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## **Hockey Season Opt**

## TIGERS TO OPEN AT FORUM

by Joel Fournier

teamwill open their regular season schedule against the night at 8:00 p.m. at the Halifax Forum.

defeated once this year by already distinguished himonly after fourteen minutes star goalie in the New of sizzling overtime which saw the Dal squad fail to capitalize on some golden star supporting cast in opportunities to wrap up the game. This past weekend Bob MacLeod. Team doctor, saw the S.M.U. Huskies Rod Bird should be given a edge the "X" contingent 6-4 and as a result, one can keeping the boys together, surmise that the league but also for putting up with might be a lot more closely balanced this year.

The Tigers in other exhibition play have fared well, wide for his caustic wit, defeating the Swiss National acerbic vocabulary and most team, Memorial and also of all for his gentle fingers. U.P.E.I. Last year the Bengals never really got untracked until after the Christmas holidays, but this year the team vows that things will be different. Coach Page and his ebullient assistant Pierre Gagne, a former Dal great, are exceptionally pleased with the mental and physical state of the players at this early stage. Page believes that the difference between this year's edition and those of the past two seasons is confidence. "The team feels they can win, they know they can win and they'll be out from the opening whistle to prove it.

Balance is expected to be for fans and teams alike on the key to the Tiger's success when they take to the ice on Saturday night. Sound goaltending, a hard-hitting, mobile defense and forwards that skate full speed both ways will give Dal the kind of opportunity to buy advance attack that has been sorely lacking for some time.

Captain Randy Sears along with assistants Bob Richardson and Dave Creurer, besides providing great leadership, spearhead a potent offensive attack that has yours early. If you miss out been made even more at the SUB, you can get them explosive by the addition of Jimmy Shatford and Danny Flynn. Shatford, a Dart- opera and reserved. Saturmouth native, is following in day night tickets go on sale his father's footsteps as far at 6:30 p.m. at the Forum as smooth playmaking is Reserved - \$2.50; Rush concerned. Last year he \$2.00; and children - .50. attend St. Lawrence University where he was one of the main cogs in the school's hockey program. Flynn, recently arrived from the Halifax Huskies (formerly 'Blazers'') has already proved his scoring ability in early exhibition play. Dal fans should also be on the lookout Saturday night for Peter Wentzell, another popular newcomer as well as veterans, Darrel MacGregor, Tom Coolen, Dave McLeod, Rod McCarron, Art Ells and Paul Findlay. On defense, a greatly improved Don MacGregor Outstanding Manager teams up with rugged Charlier Barter, while John Gillis, another assistant cap- guarantee action from the tain joins Rick Roemer who is word "go". At the prices quickly becoming known as quoted above, you'll certainthe league's hardest body- ly get more than your checker. Chris Turnbull and money's worth. See you at John Mullowney round out the Forum !!! Remember the defensive corps that has

the coaches very optimistic. This leaves the goalten-

ders to be considered; Greg Lynch and Vince Desjardins A fired-up Dal hockey According to those that know, it's going to be a real battle to see who gets the highly-rated St. Francis Xa- nod on Saturday night. Both vier "X Men" this Saturday goalies have been playing inspired hockey and it's this kind of problem coaches love The Tigers have been to have. Desjardins has 'X'' in exhibition play but self by being named the all-Glasgow tournament.

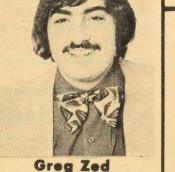
The team also has an allmanagers, Greg Zed and special mention, not only for team trainer, Richard Slaun-white, the "trainer's trainer" who is known far and

the Antigonish area.



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