

# Fifth ranked Tigers split pair

by Gordie Sutherland

On Saturday evening, the fifth ranked (CIAU) Tigers, scored three, third period power play goals in less than two minutes en route to a 7-3 win over the ninth ranked University of New Brunswick Reds.

George Wilcox had two goals for the Tigers while singles went to Stuart Birnie, Kelley Bradley, Alan Baldwin, Derrick Pringle and Joe Suk.

Jamie Landine, Jamie Colvin and Joey McMamney responded for the Reds, who are battling for first place in the MacAdam Division.

The turning point of the game came at 3:29 of the third period with the Tigers leading 4-2. UNB defenceman Costa Papista rammed Tiger Ken MacDermid from behind, sending him into the boards and down to the ice. Referee Bob Best gave Papista five minutes for charging, while Dal's George Wilcox received two minutes for roughing after retaliating against Papista. Just over a minute later, another UNB defenceman, Brian Wilson, attempted a wrestling pin while defending a one-on-one break. He too was sent to the box.

The Tigers accounted for their first power play tally at the 6:37

mark and potted their second just 18 seconds later. Then Dominic Deluca continued the UNB penalty parade with another holding infraction.

The Reds took eleven minutes in third period penalties, compared to the Tigers who only took three minor penalties in the same period. Tiger player of the game, Brian Melanson, agreed that Dal's relative restraint contributed to the team's success.

"We talked yesterday in practice about taking penalties," he said. "In the Lobster Pot Bowl over the weekend we had something like twenty penalties in two games, so we were trying to really concentrate on staying away from all the crap after the whistle."

Melanson, who is known to be somewhat hot tempered, had two assists in the game. On Saturday, however, he remained remarkably cool in a game that was filled with cheap shots and after-whistle encounters.

"When the playoffs come, you want to get a little more concentrated on your game," said Melanson, explaining his composure. "Being in my last year, I want to do really well. I don't want to let the guys down by taking penalties. I'm trying to stay focused because it's [my] last time around."



What turned out to be the winning goal came midway through the second period. Tiger Derrick Pringle led teammate Alan Baldwin with a feather pass as Baldwin rushed to the net from the left side. Baldwin caught the UNB goaltender down, and lifted a backhand into the top lefthand corner, putting Dal ahead for good

On Sunday afternoon, the Tigers

ran into the hot goaltending of Shane Corston. He stopped 42 of Dal's 44 shots as the St. Thomas Tommies upset the Tigers 4-2.

Early in the contest, it looked as though Tiger discipline would, once again, be paying dividends. Ref Charlie Banfield handed out a total of four minor penalties and a ten minute misconduct to the Tommies within the first five minutes of the game. The Tigers only

partially capitalized with one power play goal by Scott Milroy at 2:02 of the first period.

The only other Dal marksman in the game was Todd Mondor.

The Tommies were led by Phil Daigle, who had one goal and three assists. Vojtech Kucera, Shayne Arsenault and Ron Vaive also scored for St. Thomas.

The Dal power play sputtered through the entire game, and by the 14:39 mark of the second, they had only scored on one out of eight power play opportunities.

The game was tied 1-1 after two, but the offence broke through in the third. St. Thomas scored at 2:14 when Dal goaltender Pat McGarry got tangled up behind the net. The puck came out to Phil Daigle, who found himself alone in the slot. He was able to hit the open net before McGarry could return.

St. Thomas scored on three of their five third period shots, but the Tommies' third and fourth goals came on one-on-two and three-on-one breaks respectively.

Despite the weekend split, the Tigers still have an impressive 6-2-2 record in the MacAdam Division.

The Tigers are travelling to St. FX and Cape Breton for a pair of weekend games.

## Canadiens keep Ranger's jinx alive

by Steve Mills

Montreal fans experienced an exciting surprise last Saturday night as the hometown Canadiens plowed past the New York Rangers in a flurry of third period scoring to win 6-4.

Going into the game, the Rangers were aiming to shatter an eight year jinx at the Montreal Forum. They had not won a game there since 1983.

Bernie Nicholls opened up the scoring at 11:11 of the first, and Mark Hardy followed suit soon after at 13:00. At the first intermission, the Rangers went to the dressing room with a 2-0 lead.

New York exploded early in the second period as Kris King, a player not generally known for goal-scoring, blasted one past rookie goaltender Jean-Claude Bergeron from just inside the Canadiens blue line.

Bergeron again failed to stop the puck at 10:38 of the second when Mike Gartner notched another goal for the Rangers. Bergeron was immediately replaced by the Canadiens other rookie goalie, Andre Racicot.

The Rangers, who had been completely dominating until this point, were handed a setback when Bernie Nicholls was given a game-misconduct penalty for carelessly high-sticking J. J. Daigneault in the face. At this point, Canadiens Lyle

Odelein and Ranger's Randy Moller were also ejected from the game for fighting.

This lost momentum for the Rangers resulted in a goal by Tom Chorske just seventeen seconds back into play. The score remained 4-1 at the end of the second period.

When play resumed in the third, rather than trying to increase their lead, the Rangers were content to maintain a defensive strategy which ultimately led to their downfall.

At 11:16 of the third, Mike

McPhee scored his 16th of the year on assists from Guy Carbonneau and Russ Courtnall. Less than a minute later, the Canadiens went on the power play when Mark Hardy was called for high-sticking. Denis Savard scored a power-play goal, narrowing the gap to 4-3.

At 13:17, the New York Rangers received another penalty, this time for too many men on the ice. Russ Courtnall scored the Canadiens second power-play goal at 13:59. The score was now tied 4-4. The frustrated New York coaching staff

began some heated verbal disputes with Montreal coach Pat Burns and referee Terry Gregson, and were served with yet another bench-minor penalty.

In an attempt to curb Montreal's force, the Rangers pulled goalie Mike Richter and substituted John Vanbiesbrouk. On their third power-play in under two minutes, the Canadiens again capitalised as Guy Carbonneau put one in the net on Vanbiesbrouk's first shot-on-goal. The crowd went crazy as Montreal took the lead.

Vanbiesbrouk was then pulled and Mike Richter returned.

The fans remained in a frenzy for the remainder of the game as the Canadiens were now in complete control. Montreal's dramatic comeback was complete at 19:31 of the third, when Mike McPhee scored on an empty net to finish one of the most thrilling games of the year, 6-4.

The Rangers jinx remains, and the two teams will not meet again this year unless in a Wales Conference final.

## Tigers barely squeak by SMU

by Todd DeWolf

Those at the Dalplex for the Dal vs SMU basketball game last Tuesday were treated to a real nailbiter when the Tigers fought to an 82-79 victory.

The start of the game was not particularly good for the Tigers, as they fell behind SMU 13-4. Marcus Williams quickly accumulated three fouls, and spent much of the remainder of the game on the bench.

The Tigers then began to break SMU's full court pressure with some good passing, working down the lead down to 25-22 for SMU by the eleven minute mark of the first half.

The three point lead lasted until there were only forty-one seconds left in the first half, when Keith Donovan was fouled on a breakaway layup. Donovan made the shot and the free throw, giving the Tigers a 42-41 lead.

In the dying seconds of the first half, Jeff Baltzer launched a three point shot from just behind the half court line that hit nothing but nylon, giving SMU a 47-44 lead at half time.

As the second half began, so did a touch of the turnover bug for the Tigers. Luckily, it was only a mild case of trying to do too much to gain control of the game. The variety of turnovers kept many of the

spectators on the edge their seat, as players from both teams sprinted all over the court trying to gain possession of the ball.

Dal built a 64-61 lead, only to have SMU get a hot hand and go on a 6-0 run, leaving Dal behind by three. With 54 seconds on the clock, and the Tigers gaining a 78-76 advantage, the intensity of the game rose another couple of notches.

SMU became frustrated and began to drive to the hoop even harder trying to gain control of the game, resulting in several charging fouls.

Because of the new 10 foul-2

free throw rule, the Tigers went to the charity stripe three times in the last thirty seconds. Mantley, twice to the line, made all four of his free throws, giving the Tigers an 82-76 lead. The last basket of the game was made with seconds to go by SMU, cutting the lead down to three.

In the absence of David Paquette (out with the flu), Mantley picked up some of the offensive slack, finishing the game with 19 points. Donny Chisolm and Dean Thibideau both worked hard, as usual, on the defensive end of the court. Chisolm shut down Jason Darling in the last half of the game.