

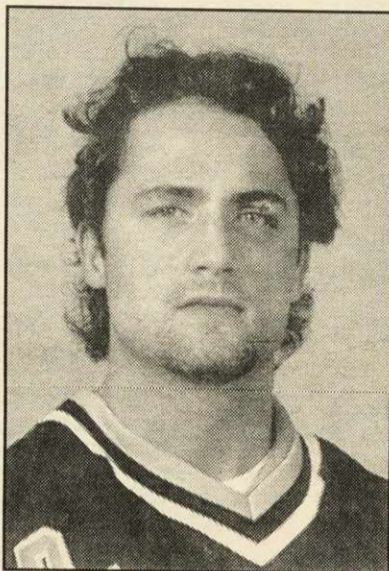
PROFILE

Go ahead, make his day...

BY NIK MADAN

"No more BS," he says, looking me right in the eye. "No more is that going to happen. They may beat us because they have the better skills, but they will never beat us because we don't come out to play. Never. When they leave the rink, they're going to know they've been in a hockey game."

He is David Haynes, Captain of Dalhousie's hockey team. They are the Tigers' arch-nemesis, the Acadia Axemen. Today is the morning after the night before, when in front of some 2,000 fans, the Tigers beat Acadia 6-5 in overtime in what many called the best game of the year.



He's still looking me in the eye. Of course he has respect for Acadia and their achievements, he explains, but there comes a time when one gets fed up with losing. After five years of being dumped out of the playoffs by Acadia, that time is now.

Before we started the interview, we had stopped at David's apartment. As I walked in, the first thing I saw was a huge Clint Eastwood poster. Great, I thought. There's my whole story right there: Lone Ranger comes from over the prairies, armed with a gun, to save the town from its foes. I was wrong. He might be armed with a hockey stick, and may well deliver us from Acadia, but David Haynes is no Lone Ranger.

His is a familiar hockey story of moving. Born in Kitchener, Ontario, David came to Nova Scotia when he was twelve, after his parents split up. Haynes played minor hockey in the Valley, Tier Two in Halifax and Major Junior in Quebec. He eventually ended up at university after a brief stop in Granby. Two people were instrumental in his coming to Dalhousie: his longtime girlfriend Jennie and Tiger hockey coach Darrell Young.

He pauses to sip some water. At 6'1" and some 200 lbs, wear-

ing his trademark ball-cap, he cuts an imposing figure. He also has a habit of looking you right in the face when talking to you. He never looks away until he's done talking. This intense, in-your-face manner is clearly what inspires those around him, and unsettles opponents. I ask him about his captaincy.

"I take tremendous pride in wearing that C. You wouldn't believe how much. It's nice to be the captain and have lots of ice time, but what's the point if you can't enjoy it with others."

Those guys on the team are all great guys. That's what drives me on. I would do anything for the guys. I can't give enough for them. My girlfriend thinks I give too much, but that's how I am. Win or lose, it's that togetherness and teamwork that's important. I put great pressure on myself, and it hurts me personally when the team isn't doing well."

It is undoubtedly this dedication and determination that led to David's selection for the Kelly Division Team at the third annual AUAA All-Star Game. Naturally, he was excited at the prospect of taking part.

"I was honoured to be picked for two reasons. Firstly, the Tim Horton's Cup is a class act. The organisers put a lot of effort into putting on a good show. The second reason is that I am honoured to be a coach's pick. This is important to me because it means they notice the little things I do, and my competitive nature, even though I haven't had the best season points-wise."

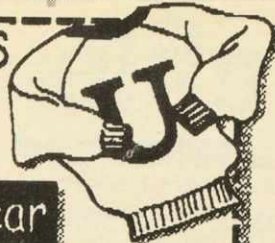
Haynes has a way of making the most of his opportunities. He scored in the All-Star Game. In his third year of Major Junior, he was appointed captain of the Laval team, despite the fact that he wasn't really enjoying himself there. Prior to this season, he attended the Portland Pirates training camp, and proved to himself that he can play at the AHL level.

In typically modest fashion, rather than acknowledge his own play as the reason for

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athletes of the week

Cara McKenzie, Women's Volleyball



This past weekend Cara helped the Tigers to back to back wins over UNB. She managed 44 kills (with a kill efficiency of 48%), 14 digs and 3 aces. On Saturday, she was player of the game. During the summer, the Sydney N.S. product earned a tryout with the National B team. Cara is a third year athlete studying Sociology. She stands 173 cm tall and is 20 years of age.

Peter Exall, Men's Volleyball



This past weekend, Peter managed 3 blocks, 4 digs and 3 aces in two back to back matches against UNB. The Tigers won both matches and will host AUAA's at the end of the month. Peter was selected as Player of the Game on Saturday. He is a second year athlete from Calgary, Alberta. He's a transfer student from the University of Calgary. He stands 6'2", 175 lbs. Peter is 20 years old and is studying Psychology at Dalhousie.

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