

# St. F.X. downs Tigers in AUAA hockey action

by Rusty James

It was like a Harlequin romance novel; the characters were changed yet the script remained the same. A motley bunch arrived from Antigonish and followed the script handed to them

by the Tigers—they moved into an early lead and held on ever so loosely for a 5-3 victory.

With both teams virtually assured of finishing out of the playoffs it was pride, more than

the two points, that was at stake. Ken Taylor of the X-Men opened the scoring as he stepped over the Tiger blueline and unleashed a shot which eluded Tiger goalie Glen Ernst. "Lacklustre" was the key word for this period as both

teams displayed bundles of it. St. F.X. was not through in the scoring department as Frank Janicek scored at the 17:16 mark, sending his team to the dressing room up 2-0.

The Tigers needed a shot in the arm early in the second period and seemed to get it as John Cossar brought them within one at 1:08. The effects were short-lived as the Xavier squad countered with two of their own in just over two minutes. Dal's Steve Johnson brought the Tigers within two again at 13:39, finishing off a nice three way passing arrangement between himself, Al Wright and Paul Herron.

The third period led to more ineffectiveness on both sides until Dalhousie's big Al Wright brought the Tigers within one again at 16:34. The Tigers seemed to show a second wind, and a minute later John Cossar found himself out in front of the net with the goalie down. He controlled the puck, tucked it upstairs, and it bounced off the

crossbar. The X-Men managed to clear the puck, and as Dwayne Blume of St. Francis and Lyle Kjeristead of the Tigers chased it down Dal goalie Glen Ernst misplayed the puck. X-Men forward Ron Melanson made no mistake, sliding the puck into the empty net to put his squad up for good 5-3.

It was another disappointing loss for the Tigers. The drive was just not there, but could you blame them? It has been a long and trying season for the boys in Black and Gold. Besides the three major player defections and the long schedule, there were the three Tiger players watching the game from the stands (due to injuries). Down to 15 skaters (two of those late season additions without even junior calibre hockey experience), the team showed physical and mental tiring. With a playoff position out of sight, concentration tends to lean towards school, taking away from the mental preparation needed to compete at a university level.



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## Hockey Tigers lose at home to U de Moncton on weekend

by Geoff Martin

It took the Université de Moncton Blue Eagles only 34 seconds to score what proved the winning goal Saturday evening as they romped to a 7-0 victory over the Dal Tigers here at the Dalhousie Memorial Rink.

Moncton looked sharp throughout the entire game, checking hard, passing well and

challenging for the puck aggressively.

Moncton also made the most of their opportunities -- scoring twice on power-plays and once while short-handed—while the Tigers failed to capitalize on any of their seven power-play chances.

The Blue Eagles consistently out-skated and out-hustled the

Tigers, and would have scored several more were it not for some of the fine stops made by Tiger netminder Glenn Ernst.

Dal had considerable trouble setting up inside the Moncton blueline, even during power-plays, and their few scoring opportunities were thwarted nicely by the Blue Eagles goalie Danny Berube.

J.D. Belliveau, Francois Boudreau, Claude Vilgrain and Roch Bois stood out for the Blue Eagles, scoring 3 goals and 7 assists between them and playing aggressively and energetically.

As a team, the Tigers played in a more subdued style and were often caught up-ice as a result.

### Second Period

no scoring

**Penalties:** Moncton - E. Cormier, slashing, 4:17; J.D. Belliveau, 6:40; J.D. Belliveau, roughing, 10:43; P. Dodier, 16:12; E. Cormier, hooking and roughing, 19:25.

Dalhousie - S. Johnson, slashing, 4:17; A. Wright, roughing, 10:43; A. Wright, roughing, 19:25.

**SOG:** Moncton 13, Dalhousie 11

### Scoring Summary

#### First Period

1. F. Boudreau, Moncton (J.D. Belliveau, C. Vilgrain) 3:34

2. A. Grenier, Moncton (F. Boudreau, J. Sansfanson) 3:54

3. R. Bois, Moncton (D. LeBlanc, D. Cote) 6:54

4. C. Vilgrain, Moncton (F. Boudreau) 13:55

**Penalties:** Moncton - C. Vilgrain, tripping, 14:59

Dalhousie - A. White, high sticking, 3:34; T. Crowe, boarding, 5:40; R. Baker, 16:28.

**SOG:** Moncton 16, Dalhousie 7

#### Third Period

5. D. Cote, Moncton (R. Bois) 4:26

6. D. LeBlanc, Moncton (J.D. Belliveau, D. Girard) 11:18

7. M. Laforest, Moncton (F. Boudreau) 14:16

**Penalties:** Moncton - C. Vilgrain, elbowing, 3:12; C. Vilgrain, interference, 8:42; M. Vautour, interference, 11:55.

Dalhousie - none.

**SOG:** Moncton 10, Dalhousie 2

**Total shots on goal:** Moncton 39, Dalhousie 20.

## Tigers lose at Metro Centre

by Mark Alberstat

Saturday February 4th saw an exciting basketball game at the Metro Centre as the Tigers took on Acadia in the first game of the doubleheader.

The final outcome of the game had Acadia edging out Dal 85-83 in front of a very vocal pro-

Acadia crowd. The first basket of the game came from Tigers' Bo Hampton with less than a minute expired on the clock. Hampton later went on to score 14 points through the game.

The Axemen ran into foul trouble early, racking up 3 fouls within the first 4 minutes of play.

The play through the first half was fairly even, with the point spread never greater than 6.

At half time the Tigers had the lead 38-37 with Stan Whetstone having 11 of the Tigers' 38 points. Acadia's lead scorer at the half was Chris Summer with 13 of their 37 points.

The second half was pretty much a tug of war with neither of the teams taking much of a lead. It was in the second half that both Steve Lambert and Pat Slawter put their offensive moves on the Axemen, scoring 12 points each and giving the Tigers 24 of their 45 second half points.

With 1 minute 45 seconds left the score was tied 79-79 when Tigers' Al Ryan netted the ball to put the Tigers in the lead 81-79 for one of the few times during the half.

The Tigers drove the score up to 83-79 but Acadia soon gained four points to even the score. The Axemen then netted 2 more points. With 5 seconds left the Tigers called 2 of their remaining time outs but Acadia ran out the time, winning with an 85-83 final.

The top scorers for Dal were Pat Slawter and Steve Lambert, both with 20 points, while Stan Whetstone was close behind with 19. Acadia's Chris Summer had 27 points for the Axemen.

## Basketball Tigers on the road to UPEI

Both the men's and women's basketball teams will be on the road this weekend, and again next week.

The teams will travel to P.E.I. on Friday, February 10th for an AUAA double-header. At 6 p.m. the women Tigers and the female Panthers will square off, while the men will take to the court in an important four point game at 8 p.m.

The evening marks the second meeting of the year between the two schools on both counts.

The women Tigers will be looking to avenge their 69-58 loss to the Panthers at the Dalplex on January 13th, while the men Tigers will be hoping to sweep the

season series with the Panthers. They defeated their P.E.I. counterparts 86-77 at home on the 13th.

Both teams will be back in Halifax on February 14th for classic match-ups against the St. Mary's Huskies at the SMU gym. The women will again kick things off at 6 p.m., with the men starting at 8 p.m. Both contests promise to be exciting.

The women Tigers will play their last home game of the regular season on Saturday, February 18th, when they host Mt. Allison University at 9 p.m. in their Fan Appreciation Night game. The men Tigers will also be in action on the 18th at the Metro Centre. They will face St. F.X. at 3 p.m.

## Red Fox dumps Dal in exhibition action

by Jean Craig

Last Thursday, the Dalhousie women's basketball team matched up against the Red Fox senior ladies' team in exhibition action.

Red Fox came away with a 60-52 victory after a fast-paced running game.

Strong first-half defense by Dalhousie kept Red Fox to perimeter shots, but in the second half, the Bauer to Simpson connection got Red Fox going inside. Dal played a good passing game, bringing the ball up the court quickly against pres-

sure, and managed to mount some effective fast breaks.

Bauer also cleaned the boards, creating numerous offensive opportunities for Red Fox.

Leading scorers were, for Dal, Angela Colley with ten points, and for Red Fox, Heidi Bauer with 26 points.

Dal will travel to UPEI on Friday in further league play, and will be on the road against St. Mary's and Acadia before their final home game February 18 against Mount Allison.