

# Winless streak ends at five

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

Dalhousie's hockey team came away with three points from their last three games as they tied SMU at 2-2 last Wednesday, dropped 3-2 to UNB on Saturday and pulled a 3-2 overtime win out of Mount Allison on Sunday.

At the Metro Centre, the Tigers started off strong against the Huskies, causing the home team to take their first time-out within the first four minutes of play. Regardless, Marc Warner deked past SMU's James Sheehan a short while later to net the game-opener from the slot.

Dal increased their lead to 2-0 in the second period when blue-liner Shane Gibbs slammed the puck into the top of the Huskies' net. Only two minutes later, SMU's Casey Walsh tipped the puck in from the crease, narrowing the difference. The equalizer came from Brad Mulvihill with only a few minutes left in the game.

"They got an easy puck on net, Freddy got screened and they tied it up," explained Tiger forward Jason Pellerin.

Saturday's game against UNB saw a much faster pace. Dal's Trevor Doyle scored the first goal short-handed on the rebound from an attempt by Pellerin. The Reds were quick to tie when Peter MacKellar deked past Gibbs and Jeff Letourneau. MacKellar scored again in the second period to edge the Fredericton team past Dal.

Luke Naylor added a wristshot from the slot on a pass from Carson to tie the teams at 2-2 at the end of the second frame.

"Once again, it all came down to who was going to pay the price in the third and [who would] get the puck on net," commented Pellerin. "We were very effective except a few flaws here and there."

It was UNB's Jeff Andrews who netted the third period's go-ahead goal and the score remained firm at 3-2. However, head coach Darrell Young was satisfied with his team's effort.

"I thought that we served a better fate tonight," he commented. "The commitment, the work, the style were all there."

"Tonight we finally showed up. Good things will happen from there with hard work," added forward Doyle.

"Goals are coming hard these days," noted Gibbs. "We're lacking a little 'zip' around the net, in finishing. Other than that, we're playing well."

On Sunday, Dal dominated the ice as they outshot, outchanced and outplayed Mount Allison. However, it was Mountie Tom Malcolm who scored first. The equalizer came from Dave Carson with just 19 seconds remaining in the second frame.

Greg Foulidis delivered a slapshot from the slot at 16:25 of the third frame to put the Mounties ahead but Tiger Martin LaPointe responded at 17:53 with a slapshot from the blue-line.

The game went into sudden-death overtime which Luke Naylor solved with a wristshot from the slot at 1:07. Tiger goaltender Fred Corkum took Player of the Game honours for his solid performance between the pipes.

"We're just glad that we managed to pull a win out of that one," he said after the Tigers' first win in six starts.

"It's always a tough game against those guys — they always play hard," noted assistant captain LaPointe. "The key point was to shoot and go to the net and that's what we did and got some breaks and we scored."

The Tigers are putting the final touches to their game in preparation for the playoffs which start on February 19 at Memorial Arena.

"When you get to the playoffs, games become more difficult — execution must be more efficient and attention to detail becomes that much more important," pointed out Young.

The Tigers' final game of the season will take place this Saturday at 7 p.m. as Dal hosts the UPEI Panthers at Memorial Arena.



Luke Naylor faces off against Mount Allison. The Tigers won the game 3-2 in OT.

## Birthday girl Parkes Acadia

BY AMY DUNPHY

Sue Parkes celebrated her birthday Tuesday night the way most Dalhousie varsity athletes would love to celebrate: with a mauling of the Acadia Axettes. Acadia never stood a chance. Even poor officiating couldn't stop the women's basketball team from dominating 62-43.

At times it seemed as though Acadia came out to play football rather than basketball, trying to push Carolyn Wares around the paint and Patti Hutchinson into the scorer's table. Fortunately for Dal, players like hard-working Sue Parkes refused to give in to the Axettes' physical style of play and set the pace early on, earning 17

points, 3 assists and 11 rebounds. She was on fire and has been since the Christmas break.

"I seem to have found my place on the team," Parkes said, and judging from the way she leads the team on the floor, most would agree with her. But she is quick to point out the play of her teammates.

"It's easy to play well when you have great guards like Dani Moe and Patti Hutchinson who can get you the ball at anytime, from anywhere," said Parkes.

And they do get her the ball in seemingly impossible situations. They do so because they know that Parkes, and Carolyn Wares, can finish the play, either with a score or with two made free throws. Parkes and Wares are fifth and seventh respectively in AUA free throw percentage rankings.

Tuesday night was a prime example of the guards and post

players working together to put on a show. The Hutchinson-Wares combination was working well, and Jodie Euloth and Moe were firing some pretty passes into the paint as well.

Dalhousie seems to be on a roll over the past few weeks, winning their last five games. They are now sitting in first place atop the AUA standings.

"Lately we have been playing really well," said Parkes. "It looks like we should peak at a good time, right around playoffs."

With playoffs just around the corner and only five games left, Parkes says that the team seems to be anxious and excited to play every game in anticipation of the AUA championships. Hopefully coach Carolyn Savoy will have the girls in top playing condition so that they can successfully defend their AUA title in March.

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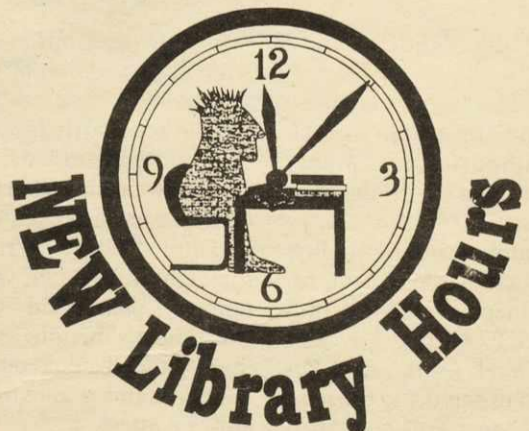
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