

Promising future for hockey team

Dalhousie Tigers won't be in the playoffs this year, but the last few games have certainly looked promising for the rookie-sudded club next year. In fact, all indications are that the majority of the roster will return. Coach Pierre Page in a post game interview, which saw the Tigers tie St. F.X. X-Men had high praise for the team. "It was a great team effort, and the boys know that they are one of the best teams in the league...next year should be great". Page had plenty to cheer about as the Tigers not only played with the X-Men, they forced the front-runners to play catch-up hockey throughout the afternoon contest.

Playing before a packed Dalhousie Rink, the Tigers came out hustling in the opening frame and literally never gave up. Glen O'Byrne, who has certainly shown maturation over the year opened the scoring for the Tigers at the 16:00 minute mark. Rick Gaetz and Tom Macleod set up the Dal marksman.

In the middle frame, the fired up X-Men out-scored the Dal squad 3-2, to end the period on a 3-3 note. Mike Melanson, Tom Savoy, and Bill Young replied for the visitors while Glen O'Byrne and the team captain John Mallowney added



singles for the black and gold brigade. Dal's Ken Bickerton was nothing short of sensational throughout the game. In the second period, he blocked seventeen shots as the X-Men tried to run the Tigers out of their own rink. The Dal Ice Machine was stalwart and withstood the test...no one was going to chase them out of the rink.

In the final period, Dal, looking hungry for the win, tested X's Fred

Cuvelier with a flurry of shots at the opening seconds, however, X's Bob Stephenson took a pass from Mike Melanson, to give the blue and white pucksters the go-ahead goal. Dal's Ray Off, who has certainly shown a marked improvement since the first of the season tied the game at 8:53 mark. Then Dal's Grant Pyle unloaded a cannonated drive past a startled Cuvelier. This gave the Dal club a big boost, and it put the pressure on the X-Men. With a 5-4 margin the Tigers looked for the insurance goal, finding Cuvelier equal to the test. When it appeared that the win was "in the bag", the X-Men pulled Cuvelier in favor of a sixth attacker. Their mission was complete...at 19:20 mark Bob Stephenson poked in a loose puck to send the game into overtime.

The automatic ten minute period was nothing short of fantastic. In fact, both clubs kept up the pace, but the goal-tenders dual continued. With less than three minutes to play Dal's Rick Gaetz chased a loose puck deep in the X-Mens zone. Fred Cuvelier rushed out to meet Gaetz, but when the Dal puckster attempted to "deek" the X-Men goalie, Cuvelier threw his stick at the puck. It was apparent that a penalty was upcoming, but Mike Kelley blew the play down and had a face-off. At that point the crowd went estatic...Kelly chocked

BUT he was consistent...consistent to the extent that he was inefficient through the game. When the overtime period ended the clock showed a 5-5 tie and at that point the Dal rink emptied but before the packed house gave the Dal squad a lengthy standing ovation...certainly well deserved.

On Saturday, the Dalhousie Machine travelled to Acadia to tangle with the Axemen. The chippy game, which was marred by inefficient officiating, proved to be a loss to the visiting Tigers. Lee Gilbert, Richard Spencer, Mike Johnstone, Ryan Seale, and Greg Hubbert each scored a goal for Acadia, while Jack Gray, Glen O'Byrne, Ray Off, and Paul Chapman answered for the Dal club.

Acadia led 2-1 after the opening period, with the visitors replying three times in the middle stanza to take a 4-2 lead after forty minutes. In the final frame Acadia roared, back and exploded for three goals, to take the two points.

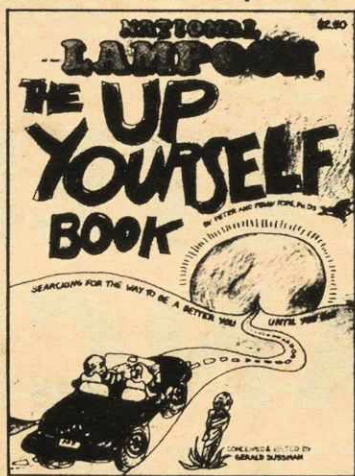
At press time Dal was playing Antigonish Bulldogs in an exhibition encounter while this weekend the Tigers in conjunction with INTRO-DAL play host to Univ. de Moncton on Friday evening at 7:00 while they entertain U.N.B. Red Devils on Saturday afternoon at 2:00. These two games will end the season for the Tigers.

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Hockey intramurals

The first game of the evening saw Phi Delta Theta battling against a much stronger Phys. Ed. side. The game was fairly close until half time, but then Phys. Ed. mounted attack after attack and completely

dominated the game. The final score stood at 5-2 to Phys. Ed.

In the game between Med. A and Law A, Law never stood a chance. They were totally crushed from start to finish. They did however, save themselves from complete disaster with a goal by Arsenault.

Another heavy win was the Science A team coasting to an easy 8-1 victory over a dejected Commerce side. Rick Stevens and Gerry Beck both scored two goals for Science.

The final game of the evening was a tremendously exciting battle between Geology and Pharmacy. Up to the last five minutes of the game two teams were tying. In the final five minutes both sides struggled for the winning goal but neither team could manage it and the final score stood at 4-4.

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