

Too many penalties Discipline lacking on Ice

by Greg Dennis

Why is it that a team can follow a great performance with a lackluster one in the space of one day? "Motivation", said Dalhousie hockey coach Pierre Page after his Tigers dropped a 7-3 decision to the University of Moncton Blue Eagles on Sunday. The defeat came on the heels of a 10-2 victory over the Mount Allison Mounties.

"Basically we have two problems", said Page in reference to the Tigers hot and cold play. "We're lacking in intensity and in discipline. Some of the guys are not giving me 100% and I don't know how to motivate them. A good athlete is the one who is self-motivated; a guy who can get himself up for a game. We have to start playing tough every minute of every game or we're not going to be there at the end of the year."

The discipline problem referred to was an on-ice one.

We have been taking too many unnecessary penalties", said Page. "Because we are not a fast team, we have to play it rough; bumping and wearing down the opposition. I don't mind a good scrap now and again but those chippy penalties are hurting. I have never seen so many two-man disadvantages like we've had this year."

In the game last Saturday against the Mounties, the Tigers came out flying and opened up a 5-0 first period lead. Dalhousie added four more goals in the second to enter the third with a 9-2 lead. Jim Bottomley and Barkley Haddad fired two goals each to pace the Tiger attack. Singletons went to Glen O'Bryne, Dwight Howser, Kevin Aldrich, Peter Aldrich, Brian Gualazzi and Rick McCallum.

Page had an explanation for Sunday's loss to the Blue Eagles. "When we are ready for a game and are disciplined, we are unstoppable. Against

Moncton we came out flat and took some stupid penalties. A good team like Moncton (5th ranked nationally) will take advantage of that and bomb you. We got bombed."

Scoring for the Tigers were Haddad (his fifth since joining the Tigers), Howser, and Aldrich.

The AUHC season is quickly winding down and the Tigers have only nine games left to play. Three of those contests are against St. F.X. (including last night; score in next week), two against Acadia and one versus SMU. Easy two points should result from games with St. Thomas, UNB, and UPEI.

This Saturday the Tigers repay a visit to Antigonish to play the X-Men then take on the Axemen in Wolfville next Wednesday in a pair of key contests.

"We're not moving over, baby," stated Page. "We want to be number one in the league. There is no way we are entering the playoffs through the back door."



Dave Grandy

Dal's Haddad in action against SMU

Verbal Diarrhea

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Dalhousie's first annual Volleyball Classic is now history and was deemed a success by tournament co-ordinator Al Scott. A large crowd viewed Sunday's finals and saw both the men and women varsity teams capture silver medals. The women are having a hard time shaking a bridesmaid image after registering their umpteenth second place finish in tournament play this season. . . Good news for the basketball Tigers. Steve Lambert has rejoined the team after a brief return to his home in Springfield, Mass., to settle some visa problems. The Tigers still have aspirations for the fourth and final playoff spot in the AUHC and will be counting heavily on Lambert's ball magic and intensity. . . Rumours have it that a freshman guard now playing all-star ball with another school, will be transferring to Dalhousie next year. . . Still in basketball, the Tigers recently travelled to Antigonish where Dal coach Doc Ryan starred for two years with St. F.X. The fans remembered Doc's accomplishments, giving their former hero a standing ovation when he was announced prior to the game. The X-Men were not so kind, however, handing Doc and the Tigers a 32 point loss. . . Several Nova Scotian athletes have been in the news recently. As I made mention last week, Halifax natives Marie McNeil and Bob McCall finished second in the Canadian Figure Skating Championships. However, the Canadian Olympic Committee has decided that only the winners will represent our country in the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid. A cry of 'RIP-OFF' echoed around the region when the decision was learned. It's disappointing that they will not be permitted to compete especially after their hard work and fine finish. It seems the selecting committee has arbitrarily determined that there is no sense in sending athletes to Lake Placid who are not likely to finish in the top half of the competitions. Economics has nothing or very little to do with the decision, apparently. What's the matter? Nobody believe in miracles anymore!

Last year Canada sent 67 athletes to the Snow Games; this year, excluding the 20 members of the hockey team who are competing for the first time since '64(?), there are only 39. The only Nova Scotian competing will be Antigonish's Paul MacLean on the hockey squad. MacLean, of course, was the captain of the Dal Tigers last year and led the team in scoring. . . Halifaxian sailors Glen Dexter, Sandy MacMillan and Andreas Josenhans were just crowned the World Sailing Champions; the second time they have captured this honour. The three men are alumni of Dalhousie University. Despite their status as numero uno, Dexter, MacMillan and Josenhans will not be taking their act to the Moscow Olympics (even if Canada goes to the Games). The representative, Bill Abbott and his crew from Ontario, were selected on the basis of results from the World Championships and two previous races. . . Two Maritimers are leading their respective NHL hockey teams in scoring. Al MacAdam, from P.E.I., leads his Minnesota North Stars with 53 points while Chatham, N.B. native Greg Malone tops the Pittsburgh Penguins with 48 points. . . Checking through a record book, I noticed several Tigers hold AUAA hockey records. Greg McCulloch holds the record for goals in a game (6) and in a season (35). Ron Naud is in the book for most points in a game (8) while Pierre Gagne has the most points in a season (62). The record for most assists in a season is held by Tiger coach Pierre Page who arranged 38 goals one year for St. Francis Xavier.

Rum flavoured.
Wine dipped.

Crack a pack of Colts along with the beer.