

## SMU on way to Nationals

# Dal's great season ends on sad note

by Chuck Moore

For years Dalhousie has been out of contention for any championship in A.I.A.A. Hockey. This year it was different.

Under the leadership of coach Gerry Walford, the team undertook the task of rebuilding, and the very successful results nearly led to the regional crown.

There is no shame in losing the last game of the year for the championship, which is what our Tigers did. So congratulations to our hockey team on their excellent performance this year.

On Sunday, March 7, Dalhousie lost the A.I.A.A. championship to the St. Mary's Huskies by the score of 8 - 4. The Tigers were beaten not only statistically but psychologically as well.

It was 2 - 1 for Dal at the end of the first period and 3 - 2 for SMU at the end of the second. SMU scored four goals in the third period before Dal scored again. SMU's pin-point passing showed its excellence on all of these goals.

From the start of the third period it was obvious that the Huskies were controlling the game. As the Tigers were backed into their own end, they tried several times to clear the puck with little success. It was on one of these clearing passes

that Hindson, who had shadowed Pierre Gagné all afternoon, was able to score SMU's final goal.

He was given the puck in front of the Dal net, had his initial shot stopped by Henry, and then fired the rebound in. This sequence occurred on various occasions.

The game was a spirited affair, evidenced by the many penalties that were called. SMU were constantly needling the Tigers throughout the game, and on several occasions when Dal retaliated, they were quickly penalized. This factor alone meant that penalty killers had to play themselves to the point of exhaustion.

Ken Martin, who skated hard throughout the game, was the obvious star with a pair of goals. He scored SMU's second goal which tied the game with Dal early in the second period. Ed Hebert also scored two goals but both resulted from Dal's attempted clearing shots.

Ted Scrutton was the Tigers most prominent player. He scored their second goal on a very quick wrist shot, which was in the Huskies goal before the goalie moved. John Henry was sharp in the Dal net. He was injured in the second period when a blistering shot from the blue line caught him on the inside of the leg. While he was lying on the ice the third goal

was scored into the top of the net. Henry remained in the game, but he lost his sharpness after his injury.

Home ice was an advantage for the Huskies. About two-thirds of the crowd were Huskies' supporters who

cheered their team at every opportunity.

On the other hand, the other one-third of the fans were for Dalhousie, I think, but it was hard to tell because they only cheered when the Tigers scored.

The majority of the Dal ticket holders never said "boo" during all of the game. If Dal had had the advantage of home ice with an enthusiastic crowd behind them, we might not have been the champions, but the outcome may have been different.



SMU upsets Dal! And they won the game too, 8 - 4. Huskies head for the National playdowns in Sudburg, March 11 - 12. — Dal Photo

## Dal victors in comeback win

by Brian Miller

There's the cry of the "sportsmanship" oriented athlete, "It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game that counts". In contrast, the attitude of the athlete who emphasizes competition might be summed up in the words, "It doesn't matter how you play, it's whether you win or not".

The latter philosophy would seem to be the one adopted by the Tigers during the semi-final game against St. FX on Sat. For most of the game Dal was outplayed and lacked any consistent drive that could win the game for them.

On the part of the Tigers, good positional play was missing and any offence usually consisted of individual efforts. The reason for much of the disorganization must be credited to "X" as they forechecked Dal to a standstill.

St. FX, who had the best defensive record during the regular schedule, also cut down most of the shots directed at their goal. In fact, by the end of the second period Dal was

outshot 31 to 16.

Not until the last half of the third period did Dal mount a consistent offence. Much of the stimulus for the offence seemed to come from the fine goaltending during the last 10 minutes by John Henry. Earlier in the game Henry had been deserted by the defence and his play suffered from the lack of support.

Once Henry's play picked up, the Tigers went to work and after being behind for most of the game they started to score. Trailing 6 - 4, Pete Gagné scored making the game 6 - 5. The time, 18:10. Tom MacDonald's third goal of the game tied the score 6 - 6 at the 18:20 mark. Ken MacDonald scored at 19:34 on a backhand shot after receiving a pass from Sean Boyd to make the final score 7 - 6.

Three goals in less than two minutes, and the Tigers broke the hearts of the "X-Men". The win puts Dal into the final against SMU.

## Coming EVENTS

### THURSDAY, MARCH 11

— Official Opening of Killam Memorial Library, 10 a.m. Cohn Auditorium, Dedication and Convocation.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 12

— Jazz 'n' Suds, \$1 per person with I.D., Green Room, SUB, 9 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 18

— "Inherit the Wind", DMDS production, McInnis Rm., SUB, 8:30 p.m.

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