOCK

Revenge was sweet for the Tigers as they defeated St. FX 59-51. The St. FX X-women were declared favourites to win the AUAA women's basketball title after their win in the Subway Centennial Tournament, which featured all eight AUAA teams. On November 17, the Dalhousie Tigers travelled to Antigonish looking to avenge their loss at the hands of the X-women in the Subway final.

The first half saw both teams battle like two heavyweights in a title fight. The X-women held a 26-23 advantage at half time. The Tigers struggled on offence at times, but played well on the defensive side of the ball holding the home team to 30

percent from the floor.

Janet Wells led Dal with five points at the half.

The Tigers' offence began to show signs of life in the second half, shooting 44 percent from the floor as a team. Logan Dunning provided the spark, scoring ten points and grabbing five boards in the second frame. Dal continued their strong defensive play, allowing St. FX only 25 points in the half.

Defence wins games, and the better defensive effort won this game for the Tigers 59-51. The Tigers also helped themselves by hitting 21 of 33 chances from the foul line. Janet Wells led Dalhousie's offence with 15 points, including nine of 14 from the charity stripe. Angelia Crealock had a solid all around

game scoring six points to go with eight rebounds and six assists. Kristen Moore led the way for the X-women with 14 points and ten boards.

On November 21, the Tigers hosted the UNB Varsity Reds looking to remain undefeated in this young AUAA women's basketball season.

Dalhousie dominated the first 17 minutes of the first half, leading the Varsity Reds by 16 with 3:45 to play. UNB refused to give up and went on a 7-0 run to keep it close. Dal headed into locker room with a 41-33 half time lead.

Angelia Crealock led the first half attack with ten points. Janet Wells and Julia Burden also played well scoring eight and seven points respectively. Posts

Janice King and Rita Rieksts were strong on the glass with five rebounds apiece.

The second half saw the Tigers continue to outplay the Varsity Reds, but this time it was the defence that stepped up. Dal held the visitors to 40 percent shooting in the second half.

The Tigers offence only managed to shoot 29 percent from the floor but connected on 15 shots in 21 chances from the foul line. The final score of 74-61 puts the Tigers atop the Baldwin Division with a perfect record of 3-0.

Angelia Crealock led all Tigers with 16 points. Rita

Rieksts, playing her first season with the Tigers after four years at St FX, continued her solid all around play. She finished with 11 points, hit on all her shots, and picked up eight boards. Rieksts was named player of the game.

Jill LeBlanc led UNB with 17 points.

The Tigers next game takes place on Friday November 26 when the Tigers face cross-town rival St. Mary's at the Metro Centre as part basketball triple-header. The Tigers then travel to PEI to take on the UPEI Panthers Sunday, November 28. The Tigers next home game is November 30 against St FX.

AUAA women big at cross-country CIAUs

BY SARAH GILES

On Saturday, November 13, the CIAU Cross-Country Championships were held at Fort Henry in Kingston, Ontario.

The AUAA women put on their strongest show in years. Lavinia Gough of St. FX won silver, Heather Goodfellow of Dal was ninth, and Anne Barrington of MUN crossed the line in 13th spot.

Going into the race, the Tigers were ranked fifth overall.

However, it became clear that they had left the race of the season at the AUAA Championships. As a team, the women finished eighth in a strong field.

Dal's Kelly MacKean was 42nd, Edie Baxter 47th, Sandy Smith placed 72nd, Carmen Holm was 81st, Kirsten Lewis ended up 85th, and Amy Higgins was 86th.

After Goodfellow's inspiring performance, all eyes were on Dal's Jamie Blanchard. Running a brilliant race, Blanchard came up

with a tremendous 17th place finish. In his first year on the racing team, Curtis Archibald finished in 106th spot. Unfortunately, team captain Tom Wallace was forced to drop out of the race.

For two Dal athletes, the season is not yet over. Heather Goodfellow and Coach Dan Hennigar — who recently won 10km Nationals — will be travelling to Toronto next weekend to compete in the National Open Cross-Country Championships.

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