

# Tommies Top Dal

By GUY MASLAND

After a brilliant opening stanza, the Dalhousie Tigers suffered a tremendous defensive lapse in the final two periods, as the St. Thomas Tommies outscored them 7-1, and defeated the Tigers 9-4 in the season's home finale.

Dal's little men, nicknamed The Three Musketeers, John "Slapshot" Shayer, Bob "Soapy" Stoddard, and "diminutive" Peter Clark - had a hand in each of the Tiger's tallies and once more sparked the offensive punch. Big defenceman Hugh MacRitchie played a strong game as he came up with a goal and an assist as did Glen Dickie who turned in a good two-way performance. Shayer and team captain Don Nelson had singletons for the Dal cause, Stoddard turned in two assists before taking an early shower midway through the second period. St. Thomas was led by high-scoring Guy White with two goals and a pair of assists. McDermaid set up three goals in the St. Thomas victory.

### DAL LEADS 3-2

After the Tommies had taken a one-goal lead on a soft "floater" that had Kenzie fooled, "Soapy" Stoddard took the puck into the St. Thomas zone, pulled two defencemen into the corner and slipped to the point, where Hugh MacRitchie blasted a slapshot in off a defenceman.

White then put the Tommies ahead again as his shot deflected off MacRitchie's stick past an amazed Mike Kenzie, who had no chance to recover. Dal came back as Bob Stoddard passed to Glen Dickie in front on a two-on-one break and Dickie slipped the puck into the open corner seconds after getting out of the penalty box. John Shayer gave the Tigers the lead as he picked up a perfect MacRitchie lead pass at centre ice on a partial breakaway and blasted a blistering slapshot just under the cross-bar. Nobody in the rink saw it, least of all the St. Thomas goalie.

After the Tommies had taken a 6-3 lead on goals by Doucet, Harquail, White, and Kent, while Stoddard had been ejected for a sparring bout with a St. Thomas defenceman, Don Nelson scored from close in as Peter Clark picked up his own rebound and slid the puck over to Don Nelson, who made no mistake. Dal was drastically outplayed in the middle frame by the powerful Tommies, who the week before had handed St. F.X. its only set-back to date. The Fredrickson team left the ice with a 6-4 lead at the end of the second period, leaving Dal with a glimmer of hope for a victory.

### ST. THOMAS WIDENS THE LEAD

However, any chance of victory faded into the bleak horizon of frustrated agony, as third-period goals by Mackey, Graham, and McKee wrapped up the St. Thomas win and sent the Tigers back to the dressing room with their tails between their legs.

# J.V.'s lose

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The Acadia Junior Varsity Axemen looked as if they had "come to play" as they outclassed the Tigers all the way, posting a 3-0 victory at the Dal rink Saturday afternoon.

The Wolfville crew was led by Norman Gosse who fired in a pair, and if it had not been for an outstanding performance in the Dal cage the score could easily have been much higher as the unorganized Tiger were unable to get many good shots on the opposition's goal.

**Don MacPherson (6) celebrates one of the few bright moments**

in Tigers' 10-3 loss to St. F. X. The Dal team held their own during the first and third periods but were swamped 8-0 in the second period. (Photo by Bob Brown)

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# Tigers Split Two Tough Road Games

By GARY HOLT

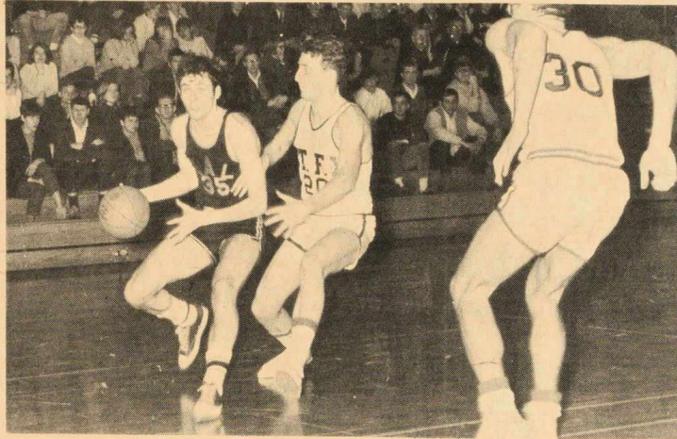
There was so much emphasis placed on the U.N.B. game that many people, including the Dal players, forgot about the one that proved to be the Tiger's downfall. At St. F.X. there is a great tradition of winning, and although the 'X' basketball team is having a poor season, they came up with a superb performance and downed the Tigers 64-55. The big story was the percentage from the floor as Dal was only able to hit on 21 of 76 shots while 'X' hit 24 of 43.

Only the good defensive work of the Tigers kept them in the game. They prevented the X-men from getting many good shots but when they did shoot they did not miss.

Dal led only twice in the game, at 8-6 early in the first half and 33-37 early in the second. Other than that it was X all the way. Owen Cameron hit for 25 to pace their attack.

Brian Peters led the Tigers and was the only player to shoot better than 40% from the floor, hitting on 8 of 13 for 61%.

It was a completely different story the previous afternoon as the Tigers had leads of 12 in the first half and 16 in the second half only to see them disappear as Dave Nutbrown got hot from the outside. Mid-way through the fourth quarter U.N.B. led 52-51 and 54-53 but Coach Al Yarr changed the Tiger's defense from man-to-man to zone and U.N.B. seemed baffled. Irv Cohen made two key steals and fed Eric Durnford for break-away lay-ups after John Cassidy's jumper had given Dal a one point lead. After that the Tigers were in control and



Brian Peters (35) avoids two X-Men on his way to two points in Saturday's game in Antigonish, St. F. X., won 64-55. (Photo by Bob Brown)

went on to a 71-61 triumph.

John Cassidy paced the Tiger's attack with 23 points followed by Eric Durnford with 16. Rod Cox paced the Red Raiders with 23.

# X-Men Wallop Dal 10-3

The powerful St. Francis Xavier hockey machine, the class of the league, was held in check and outscored during the first and third periods Sunday afternoon in Antigonish, but blasted the stubborn Tigers right out of the rink in the middle frame as they fired thirty-one shots at a helpless Mike Kenzie and scored eight unanswered goals, providing them with an insurmountable margin.

However, courage, determination, and sheer guts of the Dal team brought almost a complete reversal of form in the final period as they shut out the high-scoring blue machine and potted a couple of markers themselves. They outshot X 13-10 and just missed on several great scoring opportunities.

### FARENZENA STARS

X Captain Chi Chi Farenzena led the points parade with two goals and five assists. His seven-point output moved him to within one point of the league's scoring leader, Mike Hornby of St. Mary's. Rookie Mickey Oja fired a hat-trick and added two assists while linemate Jim MacDonald added a pair and an assist. Zappia, Fahey, and MacKinnon rounded out the X-men's scoring barrage. Team captain Don Nelson scored twice for Dal with Bob Stoddard adding the final marker late in the game. Mike Kenzie was outstanding in the Dal cage as the Antigonish crew blasted 59 shots at him. Farenzena gave



X a quick two-goal lead as twice he went around the Dal defence and deked out Kenzie from close range. But Dal fought back with Don MacPherson carrying the puck in around Poirier on a two-on-two break. Don flipped the puck to Nelson, who was able to get his stick on it and bang it home.

The Tigers skated well with the large X squad in the first period and, although outshot 18-9, had their fair share of the puck.

### SECOND PERIOD

The middle frame was all blue streaks flashing around the ice and making the Dal net look like a third-rate rubber factory. It is rumoured that even the goal judge had blisters! Mike Kenzie must have felt he was in front of a firing squad as he faced 31 shots. He turned aside 23 of them, Jim MacDonald and Mickey Oja led the second period assault as each slapped in two markers.

### PUSSIES TURN TIGER

Although the game was lost by a fairly wide margin, Coach Gerry Walford and his charges must be awarded some sort of moral victory for their third-period showing. It was the David and Goliath story repeated as the Tigers came on strong to outscore the Machine 2-0 and leave a final mark in the hearts of X fans and players.

Dal scored early as Doug Rose laid a good pass on Don MacPherson's stick and he carried the puck into the X zone, around two defencemen, and slipped a perfect pass to Don Nelson close in front. With Mike Poirier landing on his back, "Nellie" banged the puck past a sprawling Carl MacQuaid. Ten minutes later "Soapy" Stoddard carried a George Budreski pass in on the right wing. Using Poirier for a screen Stoddard blasted a 30-foot slapshot through MacQuaid's legs.

Dal outplayed St. F.X. in the third period and could have scored a few more but for outstanding saves by the 'X' netminder off McPherson, Nelson, Shayer, and Stoddard. At the opposite end of the rink Mike Kenzie was no less brilliant in keeping the X-men off the scoreboard as he stopped the dangerous Farenzena on a breakaway and made dazzling saves off Oja from close in and a booming Poirier slapshot. Hugh MacRitchie played his best game on defense for Dal.

### TIGER OF THE WEEK

Team captain Don Nelson gets the nod for 'Tiger of the Week' for the steady play he has shown all year and two brilliant goals in a losing cause.



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