

# Graham Stanley's bump-and-grind style

by Gordie Sutherland

Last season, Graham Stanley was the Dalhousie Hockey Tigers' third leading scorer. This year, the St. Catharines, Ontario, native is playing professional hockey for the New Haven Nighthawks.

Stanley was brought to the Dalhousie hockey program four years ago by head coach Darrell Young. "As a player he has worked and worked, and where he is in the American Hockey League is just a continuation of his work ethic," said Young. "The single biggest contributor to his success is himself."

In four years, the determined 23-year-old accumulated 82 points in 96 games with the Tigers. Stanley capped off his hockey career at Dalhousie with 1988-89 totals of 19 goals and 13 assists for a sum of 32 points in just 24 games.

The rugged 6-foot-2, 210-pound Stanley also amassed 198 minutes in penalties over his 96 games with Dalhousie. Current Tiger captain Craig Morrison played three seasons with Stanley. "He is very physical. He works very hard and works in the summertime to get himself into that shape," says Morrison, adding that "obviously the work has paid off for him."

Stanley's role-model qualities also paid off academically. The New Haven winger graduated from Dalhousie after four years

with a Bachelor of Arts (major in economics) and a Bachelor of Education. Young, who coached Stanley for four years, says, "Graham is probably the most dedicated student/athlete that was ever here at Dal."

This season marked Stanley's second professional hockey tryout. Last September the Citadel's offered Stanley what he calls a "token tryout": the Citadels used a local player to attract attention to their club. He was quickly cut.

All was for the best as Stanley was later scouted during a Dalhousie hockey game. The Los Angeles Kings' organization offered Stanley a free agent tryout. Stanley accepted the challenge and as usual prevailed.

Last week in Halifax, Stanley played his 9th and 10th games as a New Haven Nighthawk. In Sunday night's 10-6 loss to the Citadels, Stanley scored New Haven's second goal. Stanley's goal was the result of his own efforts in front of the Halifax net. Stanley had a strong game. He played close to a regular shift and yet he was only on the ice for two of the Citadel goals. He also had a memorable check on veteran Joel Baillargeon.

To date, Stanley has two goals and one assist in ten games. Not bad, considering the 33 minutes he has spent in the penalty box for four fights and various other minor infractions. Stanley's statistics reflect his bump-and-grind  
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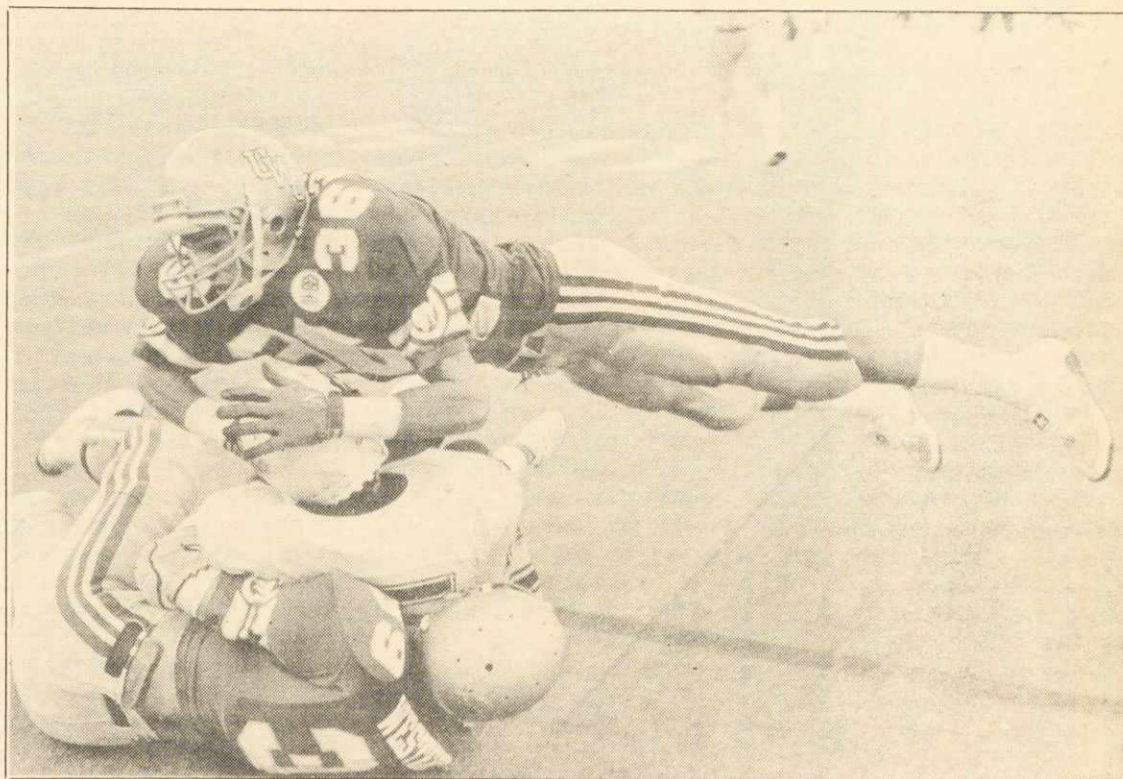


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# Huskies feel the crunch

"Hey! Leggo of my head!"

A graphic example of why the Saint Mary's Huskies lost 38-33 last weekend to the Western Mustangs. The game was played at SMU, and the Huskies lost by a mere five points. So goes the Atlantic Bowl. The Mustangs now move on to the Vanier Cup. Couldn't happen to nicer Upper Canadians.

# Cossar era

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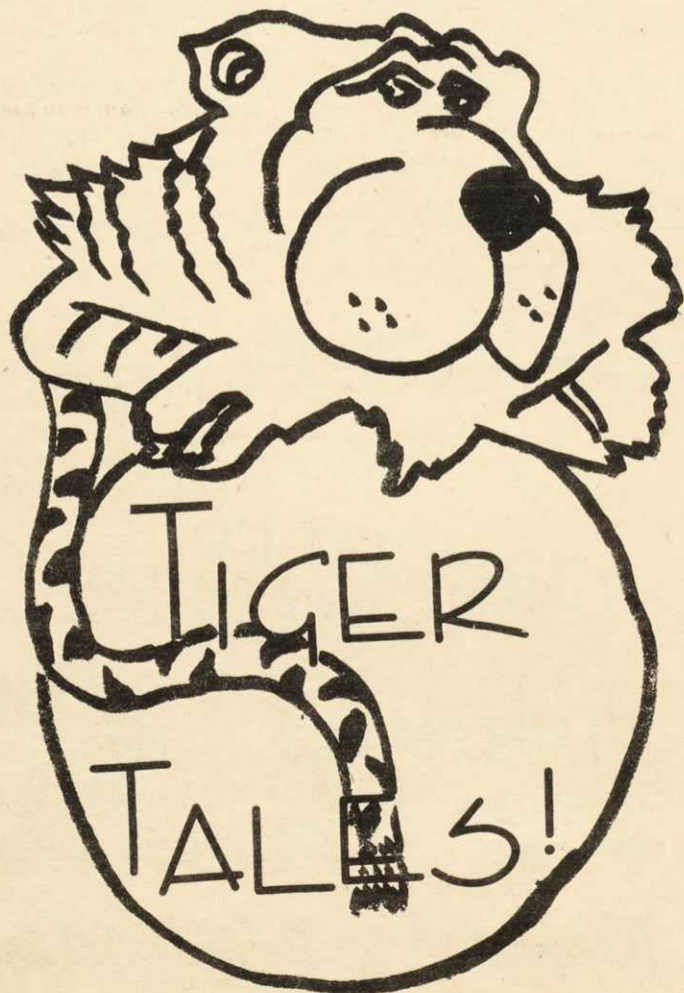
Last Thursday's tilt between the Halifax Citadels and the New Haven Nighthawks featured two former Dalhousie Tigers. Graham Stanley was in uniform for New Haven while goaltender Darran Cossar served as a back-up to Citadel Scott Gordon.

Cossar was on hand as a result of a three-game suspension to regular Citadel goaltender Mario Brunetta. Cossar was scheduled to dress for all three outings in which Brunetta would be absent. However, the Nordiques did some early Christmas shopping and came up with free agent goaltender Alan Perry. The signing of Perry resulted in the end of Cossar's second opportunity to play pro hockey.

The first opportunity came in 1984-85, when he suited up for the Nova Scotia Oilers. Unfortunately, the Oilers, like the Citadels, did not give Cossar a chance to prove himself.

Cossar played three seasons for the Dalhousie Tigers. In his first University season he was named Rookie of the Year. Current Tiger head coach Darrell Young was an assistant coach during the Cossar era. Young, a former Canada Games goaltender, feels Cossar has been overlooked for some time now.

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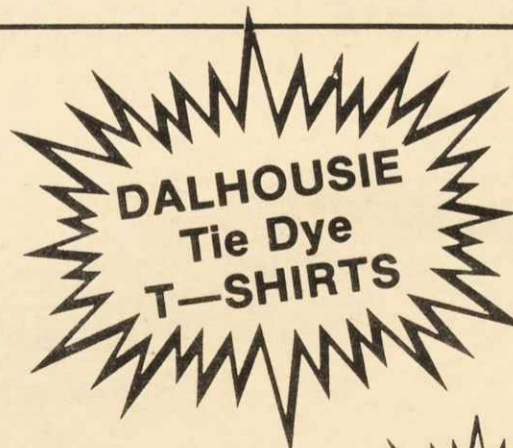
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