

# Tigers split games

It was a big weekend for the Dalhousie Hockey Tigers who unfortunately failed to pick up 4 big points in the AUAA standings. Instead, the team picked up 2 points against UNB Red Devils following their 6-4 victory on Friday, Dec. 2. On Saturday, Dec. 3 at Scotia Stadium, the Tigers went down 5 to 3 to Moncton Blue Eagles. A pair of victories would have propelled the team alone in 2nd place. Instead, the team is in fourth place.

SMU has 9 wins without a loss for 18 points and 1st place while St. F.X. and Moncton are tied for second with 12 points each.

However, the Tigers have 1 game in hand on Moncton and 2 games on St. F.X. which should prove very beneficial when the schedule resumes on Jan. 13, 1978 (Dal vs. Mt. A. and UPEI). UPEI is in 5th place with 9 points and have played 1 more game than Dalhousie.

Outstanding performances had the Tigers on a 6 game winning streak prior to the loss against Moncton. The most satisfying part of the 1st part of the schedule was the win (7-4 in overtime) and the tie (4-4) against St. F.X. in Antigonish, and the tie in Wolfville against Acadia (6-6). Such a road games record was needed.

The hockey team will now return to its home "Dal Memorial Rink" as the Engineers strike ended Dec. 5, 1977. Most players are involved with exams but at the same time are preparing for their trip to Quebec City on Dec. 17 and 18 where they will face the Laval Rouge et Or. Laval beat the Tigers 7 to 4 in the semi-finals of the Dalhousie Invitational and went on to win the tournament (5 to 4) against Ottawa Gee Gees. On Jan. 6 and 7, the Tigers travel to Ottawa to participate in Ottawa Invitational where they will face Western and Guelph Universities. This should provide the necessary competition to make the Dal Tigers the strong contender they wish to be. Next home games are scheduled for:

Wed Jan 18 SMU vs Dal 7:00 pm  
 Sat Jan 21 Acadia vs Dal 7:00 pm  
 Sun Feb 5 St. F.X. vs Dal 2:00 pm  
 Tues Feb 7 SMU vs Dal 7:00 pm  
 Wed Feb 15 Acadia vs Dal 7:00 pm  
 Sat Feb 18 St. F.X. vs Dal 2:00 pm

Eagles 18-4 in the second period and totally dominated the play. Finally at the 8:00 minute mark of the 3rd period Linus Fraser scored his 3rd goal of the season on a blast from the slot position. While both teams proceeded to go end to end, Dan Mongeon's backhand pass got intercepted and resulted in a Moncton counter attack where Vaughan Porter scored to make it 4 to 3.

With 2:15 left to play, referee Dave O'Gilvie called what had to be the most controversial penalty when he sent Dal's Allie MacDonald for interference. The referee even agreed with MacDonald that he wasn't totally sure if it was interference but that the call had been made. The power play situation almost turned against Moncton when Peter Aldrich made a desperate rush but Dal finally got caught out of position and Allard Leblanc scored with 38 seconds left to play. Dal's Ken Bickerton was taken out in favour of an extra attacker but the move did not pay off for the first time this year.

# Nureyev and Fonteyn

by Cheryl Downton

"While I am working I am content. That is it simply; work is one's life. You have to be faithful to what you do. Dancing is my life."

R. Nureyev in *I am a Dancer*

After one sees Nureyev in *Valentino*, one may tend to wonder how strongly he feels about being faithful to what he does. After one sees Nureyev dance in *I am a Dancer*, these faint pains of discomfort are quashed forever. Nureyev is an artist almost beyond criticism—when he dances. When he is partnered with Margot Fonteyn, the world holds its breath.

In *I am a Dancer*, which was in Halifax for a single showing last week, Nureyev dances with Fonteyn, Lynn Seymour, Carla Fracci and Deanne Bergsma in a seldom-seen cinematic display of some of the great moments in ballet dancing. The film was designed to bring Nureyev closer to his audience and includes rehearsal shots, displays of the rigorous and strenuous work involved in preparing a ballet to be danced, as well as some actual performances before a live audience.

The first exposure in the movie to 'real' dancing, shows Nureyev in Rehearsal for Bournonville's "La Sylphide" and its transformation onto the stage. In the scene shown, Nureyev dances the love theme in the woods with Carla Fracci. Although the costuming and scenery seems a little bland, the dancing is faultless.

Nureyev, who comes from a family of Tartars, was raised on classical ballet in Leningrad. While he likes to dance to the

classical composers, he also involves himself with some more modern works. In *I am a Dancer* he is shown dancing excerpts from Glen Tetley's "Field Figures", a ballet featuring supple animal-like movements and contorted figures. The music has a primitive, almost mechanical quality, and needs a tight balance with movement to create the needed fluidity. Nureyev and partner Bergsma are equal to the task, and although the staging was a practice run-through, there were no flaws.

The highlight of the film is, without a doubt, the partnership of the two ballet greats, Nureyev and Fonteyn. Each expressed their feelings that the other was an ideal dance mate, and Nureyev stated that his dancing alliance with Fonteyn was the one of which he is most proud. For this film they danced a ballet created especially for them by Sir Frederick Ashton, "Marguerite and Armand". The costuming and staging (adapted for television) were excellent; the dancing beyond descriptive phrases.

Nureyev also likes to choreograph some of the classics of the ballet stage, and it is his 'version' of the last pas de deux of "Sleeping Beauty" that ends the film. In it he dances with Lynn Seymour before a very enthusiastic audience at the Royal Opera House in Covent Gardens. There is a great vocal demand for encores, and Nureyev is caught by the cameras in a final whirl about the stage as the credits are shown.

Although there is something lost in not 'being there', it is doubtful that one will get a closer look at perfection.

## Moncton 5 Dal 3

The Blue Eagles took an early 2-0 lead in the 1st period on goals by Jean Beaulieu and Denis Gingras. At 2:41 of the second period, Peter Aldrich made it 2 to 1 on a fine point shot while Dal had a power play. Moncton's Vaughan Porter made it 3 to 1 but Earl Theriault found the target when his slap shot along the ice caught Moisan by surprise.

The Tigers outshot the Blue

## Dal 6 UNB 4

Three goals within 35 seconds by the line of Adrian Facca, Wayne Briscall(2) and Linus Fraser(1) provided the needed punch to overtake the Red Devils. The game was also highlighted by Shawn MacDonald's hat trick, his 7th, 8th and 9th goals of the season.




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