

Hockey Tigers split on weekend

Playoff hopes dim: every game counts



Dal Photo / Grandy

The Saint Mary's Huskies narrowly edged the Dal Tigers in hockey action at the Dal rink last night. Final score was 5 - 4

In a crucial weekend away from home, the Dalhousie Tigers hockey team managed a win (5-3 over UPEI) and a loss (4-3 to Mt. A.) to maintain their drive towards a play-off spot. After losing to Mt. A., the Tigers rebounded with a great comeback effort against the Panthers, highlighted by goaltender Ken Bickerton's outstanding performance.

Mt. A. 4 Dal 3

In a rather chippy game where 30 penalties totalling 72 minutes were called, the Mounties succeeded in

upsetting Dal's play throughout the entire game, outshooting them 30 to 26 and finally scoring the go-ahead goal at the 17:15 mark of the 3rd period.

The game was only 1:51 old when Dal's John Carter and Mt. A.'s Rolly Bourgeois started swinging, which was to set the tempo for the remainder of the game. At 11:19, Mt. A.'s Jim Wooder scored from a point shot only 6 seconds after Dal had successfully defended 3 against 5. The Mounties kept pressuring, and were soon rewarded by Bill

Brennan's goal at 12:25. All Dal wanted was 1 goal before the end of the period to regain their momentum, and an error by Jim Wooder behind the Mountie net provided the big break on which Jim Bottomley quickly capitalized unassisted.

Early in the second, Wayne Briscall, assisted by Allie MacDonald and Peter Aldrich, found the target on a blistering drive from the right side while Dal was enjoying a power play situation. But penalties against the Tigers allowed Mt. A. to take the lead once again as Dan Fergus deflected Ross Yates' pass to make it 3 to 2.

Early in the third period, a beautiful exchange of passes between MacDonald, Off, McCallum and Cyr resulted in Rick McCallum's goal at 5:44. The Tigers carried the tempo from then on until the 13:18 mark of the third period, when Rick Gaetz received a minor for high sticking and a 10 minute misconduct penalty, which also carries an automatic 2 minute minor. Despite the challenge, the Tigers seemed to be on their way to successfully killing the penalty when Rod Clarke scored with 3 seconds left in it.

Dal 5 U.P.E.I. 3

A must game it was for the Tigers, who are battling for a play-off spot with St. F.X., Moncton, U.P.E.I. and Mt. A. The Panthers quickly took a 2-0 lead in the first on goals by Ralph Josey

and Val Mitchell. As against Mt. A., Dal succeeded in scoring one before the end of the 1st frame when Adrian Facca took a hard check along the boards at center ice but succeeded in feeding the puck against the boards to Rick Gaetz, who let go a 30 footer which eluded goalie Ron McInnis.

The second period belonged to the Tigers, who realized there was no tomorrow. Three unanswered goals by Adrian Facca, Ray Off (his first) and Shawn MacDonald gave Dal a solid 4-2 lead.

The Panthers fought back and made it 4 to 3 at 6:13 of the third when no one picked up the trailer man, Mike Selleck. A solid defensive display and an outstanding performance by Ken Bickerton allowed the Tigers to sustain the last minute pressure until Allie MacDonald scored in an empty net at 19:56. As a result, Dal remains in 4th place, 10 points behind SMU, 3 points behind St. F.X. and 2 games in hand, 2 points behind Moncton and 1 game in hand, 1 point ahead of Mt. A. with 2 games in hand, and 2 points ahead of U.P.E.I. with 1 game in hand. On Saturday, Jan. 21 at 7:00 p.m. the Acadia Axemen are in town to continue one of the hottest rivalries in the league.

Other Scores In The League

SMU	6	Moncton	3
SMU	6	UNB	2
St. F.X.	4	Mt. A.	3
St. F.X.	3	U.P.E.I.	3
Moncton	7	Acadia	2
Acadia	4	UNB	4

Florida training camp proves successful

Just 9 weeks after their return from a twelve day training camp in Florida, Dal swimmers were able to display more than just a tan when they met Acadia at Wolfville over the weekend.

In shading the Axemen 62-51, Dal completed the double, having just nipped the Acadia squad 57-56 at the end of November. Dal took both the diving competitions and seven of the eleven swimming events. Leading the way was team captain Richard Hall-Jones, who set new Dal team records in winning both the 200 and 400 freestyle events. Hall-Jones concluded his afternoon with a swift 55.8 anchor leg in the

400 metre freestyle relay. Geoff Camp was another double winner and record breaker. In his first 1500 metre outing of the season, he sliced over a minute off the previous team record and shattered the 800 metre and 1000 metre marks along the way. The versatile Camp was also the winner of the 200 metre dorsal event. Steve Megaffin used his speed and experience to carry him to victory in both the 200 IM and 100 freestyle events to capture an important double in the meet.

Second year diver Ray Kelly, displaying controlled confidence and skill, put together a testing

slate of dives which earned him victories on both the one and three metre boards. Marcel Arsenault, in his first year of diving at Dal, is also proving a fine performer from the boards, again adding key points.

The 50 freestyle saw Peter Webster and Steve Dodge turn in a fast show of speed and both should go faster yet. Without exception all members of the Dal squad look to be moving toward personal best times next month.

In the Women's meet, Dal had to

take a back seat to the tide of Acadia swimmers. However, sprinters Krista Daley and Jean Mason rode the surf well to take points in both the 50 and 100 freestyle events. Daley went close to threatening the team record held by Mason in the 100 free event.

Whilst the Tiger Lillies hold a 2-2 record, the Tigers remain unbeaten at 5-0 as they move to New Brunswick to meet Mt. Allison and U.N.B. this weekend.

Unbeaten streak extended

Our Women's Basketball team ran their season's record to 8 wins and 2 losses this past weekend, and in the bargain ran their unbeaten string to eight straight, as they recorded convincing wins over UPEI and Acadia. Playing at home Friday evening, they ran roughshod over an overmatched UPEI squad, winning by a score of 108-19. Realizing that the Tigers were too strong for the visitors, Coach Carolyn Savoy went to her bench early and often, and this move resulted in the best balanced scoring display put on by a Dal team in a long time. All ten players hit the scoresheet with six of them in double figures. Carol Rosenthal led with 20, while Kathy Donovan had 16, Anne Lindsay 14, Sue Cosh 12, Chris Buckle 11, and Nancy Caldwell 10.

On Saturday, before an ap-

preciative home crowd, the Dal squad blitzed Acadia Axettes 70-38, using the same well balanced scoring attack and a newly acquired tough 1-3-1 half court pressing zone defense. Five players hit double figures in this game with steady Anne Lindsay leading the way with 14 points, followed by Carol Rosenthal and Kathy Donovan with a dozen apiece and Sue Cosh and Anne Murray with 10 each. Danielle Brown led Acadia with 9 points while Wendy Langille had 8. This week the Tigers have been working hard in practice preparing for their long awaited return game with league leading UNB, who administered the only two setbacks suffered by our girls in league play so far this season. This game will be played in the Dal gym on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 1:00 p.m.

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