

## SPORTS

# Hockey Tigers split two to stay under .500

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

Even the forty Dal fans who showed up at Acadia couldn't help the hockey Tigers push past the Axemen on Jan. 21. The Tigers failed to hang on to a 3-1 lead and dropped yet another game to the Wolfville team, losing 3-5. Dal regrouped on Saturday to pull a 2-1 win out of the season's most boring game against the SMU Huskies at Memorial Arena, snapping a three-game losing streak.

"Tonight we got a couple of bounces," said forward Chad Kalmakoff after Saturday's game. "We worked hard for our last three games except tonight we got the win."

On Wednesday, the Axemen didn't take time to take the lead, putting the puck through the five hole in the first minute of play. Blueliner Martin LaPointe effortlessly weaved through Acadia's defence and potted a backhand from the slot to even out the score a few minutes later. LaPointe took a slapshot from the blueline which Jody Shelley tipped past goaltender Trevor Amundrud to give the Tigers a 2-1 lead. Tigers Marc Warner and Trevor Doyle created many scoring opportunities but their team failed to capitalize on any of them.

Dal was outshot early in the second frame but Neil Savary made some great saves to keep the Black and Gold ahead. The Tigers' blueline held it together, generating a number of turnovers. Kalmakoff proved invaluable to Dal's penalty-killing unit, playing a fast forechecking game, creating scoring opportunities and single-handedly warding off several Axemen quite simply because they couldn't catch up.

Chris Pittman went top shelf at 9:42 to further increase Dal's lead, causing Tiger fans to remind Amundrud that "It's all your fault",

in case the stony silence which filled Acadia Arena failed to alert him to that fact. Pittman and teammates Jan Melicherik, Dave Haynes, Shelley and LaPointe proved to be an effective on-ice combination for head coach Darrell Young throughout the frame.

It was 7:38 of the third before Acadia scored again, adding another two goals in quick succession to take the lead. Wade Whitten sealed the game for the Axemen with an empty netter in the dying seconds of a period where Acadia outshot the Tigers 12-4.

"We had some trouble in the third period in a couple of games but all we can do is learn from our past mistakes," said Kalmakoff.

On Saturday, LaPointe opened the scoring on the power play at 1:40 of the first period. Matt Hill responded for a short-handed SMU team at 5:42. It didn't take long for the game to deteriorate into the Huskies' usual dump-and-chase approach which carried over into the second frame and numbed the fans.

Things got a little more tedious in the third as both teams seemed a little hesitant and play became choppy. Kalmakoff woke the fans up with a slap from the face-off circle at 7:22 which found nothing but net. Savary kept Dal ahead for the remainder of the game while rookie Dave Bourque took Player of the Game for a solid performance on the blueline.

"We had a great team effort for 60 minutes — we had everybody here tonight," said Young.

But team captain Haynes added, "[Despite the win] I still don't think we should be satisfied with the way we played tonight."

Dal currently holds third place in the Kelly Division with a 9-12-0 record. On Saturday, the Tigers will be looking to avenge a 4-6 freak loss to the UPEI Panthers last November.



Photo by Ryan Lash

## Basketball drops two straight

BY MATT FELTHAM AND SUMANT KUMAR

After two consecutive victories at Memorial, the Dalhousie basketball Tigers entered last Wednesday's game full of optimism. But the brief winning streak ended as they were hammered by the Acadia Axemen 78-60.

Straight from the tip-off the Axemen were able to handle the Tigers' new zone defense with smooth shooting and aggressive defense, enabling them to race out to a 22-14 lead. The Axemen's inside presence totally dominated the Tigers in the first half, and despite a 9-1 run to close the half by the Tigers, the Axemen went to the locker room with a 39-31 lead.

In the second half the Tigers were never able to recover, despite the strong play of Brian Parker.

When the final buzzer sounded, Parker had 21 points and 7 assists on 50 per cent shooting to lead the Tigers. Jan Trojanowski led the Axemen with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

On Sunday, the Tigers hoped to rebound from their prior defeat playing traditional cellar-dwellers, the UNB Varsity Reds. Things once again turned sour as the Tigers, who were without the services of Mike Sabol, Dale Jackson and Paul Willisroft, fell 85-80 to the lowly Reds.

In the first ten minutes neither team was able to gain the upper hand as the score was tied at 20. But, the Reds were able to gain the advantage due to strong play by Dave Low and numerous turnovers by the Tigers. By half-time, the Reds had taken a 38-32 lead, partially due to the fact that Parker

only attempted 3 shots.

In the second half the Tigers came out on fire as Darryl Baptiste nailed shot after shot and led his team to an eight-point lead. A UNB timeout worked in the Reds' favour as they returned to the court fired up. Dominant play by Low and forward Jon Kreiner enabled the Reds to even the score 78-78 with 3 minutes to play. From here, multiple mental errors combined with suspect defense by Dal enabled the Reds to escape with the victory over the underachieving Tigers. Kreiner and Low led the Reds with 26 and 25 points, respectively. The Tigers were led by Baptiste's 30 and Tremayne Howe's 23. Dalhousie will hope to rebound on Wednesday as they venture down to the Tower to face cross-town rival, the Saint Mary's Huskies.

## Swim teams on pace for AUAAs

BY SCOTT SANCTON

After returning from a very successful 10-day training camp in Barbados, the Dalhousie swim teams have been busy swimming hard in preparation for their taper leading up to the Atlantic Conference Championships starting on the Feb. 13. In Barbados, the 32-member travelling party swam a total of 96 kilometres, almost four times the distance normally covered in the same time period.

During the second weekend of January, the Tigers competed with all of the swim teams in Nova Scotia at the annual Metro Invitational. Angela MacAlpine added herself to the Dalhousie CIAU Roster following the competition. The rest of the team also competed very well, with a number of swimmers achieving lifetime bests. The entire team took third place behind the Halifax Trojans and the Dartmouth Crusaders Swim Club. Steve Indig won three individual events and was also a member of two winning relay teams, earning him Dalhousie,

AUAA and CIAU Male Athlete of the Week titles.

The following weekend, the Tigers took on EAST (Eastern Alliance Swim Team) which is a combination of the Dartmouth and Halifax Clubs. The meet provided an opportunity for swimmers to test themselves in their events before the championships.

Over the past weekend, the Tigers went on the road as they competed in dual meets with UNB in Fredericton on Friday and Mount Allison in Sackville on Saturday.

The Tigers' men's team lost by a narrow three-point margin on Friday as both teams swam strategically to test each other. While there were a number of good swims, the team awaits their taper for AUAAs so that they can compete rested and shaved. The women's team also lost to the Varsity Reds.

However, the Tigers rebounded on Saturday, as both teams won their battles against the Mount Allison Mounties. The victory was even further encouraging as

most of the Dal athletes were swimming off events.

The AUAAs are being held in Fredericton this year, and the Tigers will fight a physical and strategic battle in their quest to capture both men's and women's titles. Last year only the women's team won. The Tigers will also try and add to their current five-member team going to CIAUs in Sherbrooke the weekend following AUAAs.

The team currently consists of Stuart Kemp, Angela MacAlpine, Lindsay Eller, Sarah Woodworth and Amy Woodworth.

### SARAH WOODWORTH • SWIMMING

Sarah had an extremely successful weekend leading the Tigers' swim teams to a 1-1 record at weekend visits to UNB and Mt. Allison. She was named female Swimmer of the Meet at UNB where she won both the 400m and the 800m freestyle events, while picking up another victory on the 800m freestyle relay team. At Mt. Allison she won the 200m individual medley, the 100m freestyle and helped out on the winning 400m freestyle relay team. Sarah is a fifth-year Pharmacy student from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

### STUART KEMP • SWIMMING

Stuart led the Tigers to a weekend split of two meets at UNB and Mt. Allison. He won both the 200m freestyle and the 400m freestyle at the first weekend meet at UNB. He followed this up with victories at Mt. Allison in the 800m freestyle and as a member of the 400m freestyle relay team. Stuart is a fourth-year Political Science student minoring in International Development Studies from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Athletes of the Week

## Former St.FX star sentenced

St.FX's former star hockey player Jarret Reid was sentenced to four months in prison on Tuesday. Reid plead guilty in September to a single assault charge involving three separate incidents which occurred last January and March.

Provincial court Judge John Embree added an extra month to Reid's sentence for having contact with his accuser, former girlfriend Joanne Bartlett, in violation of an earlier restraining order. Contact had been initiated by Bartlett who earlier this month had expressed regret at pressing charges.

Reid was sentenced to nine months in jail on similar charges in 1995 and served three months for eight counts at the time.

He had played with the OHL's Soo Greyhounds, 1993 Memorial Cup winners, before charges were laid. After serving his sentence, Reid joined the St.FX X-Men last year where he quickly became a fan favourite, displaying a great offensive style and an effective scoring touch, as well as picking up AUAA and CIAU All-Star honours.