

Tigers tamed in '97 debut

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

The hockey Tigers dropped the semester's first game 6-4 to the St. FX X-Men last night at Memorial Arena.

The game started off physical with both teams determined to gain the offensive upper hand. Dal's Fred Corkum let in 3 goals in the first seven minutes of the first period before Neil Savary was substituted in. The Tigers soon found their pace and scored short-handed at 8:54 on a deflection from the slot by Jan Melicherick from Martin LaPointe.

Luke Naylor scored at 13:22 on a wristshot deflection from the crease, with the assists going to Ted Naylor and Melicherick.

The second period saw faster play and tighter checks and it was halfway through the frame before St. FX scored again. The X-Men added another goal on a power play from Philip Stock as Tiger Marc Warner served a penalty for high-sticking. Savary made some big saves for Dal during the frame.

"I didn't expect to play," he said

after the game. "I spoke to Darrell [Young] yesterday and he told me he would give Freddy [Corkum] the start tonight. It was good [that I didn't know I was going to play] because I didn't have time to be nervous. I just went in and played."

LaPointe narrowed the difference at 8:53 of the final frame to 5-3 on a power play slapshot from

Luke Naylor and David Carson. Naylor scored through the five hole at 15:50, assisted by his brother Ted and Carson, but that was as close as the Tigers were going to get.

With a couple of minutes left to play, Savary was pulled from the pipes. The X-Men were able to score into an open net and sealed their victory at 6-4.

Dal's top scorers

(as of January 1, 1997)

	G	A	Pts.
1. Martin LaPointe	6	12	18
2. Ted Naylor	3	14	17
3. Chad Kalmakoff	5	11	16
4. Luke Naylor	10	5	15
5. Jan Melicherick	5	8	13
5. Craig Whynot	3	10	13



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