

Men's basketball

The Dalhousie Men's Basketball Team will open the AUSA regular season on Wednesday, Nov. 28 when they travel to Wolfville to take on the Acadia Axemen in a game set for 8:30 p.m.

The Tigers are 2-2 in the early going this year, having dropped decisions to Husson College and Acadia in exhibition play. The Tigers have defeated Mt. Allison and Ryerson also in exhibition play.

Unfortunately for Tigers fans, the club will not play at home before Christmas. The team will be at St. F.X. for a contest on Dec. 1, after which they will not play again until after the holidays.

Their first home game will be on Jan. 15 against Acadia. □



Williams deserves misconduct for venture into literary world

By LISA TIMPF

The letter from the Promotion Co-Ordinator says *Tiger: A Hockey Story* has "nearly 30,000 copies in print and rave reviews all over the country."

Now, I've never been a big fan of Tiger Williams, formerly of the Toronto Maple Leafs and Vancouver Canucks NHL hockey teams. I don't think either his style or his philosophy of play make him a terrific role model for kids still impressionable enough to be influenced by watching their heroes on Hockey Night in Canada.

And as a former Leaf observer (a side effect of growing up in Ontario and being forced to watch Toronto play when I would have preferred to watch the Canadiens in action) I can recall frustration at watching Tiger head to the penalty box for yet another cheap penalty in time

for the opposing team to score yet another shorthanded goal.

Nonetheless, I decided to read the three excerpts from Tiger's book sent by the publisher with as much of an open mind as possible, given my biases.

The first excerpt tells the story of a confrontation on the highway between Tiger and a litterer who gives him the finger. Tiger pursues him for 25 miles, makes a citizen's arrest, and is given a pat on the back by the judge when it is discovered that the guy had a long list of convictions and unpaid fines to his name, and Tiger's action had enabled them to finally get a hold of him to put him in jail.

So much for proving that Tiger is a good citizen off the ice; the second excerpt makes it clear that on the ice, it's always been another story.

Tiger retells how his Weyburn Midget team was out to intimidate the opposing Estevan team's star, Rod Flagginheim. Tiger and his brother Morgan go on patrol looking for him when the rec director, after a bench-clearing brawl, douses the lights in the arena.

"As it turned out the moment the lights went out, Flagginheim had crawled under the bench. "It was a very smart move," says Tiger. End of excerpt number two.

Excerpt number three tells about Tiger's experience in the All-Star game with linemates Gretzky and Bossy, who, as Tiger puts it, "are not exactly your meat-and-potatoes, dump-it-in, dig-it-out hockey players."

Tiger's one claim to fame in the game was crashing into linemate Bossy, who as Tiger so eloquently observes, "went down like a buffalo with a bullet between its eyes."

"The all-star game was mostly bullshit, but I enjoyed being around all those great players," says Tiger. It appears that Tiger has internalized his image of being somewhat of a goon; certainly, the stories he seems to delight in retelling reinforce the image of someone with a rather juvenile locker-room sense of humour.

The question remains, is *this* book really getting "rave reviews" or is that statement more along the lines of Tiger's assessment of the All-Star game?

Professional sports grab enough media and public attention that a book like this probably will sell, and sell big. To me, the authors (Williams and co-author James Lawton) would do well to take a lesson about "quality" from Robert Pirsig. Because *Tiger: A Hockey Story*, from what I've seen of it so far, doesn't smack of quality.

Granted one should not judge a book by its cover, nor for that matter by a small selection of paragraphs contained therein.

Dyed-in-the-wool Tiger Williams fans, or budding sport sociologists seeking a first-hand look at the character-building benefits of the amateur and professional hockey systems, might enjoy this \$16.95 offering published by Douglas & McIntyre.

I'm not sure who else would. □



Hockey team axes Axemen

Led by Peter Glynn's four goals and Paul Herron's five assists, the Dalhousie Tigers Men's Hockey team defeated the Acadia Axemen 9-1 in AUSA hockey action at the Dalhousie Memorial Arena on Saturday, Nov. 17.

The win moves the Tigers (3-1-1) into a third place tie with the Axemen (3-3-1).

The Dalhousie squad jumped out to a 4-1 first period lead on goals by Neal Megannety, from Peter Flynn at 11:36; Robert Jerome from Kevin Quartermain and John Cossar at 12:18; Terry Crow from Royce Baker and Gerald Delaney at 16:13 and Peter Glynn from Paul Herron and Stephen Johnson at 19:10. The Axemen replied with their only goal of the game at 19:42 of the first period when Todd Annand scored from Jim Clements.

The Tigers tallied twice in the second period. Quartermain, assisted by Jerome and John Cos-

sar, scored at 10:51 and Megganety netted his second from Herron and Glynn at 14:37.

In the third period, a 5-minute boarding penalty to Clements of Acadia opened the door for Glynn to score an old-fashioned hat trick, three goals in one period. He tallied at 4:59 from Herron and Johnson; at 7:29 from Herron and Megannety and again from Herron and Megganety at 8:20. All three goals came on the power play for the Tigers.

Shots on goal were 41-26 in favour of the Tigers. Darren Cossar played the entire game in goal for the Tigers while Allan Mitchell and Jim Sanford split the game for the Axemen.

The Tigers will host St. Mary's in their next contest at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 at the Dalhousie Memorial Arena. The game has been designated Coke Night with numerous valuable prizes to be given away to lucky spectators. □

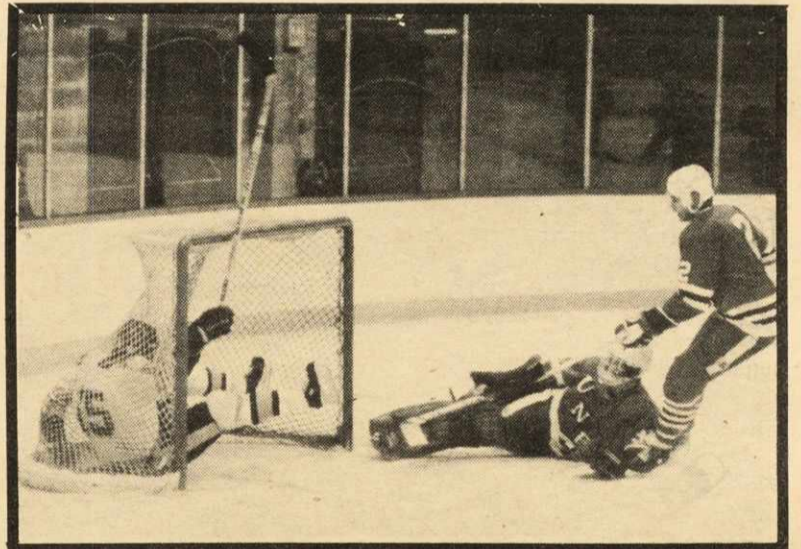


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Dal runners aid regional team

Dalhousie cross country runners Norman Tinkham and Annick de Gooyer, and former Tiger standout Pam Currie, all made significant contributions this weekend as the Atlantic Region won their first ever medals at the National Open Cross Country Championships held in Fredericton.

The Atlantic Region claimed silver in the men's and women's Senior Divisions respectively.

In the men's division, Tinkham placed eighth overall finishing with a time of 37:02 on the 12-km course. Paul McCloy of Newfoundland, who won the CIAU title two weeks ago, was the top individual finisher with a time of 35:21.

Ontario claimed the gold with 48 points, the Atlantic Region placed second with 79, while Québec was third at 86.

In the women's senior division, former Tiger and now an assistant

coach with Dal Pam Currie, was the second highest Atlantic finisher behind Margaret MacDonald of New Brunswick.

Québec won the title with 41 points, the Atlantic Region was second at 62 while Prince Edward Island finished a distant third at 115.

Annick de Gooyer of Dal ran the best race of her life according to Tiger coach Al Yarr as she placed seventh overall in the Junior division. Her time of 14:07 was less than one minute behind winner Brenda Shackleton of British Columbia.

In the junior men's events, Sandy Pirie placed 36th overall in a field of approximately 70 runners. □

