

# Controversy hits Dalhousie hockey team

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With three weeks remaining before the start of the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association (AUAA) hockey season, controversy has hit the Dalhousie Tigers.

As in past years, the Dalhousie Summer Hockey camp ended in late August and this year's team had begun unofficial training for yet another gruelling season. This preliminary unofficial training is where players scrimmage under their own supervision and head coach Darrell Young has nothing to do with the conditioning of the players until try-outs begin (with final cuts scheduled for October 3).

The controversy occurred when four rookie recruits were no-shows on the first day of camp. Two of the players, Casey Walsh and Marty King, used to play for the Halifax Oland Exports, while the other two, Duncan Fader and Gord Walsh, played for Kingston in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL).

All four of these players worked at the summer hockey camp, thereby seeming to imply that they would be playing for the Tigers in the fall.

However, it seems that these four players took the summer job and then changed their minds as to where they wanted to play when camp began to near.

One of these players, who wished to remain anonymous, was quoted as saying "...we made close to \$4000 this summer."

This breaks down to about \$500 per week to teach hockey.

While it seems that this is patronage to Dal hockey players, many athletes argue that they make great sacrifices by contributing to our school's athletic program, and thus deserve to have these jobs.

Patronage debate aside, some veteran Tigers are angered at the ex-recruits who took the money and then deserted Dalhousie — Fader and Gord Walsh returned to their team in Kingston, while King and Casey Walsh decided that they didn't want to play for the Tigers and transferred to Saint Mary's University (SMU) to play for the Huskies.

A Tiger player was quoted as saying that "...King's absence could effect the strength of this year's defence," but "...who cares about Walsh, he's overrated."

Coach Darrell Young told *the Gazette* that "...those players who went south of the border (to SMU) didn't want to fit into the program, and if they're going to be like that, we don't want them anyway."

Sources have told *the Gazette* that St. Mary's coach Paul Boutilier instructed King and Casey Walsh not to comment on the situation.

These same sources told *the Gazette* that these two players felt that they didn't fit into the Tiger program and that they couldn't get along with coach Young.

Meanwhile, Young also said that "...some players still have that NHL mentality," in obvious referral to Fader's and Gord Walsh's decision to return to the OHL.

Despite the loss of these four guys, there are some quality players joining the roster this year, notably rough-and-tumble David Haynes from Coldbrook, N.S., who played for Granby in the Quebec Major Junior League.

Dalhousie's first game is an exhibition tilt on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Acadia, and then the regular season kicks off at home on Saturday, Oct. 14th against the University of Prince Edward Is-

land Panthers at 7 p.m. The former Dal recruits and their new SMU teammates face off against the Tigers in the Dalhousie Arena on Sunday, Oct. 15th at 2 p.m.

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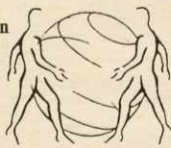
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