

Hockey

Winning streak ends; another one begins

by Sam McCaig

What happens when the immovable object meets the unstoppable force?

Unfortunately, the latest answer to this age-old question is a 5-3 victory for the Acadia Axemen over our hockey Tigers.

This Friday past, a packed house of 2,300 looked on in disbelief as Acadia shocked the Tigers with five unanswered goals in the first period. Most of the damage occurred midway through the opening frame when the Axemen struck for three goals in a 48-second span.

Dalhousie regained some respectability in the second period when George Wilcox and Mike Polano each popped the twine to make the score 5-2.

Goaltender Greg Dreveny kept the game within reach in the third as he stoned Acadia on a pair of breakaways. At the other end, Axemen goaltender Denis Sproxton was equally impressive until Polano scored his second of the game at 19:10 to make the final 5-3.

Despite the disappointing loss, the Tigers still control their own fate and can clinch first place in the Kelly Division by winning their remaining three games. If they succeed in doing so, Dalhousie will have home-ice advantage throughout the AUSA play-offs.

The Tigers kept their first-place dreams alive by defeating the St. Mary's Huskies in a pair of games that were sandwiched around Friday's loss.

On Wednesday, Dalhousie made the pilgrimage to the Metro Centre where they dispatched the Huskies by a score of 5-2.

The Huskies, intent on slowing the game to a painful crawl; kept the score close for two periods but could not keep up when the Tigers in-

creased the pace in the third.

Scott Milroy got the Tigers on the board when he potted an unassisted, shorthanded marker late in the first. Mark Myles, with a power-play goal midway through the second, gave Dalhousie a temporary 2-1 lead. St. Mary's scored a power-play goal of their own less than two minutes later to tie the match at 2-2.

Early in the third, defenceman Trent Gleason scored the game-winner when his screened slapshot found its way to the back of the net. Mike Polano sealed St. Mary's fate with a pretty goal on a partial breakaway late in the third. Joe Suk added an empty-netter to round out the scoring.

On Sunday, Dalhousie didn't wait for the third period to dismantle the Huskies.

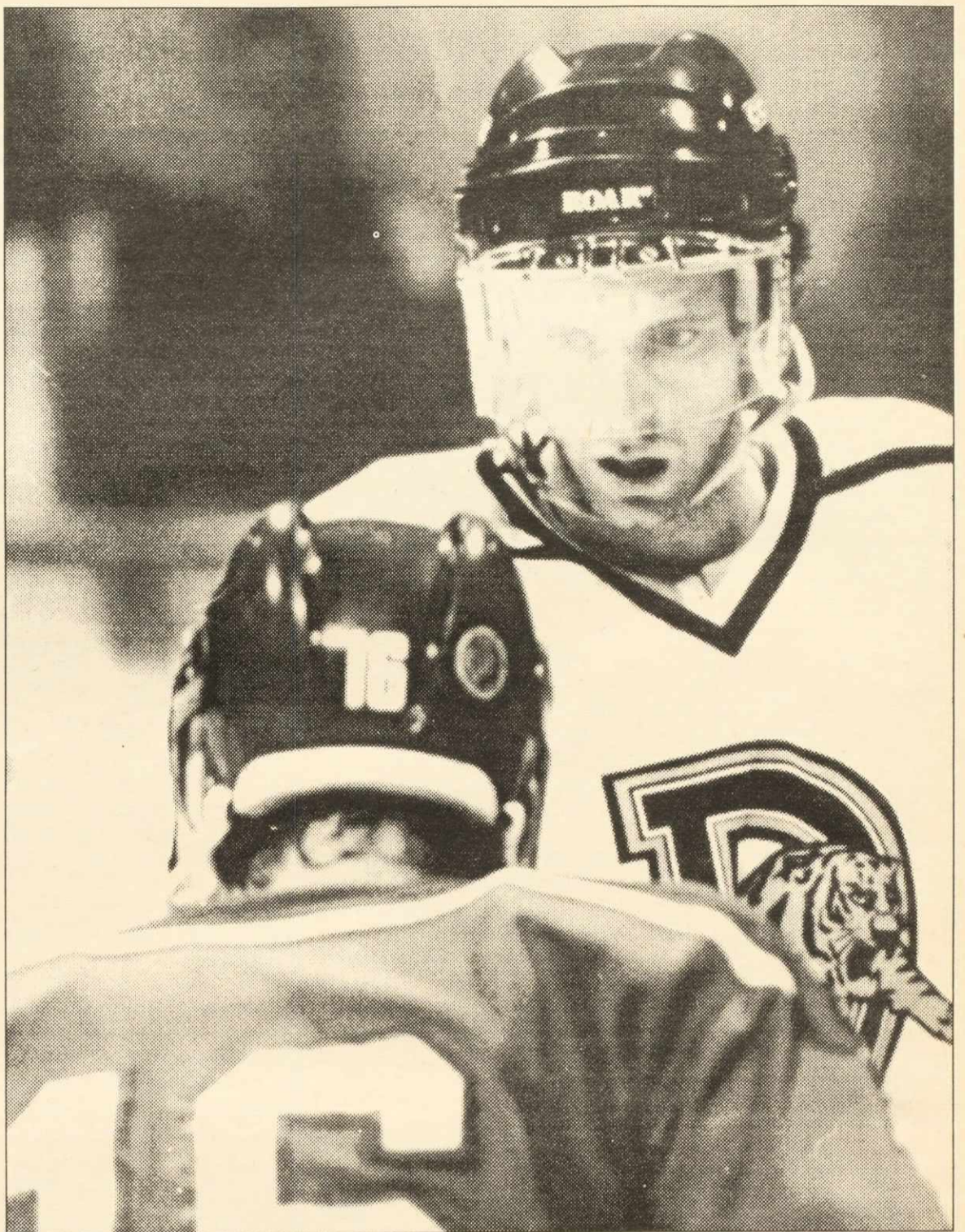
Mark Myles wasted no time in setting the tempo as he used his first shift to unceremoniously dump SMU goalie Sean Brown. However, Brown was able to stop everything else that came his way until Joe Suk beat him to the short side with a blistering slap-shot at 19:13 of the first.

In the second, the Tigers stepped up their game and promptly left the Huskies wallowing in their wake. George Wilcox, Peter Robertson, Steve Widmeyer and Ken MacDermid all scored to give the Tigers a 5-0 edge.

Mark Myles added insult to injury when he deflected home an Allan Cox drive in the final frame to put Dalhousie on top by a 6-0 score.

Goaltender Greg Dreveny lost his shutout when the Huskies tallied a pair of late goals to make the final 6-2.

The Tigers last two regular season games are both home-ice tilts. On Friday, February 11 at 7:30 pm, the UPEI Panthers prowl into Halifax. Finally, a Sunday afternoon bout (2:00 pm) pits the UCCB Capers against the Tigers. Adult accompaniment is suggested.



In the eyes of a Tiger

Dalhousie's Mark Myles gives Acadia's Darren Burns a cold stare during action last Friday. But it was the Axemen who threw cold water on Dal's winning streak by defeating them 5-3. DALPHOTO: MIKE DEVONPORT

Laval bronze for men's v-ball

by Carmen Tam

The Dalhousie men's volleyball team improved on last year's fourth place finish by moving up a notch at the Laval Carnival Tournament in Quebec. The Tigers captured a bronze medal last weekend in a rollercoaster journey.

Dal began round robin play by meeting tenth-ranked Queens in a rematch of last month's Dal Lawton's Classic final with similar results.

This time the Tigers had an easier time, mangling the Golden Gaels with game scores of 15-2, 15-4 and 15-5. Later on in the day Dalhousie improved its record by sweeping the University of Montreal 15-9, 15-7 and 15-11.

On Saturday morning the Tigers got off on the wrong foot as they were

swept away in three by the number-one ranked Manitoba Bisons. Game scores were 15-8, 15-5 and 15-4. That evening, the host team Laval handed Dal its second consecutive loss with scores of 15-9, 15-12 and 15-5 in semi-final action.

The Tigers got on track Sunday by holding off the pesky Winnipeg Wesmen, who won the first set 16-17, before Dal fought back 16-6, 16-14 and 15-11 to claim third place.

The victory was especially sweet as it was the first occasion in four years that Dal has defeated Winnipeg. Chris Schwarz and Eric Ville-neuve recorded 21 kills each while Jody Holden had 19 kills and three stuff blocks. Holden, a former national team member, tallied up 100 kills in the tournament and was named to the all-star team, his sec-

ond this year. The Tigers' performance on the weekend was rewarded as they moved up in the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union rankings to sixth.

The Tigers enjoy this weekend off as they prepare to meet Memorial University on February 19 and 20 at Dalplex for the final games off the regular season. Dal, which hasn't dropped a single game to Memorial this season, will still be taking them seriously. Co-captain Kirk Yanofsky says it's important for the team not to take their opponents lightly.

"We may meet them at the AUSA finals so it is important to play well."

After that the Tigers host the AUSA championships on February 25-27.

Women's b-ball split pair

by Matthew Christian

The Dalhousie Tiger women's basketball team opened the week on a high note by demolishing the St. Mary's Huskies 69-55 Thursday night at Dalplex. League scoring leader Carolyn Wares meshed 25 for the Tigers, three better than her season average. In a rough game, Dalhousie managed to double the SMU scoring output in the first half, 38-19, 18 of those coming from Wares.

With seven minutes remaining, the Huskies cut the lead to 10, forcing Dal to call a timeout. Jennifer

Clark promptly responded with a three-pointer to re-establish the Tigers commanding lead. Also notching points for Dalhousie were Kathie Sanderson with 11, Deanna McMullen had nine, Lynne McEachern dropped in seven points while Renee McKenzie added six.

The defensive story was who the Tigers didn't let score, which ended up being nearly the entire Huskie squad. In fact only three Saint Mary's players were mentioned on the scoring sheet.

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Dalhousie Athletes of the Week

CAROLYN WARES



* 25 pts. & 18 reb.

WBB: 1 win

Jan. 31 - Feb. 7/94

* 100 kills, 25 serv. aces & 2.55 ser. receive & Tournament All-Star

MVB: Bronze Medal

JODY HOLDEN



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Quote of the Week

"I love it. It's great. It's pure torture."

~ John, a punk aerobicizer see story page 13