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Tigers roll into Friday night showdown

by Derek Neary

The Dalhousie hockey team has put together a four-game winning streak and currently stands alone in second place in the Kelly division.

The Tigers knocked off the St. Thomas Tommies by a 7 to 4 count on Saturday, 30 January, and posted a 3 to 1 victory over the Moncton Blue Eagles on Friday, 29 January.

In Saturday's contest, the Tigers jumped out to a 3-0 lead on goals by Jeff Quinn, Mark Myles, and Keifer House. But the Tommies fought back late in the opening period and early in the second to tie things up at 3-3. The teams then traded goals - Dal's marker came off the stick of George Wilcox, while Gilles Richard scored his third of the game for St. Thomas.

Second-year centre, Corey MacIntyre, scored the game winner at 18:14 of the second period when he put a backhand shot past the opposing netminder. Ken MacDermid and Peter Robertson added third period tallies in the 7-4 win.

MacIntyre, who finished with a goal and two assists, said that the recent schedule has been an aid to the team. "I think the homestand has really helped," he said. "We feel

confident playing here and I think that has really contributed to the way we've played the last little while and winning some games."

But the schedule hasn't been entirely kind to the Dal squad who have played more games than usual in a short span.

"It's been four games in the last five or six days," MacIntyre said. "All that banging out on the ice and working hard really takes a toll on you after a while."

On Friday, the Tigers got goals from Quinn, Joe Suk, and Greg Smyth in a 3-1 triumph over the visiting Moncton Blue Eagles. Goaltender Scott MacDonald was sharp again as he stopped 28 of 29 shots. Following weekend play, Dal was four games over the .500 mark at 12-8-0. Coach Darrell Young credits the team's recent success to an upsurge in leadership and an emphasis on playing to the best of the team's ability.

"We're playing hard, we're playing tough, we're playing aggressive, and we're playing pretty disciplined," he said.

Young pointed out that the Tigers have only been short-handed two or three times per game during the winning streak. He also mentioned the high success rate of the power play

unit. "We've got great special teams that are doing a great job for us, so if teams want to get foolish against us they're going to pay for it."

Dal faced off against the Saint Mary's Huskies on Wednesday, 3 February. The Tigers' next game will

place Acadia Axemen at the Dalhousie Memorial Arena on Friday, 5 February. Game time is set for 7 pm.

Ride the wave to the AUAA

by John Yip

The 1992-93 regular season ended for the Swimming Tigers with double victories for the men's and women's teams against Acadia. The women's team cheered on three teammates to qualify for the CIAU Championships.

Rookies Jennifer Smith and Sara Woodworth both went under the standard of 2:28.80 in the 200m Fly. With five metres to go, both swimmers finished the race with strong powerful strokes. Their gutsy finish gave them some room to spare as Smith and Woodworth made the cut by about three-quarters of a second each.

The third qualifier was fourth-year Spanish student, Robin Mackay. Mackay narrowly missed the standard at last week's AUAA Invitational by a mere half second in the 800m Free. This weekend, however, Robin cruised in at 9:31.67 to go under the standard of 9:32.60. The women's

team had almost four qualifiers as Katy Laycock just missed the cutoff time in the 200m Breast. Mackay, Woodworth, and Smith join Carla McDougall, Donna Phelan, and Katharine Dunn as pre-qualifiers for the CIAU Championships, the largest women's contingent in Dal history and in Atlantic Canada.

On the men's side, Ian Jackson stole the 200m Breast while Adam Widdis claimed the 800m Free title. Matt Fraser captured the 200m Fly and Mike David finally went under a 1:00 for the 100m Free. D'Arcy Byrne took the 100m Free while Dave LeBlanc busted loose with a goggle sandwich in the 4x100m Free relay.

First-year Commerce student Andrew Haley grabbed the swimmer-of-the-meet honours with a personal best time in the 200m Back by over two seconds. Jamie Wright finished the meet without hurting himself in the 400m Free while John Yip swam with a broken heart. Wilbur

Macleod and P.J. Cowan had fine performances in the 200m Breast and 200m Fly respectively. Louis Beaubien posted a season best time in the 100m Back while Barbados native Andrew Kirby swam a fast lead off in the relay. Thanks to the combination of strong swims and team spirit, the men's team defeated Acadia.

"Both teams have swam extremely well considering the amount of training and racing we have been doing. The main focus now will be to concentrate on swimming fast at the AUAA Championships," said Head Coach David Fry.

The Dal Tigers have three weeks to prepare for the AUAA Championships to be held at Dalplex, 19-21 February. Come out and support the Dal Tigers as they seek their quest to take the AUAA titles!

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