

## Hockey Tigers: Best team in east

by Greg Dennis

With time quickly running out on the 1979-80 Atlantic University Hockey Conference season, the Dalhousie Tigers had better start getting their act together as a team—soon. The Tigers resumed their rollercoaster second half last week splitting a pair of games with St. F.X. The X-Men defeated Dal 7-3 Saturday night in Antigonish after dropping a 5-2 decision to the Tigers at the Forum last Wednesday.

Problems cited in last week's *Gazette*, i.e. desire and discipline, are still afflicting the team, although in fairness, attitudes do not change overnight.

On the ice penalties con-

tinued to take their toll on the Tigers. Granted, the Tigers' style of play is one that will result in penalties; there is little need for some infractions though, especially those coming after the play or in retaliation. In the win over St. F.X., Dal did their best to bury themselves, playing 17 of the first 40 minutes short-handed, but escaped with a 2-0 two period lead. Probably half of those penalties were unnecessary.

Coach Pierre Page offered an explanation of the overzealousness of some of his charges. "A lot of these guys are coming out of the junior ranks," said Page, "where if you back down from a fight or don't go after someone who

did something to you, you're called a chicken. It's different in this league. There are some pretty emotional guys on the team who are going to have to learn to control themselves."

The Tigers are by no means out of contention in the AUHC's Eastern Division. They trail the front-running St. Mary's Huskies by only two points and have two games in hand. SMU faces a much tougher close to the schedule, tackling X and Acadia twice and the Tigers once. Dal also plays the Axemen twice and play St. F.X., SMU, UNB, STU and UPEI in the remaining games. It appears that St. Mary's will have to win all five of their contests to finish first—no easy task.

Therefore, Dalhousie has an excellent chance to top the standings and can do so if everyone is up for the games. As assistant captain Louis Lavoie said, "When everyone wants to play we are unbeatable. But when we don't want to play, St. Thomas and Memorial can beat us."

An indifferent attitude seems to have spread over the Tigers like the plague. "Some of the guys seem content just to make the playoffs," said team manager George Moschuk, "and aren't playing as hard as they can." The onus is on the players to motivate themselves. No one player or coach can do that for them, although a take-charge guy is needed. Captain Jim Bottomley is a well respected but quiet leader as are his assistants. Guys like Ken Johnston are going to have to display their leadership in the dressing room more often in the next few weeks.

On the ice the Tigers must receive more inspirational play from all members, but especially from Lavoie and Brian Gualazzi.

Lavoie, who tied for the team's scoring lead last year, is having a less glorious season this year. The second year defenceman did not decide to return to the Tigers' den until the week before school started after being a late cut from the Canadian Olympic squad. Whether or not the disappointment of being cut affected Lavoie's play earlier in the season is not of importance now. What is important now is for Lavoie to put out 100% on the ice and provide the spark for the Tiger machine.

Gualazzi also must give his all on the playing surface. A much heralded addition to the team, Gualazzi's OHA credentials made him a star before ever playing an AUHC game. While he is leading the team in goals scored, his play has been somewhat of a disappointment to the staff. Many players on the team look up to Gualazzi and are quick to follow his example. A strong finish for the Tigers will necessitate great play from the potential all-conference performer.

The Tigers have a lot of talent and should finish in first place, a position never attained by a Dalhousie hockey team. "Every bit as good as we were last year" (regional winners and national runners-up), according to Lavoie, the Tigers have to start playing every game like it's the last one. Tough, inspired hockey in the next few weeks will emotionally prepare them for the upcoming playoffs where teams like SMU and Moncton will be pulling all stops to dethrone the champs.

### St. F.X. 2 at Dal 5

#### First Period

1. Dal, Cyr (Aldridge, Jeffrey) 10:12

Penalties: Bottomley D 2; Johnston D double major, game misconduct; Keating X double major, game misconduct; Haddad.

#### Second Period

2. Dal, Jeffrey (Facca, Cyr)

19:34

Penalties: Facca D 2, Haddad D 2, Zimmel D double minor, Topshee X.

#### Third Period

3. X, Landrigan (Comeau, Culligan) 1:10

4. X, Topshee (McMullan, MacGillivray) 3:24

5. Dal, Gualazzi (Woodworth) 13:20

6. Dal, Houser (Bottomley, Lavoie) 16:49

7. Dal, Lavoie (Gualazzi, Haddad) 19:04

Penalties: Bickerton D, Woodworth D, Martell X, MacGillivray X.

Shots on goal

St. F.X. 7 18 18—43

Dalhousie 11 8 17—36

Goaltenders: Ken Bickerton D, George Barrett, X.

### Dal 3 at St. F.X. 7

#### First Period

1. St. F.X.—MacEachern (Culligan, Martell) 2:56

2. Dalhousie—Gualazzi (Haddad, Matheson) 7:36

3. St. F.X.—Keating (Cuomo, Young) 13:27

4. Dalhousie—Matheson (Haddad, Ryan) 19:17

Penalties—Woodworth, D; Cyr, D; Keating, X.

#### Second Period

5. Dalhousie—Houser (Lavoie) 7:23

6. St. F.X.—MacDonald (MacEachern, Culligan) 10:18

Penalties—Young, X; Bottomley, D.

#### Third Period

7. St. F.X.—Culligan (MacEachern) 11:56

8. St. F.X.—Cuomo (Keating, Landrigan) 12:28

9. St. F.X.—Keating (Cuomo, MacGillivray) 14:49

10. St. F.X.—Cuomo (MacGillivray) 16:52

Penalties—Bottomley, D; Keating, X; Ryan, D; Topshee, X (major, game misconduct); Haddad, D (major, game misconduct); Blais, X (game misconduct, match); Young, X (game misconduct); Gualazzi, D (game misconduct).

Shots on goal by:

St. F.X. 10 9 14—33

Dalhousie 13 6 4—23

Goaltenders—George Barrett, X; Ken Bickerton, Dalhousie.

After last night's game against the Acadia Axemen in Wolfville, the Tigers return to the forum to play the visiting U.N.B. Red Devils (Saturday at 7:30 p.m.) and St. Thomas Tommies (Sunday at 2:00 p.m.). Next Wednesday evening at 7:30 the Tigers meet the Huskies in what could be the biggest game of the year. It will be played in the Ice-Box on SMU campus.

### ATLANTIC INTERCOLLEGIATE HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Teams GP W T L Pts GF GA

Team	GP	W	T	L	Pts	GF	GA
<b>East</b>							
S.M.U.	24	14	1	9	29	116	65
Dal	22	13	1	8	27	97	83
St. FX	21	12	0	9	24	109	84
Acadia	23	10	1	12	21	115	103
<b>West</b>							
U de M	20	17	1	2	35	150	86
Mt. A.	22	12	0	10	24	113	125
U.N.B.	20	11	0	9	22	121	109
UPEI	21	10	0	11	20	102	95
S.T.U.	22	4	0	18	8	86	166
MUN	17	1	0	16	2	44	137

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