

Hockey Tigers off to exciting start

by Morley Bates

If Sunday's game is any indication of things to come for the upcoming hockey season, Tiger supporters could be in for an entertaining year. In a game where defence went out the window, the Varsity Tigers outscored the stars of yesteryear 10-8. It was a nightmarish afternoon for the three goaltenders involved: Melvin Bartlett of Alumni, and the Ken Bickerton-Darrell Young combination in the Tiger goal.

In the first period, it appeared that Alumni would blow the Tigers out of the rink, building up a quick 3-0 lead. Rick Roemer, Art Ells and Paul Finlay provided the scoring. The Tigers, looking disorganized, allowed the Alumni team to carry most of the play throughout the period. However, the Tigers' Mike Leblanc took advantage of a loose puck to close the gap to 3-1 in the dying minutes of the first period.

After Tom Coolen put Alumni ahead 4-1 in the opening minute of the second period, the Tigers began to take command. Goalie Bartlett was forced to make some outstanding saves before the Tigers' Rick MacCallum, Shawn MacDonald and Adrian Facca connected for three quick goals to even the count at 4-4. Facca's goal came with the Tigers shorthanded, while Ray Off was serving a tripping penalty. Jim Shatford gave Alumni a short-lived lead before MacCallum fired his second goal of the afternoon. Less than a minute later, Eric Eisenhower put a forty-foot slapshot past Bartlett to give the Tigers a 6-5 lead at the end of two periods.

The third period featured more even play as both teams came out skating hard. Bob Richardson and Eric Cameron erased the Tiger lead early in the period, with Cameron scoring on a power play. A power

play effort by Shawn MacDonald (his 2nd of the game) knotted the score once again, only to see Finlay put Alumni back on top. From then on, it was all Tigers, as Leblanc, Dan Cyr and Jim Bottomley rounded out the afternoon's scoring.

As in past years, offence appears to be the Tigers strong point. The line of MacDonald, MacCallum and Bottomley collected five goals Sunday. The Facca-Byrne-Leblanc combination looked effective also.

the threesome of Cyr, Theriault and Jacques Robert should keep opposing defenders busy during the season. Newcomer Linus Fraser has fitted in well with Rick Gaetz and Ray Off. Coach Pierre Page has the difficult task of forcing a couple of his forwards to sit out some games because of the new league rules.

The defence certainly has po-

tential, and in time could get tough. A welcome addition is Allie MacDonald, late of St. F.X. Eric Eisenhower put in a good performance Sunday, giving coach Page a fine allround defence. Peter Aldrich and Daniel Mongeon can do their job capably, although Sunday's score didn't indicate that. However, look for improvement as the season progresses.

Goaltending should be better with Ken Bickerton a year older. Last year, Bickerton turned in a good display, despite constant pressure from opposing teams. Darrell Young should provide adequate back-up strength.

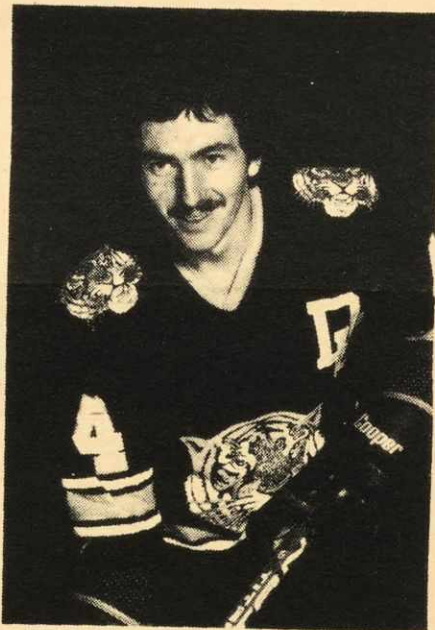
If the defence and goaltending come through, this year's edition of the Tigers could very well find a playoff spot. Dalhousie's biggest test will come this weekend when they host the annual Dalhousie Invitational Tournament. Come out and support the Tigers!!

Dal invitational hockey

This weekend, Dal will be holding its annual Invitational Hockey Tournament. Teams participating include Laval Rouge et Or, Ottawa Gee Gees, Acadia Axemen and the host, Dalhousie Tigers.

Coach Pierre Page doesn't have much information on any of the visiting teams, but feels Dal is quite capable of winning if they concentrate on the defensive aspect of their game. He says the team is fully balanced with four lines up front, but he will only be dressing seventeen players and using three lines. Coach Page says that he is still evaluating personnel to see who is going to get a starting job.

Defenceman Jack Gray feels that Dal has to concentrate on teamwork. Gray says, "We've got a lot of Junior players who have to learn the system," referring to the Tiger's



Jack Gray of the Dalhousie Hockey Tigers

system for breaking out of their end of the rink. Gray also adds that the new players help to give the team plenty of desire.

Right winger Ray Off strongly believes that Dal has a good chance of winning the tournament. He says that Dal has a good skating team, but will have to hit if they want to be successful. Off, like Gray, agrees that the team will have to concentrate on their offensive and defensive systems.

The tournament begins at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday evening with Ottawa meeting Acadia, followed by Laval and Dal at 9:00 p.m. The tournament concludes on Sunday with a consolation game at 11:00 a.m., while the championship game has a 2 p.m. starting time.

This weekend offers some excellent and exciting hockey at the Dal rink so let's see a lot of fans out supporting the Tigers.

Dalhousie hosts championships

On Saturday, October 22nd the Atlantic Intercollegiate Cross Country Championships will be held at Point Pleasant Park, with Dalhousie acting as the host university. For the first time, there will be a women's championship this year. The races will start and finish at the Soldiers Monument, which is in the lower corner of the park. The women's race is 5000 m (3 1/4 mi.),



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and will start at 12 noon. The men's race covers 8000 m (5 mi.) and begins at 1:00 p.m.

The men's field is expected to include teams from Acadia, St. F.X., UNB, U de M, Memorial and Dal, with UNB and Dal expected to battle for team honors. After winning the championship for 4 consecutive years, Dal lost the title to UNB last year. The men's teams are comprised of 7 men with the first 5 finishers to count for team score. The winning team plus the first 3 finishers advance to the CIAU Championships, to be held on November 5 in Kingston, Ontario. The women's field will likely be quite small as this is the first year for their championship. UNB, Moncton and Memorial are expected to enter full teams, with St. F.X., St. Mary's and Dal having individual entries. Women's teams are comprised of 5 women with the first 3 finishers counting for the team score.

The men's race will feature some fine individual runners, many of whom are of national calibre. Leading the way for Dal, and keeping with their tradition of outstanding runners, will be Paul

Groake and Randy Bullerwell. UNB is led by Peter Richardson and Doug Haines. Dan Quance of Dal and Rickie Hull (UNB) are also expected to be well up with the top finishers. A couple of the top performers in the women's race will be Jeannie Cameron of St. F.X. and Pam Currie of Dalhousie.

The Dal men's team lost an earlier meet with UNB in Fredericton by only 2 points. The team is confident that they can dethrone UNB with a strong overall effort and the advantage of having the home course. Any fan support would be greatly appreciated. Best of luck Dal!!

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