

Hockey Tigers mark 1st victory

by Greg Zed

The Dal Tigers picked up their first win in league play last weekend by skating to a 5-3 decision over the U.P.E.I. Panthers. Earl Theriault led the Tigers with two big goals. While singles went to Danny Flynn, Bob Lewicki, and Don MacGregor. Incidentally, MacGregor has returned to the Dal line-up and is showing no signs of the lay-off that was caused from a shoulder injury. For the Dal squad, it was one of the best team's efforts to date. Melvin Bartlett, defending the Tiger's goal for the first time this season played an important part in the team's success. As the year progresses, it will be obvious that the black and gold squad will need strong goal-tending because of their system. Bartlett blocked 33 shots while the Panthers' net-minder Ron McInnis was only tested twentyfour times—he stopped nineteen shots.

The Panthers opened the scoring in the first period on a goal by Wayne Bernard from Carl Trainor and Terry Devine. Danny Flynn tied the game from left winger Tom Coolen. It is interesting to see that Tom Coolen has been performing quite respectably for the Tigers. To date the veteran player from Halifax has assisted on eight of Dal goals. After the game, Coolen who was selected first star commented that it was a great team effort. For his personal success Coolen replied: "This is the first year that I came to the hockey team in hockey shape". He was referring to the difference in condition a player is in when involved in another sport. Coolen has toiled with the Dal gridders for the past three seasons.



Tom Coolen has certainly been experiencing a productive first half.

The second period started with the score tied at a goal a piece, however P.E.I.'s Ray O'Donnell drew blood in the second frame to give the Islanders a short lived 2-1 lead. The hustling Tigers fired three goals in the remaining twelve minutes to take command. The scorers included Earl Theriault, assisted by Tom Mann. Don MacGregor's goal came from Al McNaughton and team leader Jim Shatford. Bob Lewicki, who has certainly been quite frustrated with himself got on track by eluding the Panthers' goalie. Rear-guard Rick Roemer assisted on the mark.

In the final frame Theriault scored his second goal of the game from line-mate Tom Mann. Both players certainly have showed signs of the ability that have given them the privilege of being called outstanding. Prior to Theriault's goal, Lorne Carmichael fired P.E.I.'s third goal to narrow the Tiger's lead by a goal. The final score was 5-3.

On Sunday afternoon the Tigers fell to the SMU Huskies in what was a great game...at least for two periods. For the Tigers it was a frustrating way to end their pre-Christmas play but better days are certainly in store for them. To date the Tigers could be owners of a 4-2-1 record with a few breaks. They lost the squeaker to Acadia 1-0; they were dropped 4-3 by U.N.B. and they lost out in Moncton two weeks ago after fighting off a 7-2 drubbing to earn an 8-8 tie. What does this say for the future?? It would be foolish to suggest that after Christmas the club is going to come out and win it all. I, for one am not an advocate of this line of thought, but I will suggest that the return of rear-guard John Gillis will add the necessary experience that has been lacking in the club. Likewise it is obvious that the Tigers have gone through a frustrating stage that has probably been hard on players, coaches, and managers but one can only hope that the future will be more successful. The name of the game is patience and discipline. The club has to believe that their system will work and that the hard dedicated work is worth every minute. The price is quite steep at this stage but the reward has yet to come. No it is not a dream—it is an eye opener to



U.P.E.I.'s Wayne Bernard [17] scores the Panthers' first goal.

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all involved. Consistency and self-confidence are the key to the success that the 1975-76 version of the hockey Tigers are capable of attaining. As Richard Slaunwhite, the more than able "professional trainer" on the squad has often said "Tell it like it is". Well that is the way I see the Tigers fate.

Over the Christmas vacation the club has been invited to Quebec City for a hockey tournament. Laval University has donated a sum of money for the trip, however the rest of the money must be raised. In the near future the Tigers will be holding money making ventures to

cover the costs. Many of the events will be in the line of entertainment and various draws. Why not get involved with their fund raising ventures? You stand a chance to win and more important you can offer support to your Dal hockey team. It will be greatly appreciated.

The next games for the Tigers will be as follows:

Tournament in New Glasgow - Jan. 3 and 4
Dal vs. Mount Allison - Jan. 10th. (Dal Rink)
Dal vs. Univ. de Moncton - Jan. 11th. (Dal Rink)
Dal vs. memorial University - Jan. 17th. and 18th. (Dal Rink)



Melvin Bartlett stops the Panthers.

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Swimmers win some, lose some

Dalhousie University swim teams dual meet records moved to 2-1 over the weekend as the Acadia Axettes swam past the Dal Women's squad 67-44, whilst the Axemen topped the Tigers 61-51 in a meet decided once again by the last event, the 400 yards freestyle relay. It took a new A.U.A.A. record to get past the Dal quartet of Steve Megaffin, Richard Hall-Jones, Mike Verhey and Gabor Mezo. Acadia's time of 3:25.7 was just seven-tenths of a second ahead of the fast closing 49.7 sec leg of Gabor Mezo, and two-tenths inside the previous mark set by Dalhousie in 1973.

For Dalhousie freshman Cameron Rothery had an outstanding afternoon winning both the 200 yard butterfly in 2:08.6 and the 200 yard Breaststroke in 2:35.5 as well as placing third in the 200 freestyle. Another of the Tigers freshmen, Gabor Mezo also was a double winner with fine performances in

the 100 and 200 yard freestyle events. First year student Richard Hall-Jones set a new Dalhousie record with a 23.4 50 yard freestyle win. Philip Evans on the 3 metre springboard was Dal's other event winner. Steve Megaffin came up with important points in placing second in both the 200 I.M. and backstroke events as well as a lifetime best of 51.7 for the 100 yard lead off leg in the freestyle relay.

In the Women's competition the tide flowed more in the Axettes favor as they claimed ten of the thirteen events. Three new Dalhousie records were established however. Lynn Sutcliffe improved upon the 200 yard freestyle mark of 2:19.4 set by Wendi Lacusta in 1974 in winning with a 2:17.6 clocking. She also established a new 400 yard freestyle mark recording 4:57.6 seconds. Jean Mason had season bests in winning the 50 free in 26.8

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