

# Hockey rivalries heat up

## Tigers kick axe Huskies draw first blood

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An incredible comeback by the Dalhousie hockey Tigers silenced fans at the packed Acadia Arena on the weekend.

Once again, Axeman Christian Skoryna, the man Dal fans love to hate, took the spotlight during last Friday's game. It was his slash which resulted in a broken nose for Dal blueliner Jeff Letourneau and a controversial sixth goal for Acadia.

The referee, the ironically-named Bob Best, did not stop play despite protests from the Dal bench. Letourneau was left bleeding on the ice and Powell was able to score Acadia's go-ahead sixth goal, making it 6-5 for the national champions. To their credit, the Tigers kept their tempers in check and replied in the best possible way, scoring five goals in the next eight minutes and taking the game 10-6.

At the end of the first period, the score was 2-2. Luke Naylor scored Dal's first goal at 1:26, followed by Pat Russell at six minutes. The second period ended 4-3 for Acadia, with an unassisted third goal for the Tigers from Jason Pellerin at 11:29.

The third period saw seven goals for the Tigers from Martin Lapointe (3:00), Marc Warner (5:01), Mark Alexander (10:23), Naylor (11:16), captain David Haynes (12:40), Pellerin (16:24) and Shane Gibbs (18:58).

Dal goalkeeper Fred Corkum got the win between the pipes, stopping 33 shots. Jason Pellerin took game MVP honours.

Dalhousie outplayed both Acadia and St Mary's during previous encounters this season, but were let down by their apparent inability to get the puck in the net. However, it all came together on the weekend, with the Tigers proving that they are indeed a force to be reckoned with, without having to resort to the cheap shots so favoured by the Acadia side.

Assistant coach Kim Houston commented on Dal's "gutsy" effort.

"We utilized our speed advantage on their bigger rink," said Houston.

Head coach Darrell Young added, "There was never a quitting attitude. We went out there to win."

And win they did, avenging Homecoming Weekend's disappointing 5-3 loss.

BY COLIN BOWERS

The Dalhousie Tigers hockey team did virtually everything right in last Wednesday's game against the Saint Mary's Huskies. They outplayed, outchanced and outshot the Huskies, but couldn't find their scoring touch as they fell 4-2 in AUA action. Huskies' goalie Mike Weatherbie was the hero, frustrating Tiger forwards all night long as Dal outfired the SMU squad 38-12.

A sparsely-filled Metro Centre was on hand to take in the year's first meeting between the two teams. For the most part, those who were on hand didn't see the intense, fast-paced style that characterized tilts between the two rivals last year. The opening period was sluggish and tight-checking, and the game did not pick up much pace in the remaining two frames.

SMU sniper Casey Walsh opened the scoring on a Husky power-play at 14:27 of the first period. Walsh converted a perfect feed from linemate Marcel Oineau as he snapped home a low wrist shot from the slot. The Tigers drew even before the end of the frame as defenseman Martin Lapointe's low slapshot found its

way through a maze of players and in behind Weatherbie on a Dal man-advantage situation.

In the third period, with the Huskies up 2-1, SMU forward Chris Kelly notched the game winner early on. Kelly chose to keep the puck on a two-on-one breakout, and fired a perfect shot along the ice that went off the right post and in behind Dal goalkeeper Greg Dreveny. The Tigers

peppered Weatherbie with 22 shots in the final 20 minutes, but Weatherbie held the fort for the Huskies. First year centre Chad Kalmakoff drew the Tigers close again in the last few minutes as he ripped a one-timer from the high slot over Weatherbie's shoulder, but SMU added an empty net goal with just a second left on the clock to ice the victory for the Huskies.

### Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference

#### Kelly Division

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Acadia (4)	5	2	0	40	31	10
Saint Mary's (8)	4	2	0	28	20	8
St. F.X.	3	2	0	19	17	6
Dalhousie	2	3	1	29	31	5

#### MacAdam Division

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
St. Thomas	4	3	1	35	36	9
UNB (10)	4	4	0	32	31	8
Mt. Allison	2	3	1	14	22	5
Moncton	2	4	1	33	38	5
PEI	2	5	0	28	32	4

## The year that could have been

BY AARON  
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Kate Orford arrived in town from British Columbia on the last Friday in August. She had travelled five thousand miles to play for one of the nation's finest university soccer programs. By Sunday, she was lying on the practice field, her left knee shattered.

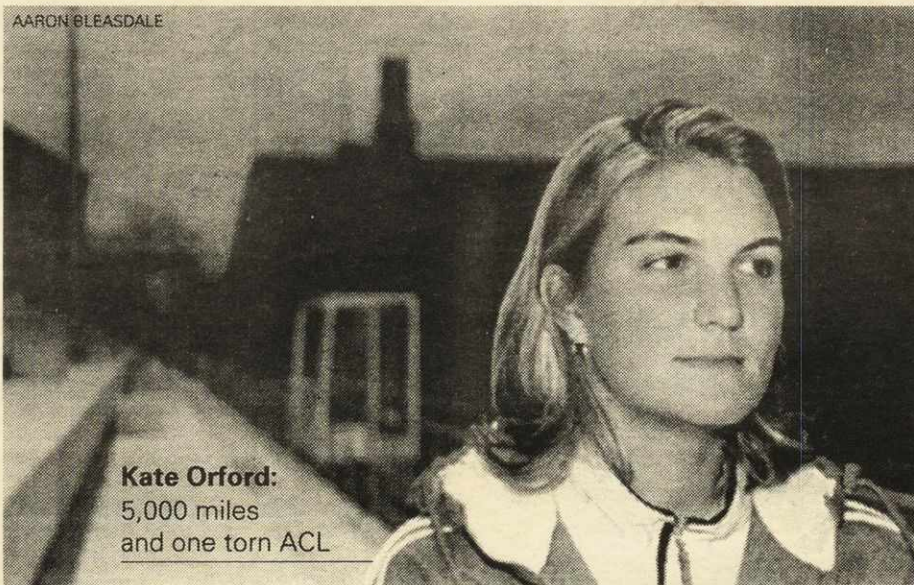
A midfielder at the collegiate level, her dreams were put on hold five minutes into the first inter-squad game of the first practise of the season.

While fielding a passed ball, Orford's foot stopped short, caught in the turf, while her knee kept going.

"It's painful when you do it," says Orford. "It hurts, it hurts, it hurts, then you hear a pop...like an elastic band."

The Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) is the ligament under your kneecap that controls your leg's lateral motion. And when you blow it, it's gone. There's simply nothing left. Your knee has to be rebuilt from scratch with muscles taken from other parts of your body.

"I was pretty miserable when they said, 'You've torn your ACL and can't play for a year'," she recalls.



Kate Orford:  
5,000 miles  
and one torn ACL

On September 27th, Orford underwent surgery. Rehabilitation began the next day.

"The first day after my surgery, the [physiotherapist] came into my hospital room, took all my braces off and said 'Okay, now bend your leg.'"

Over the next eight months Orford will have to work hard to regain lost muscle mass and reach playing shape.

Her goal is more than just reaching playing shape, though. Set on coming back even stronger than she was before the injury, she hopes the added strength will help her learn to trust her knee again.

"You walk everyday without thinking about it," says Orford. "But now, every time I take a step with my left foot I'll be thinking, 'Oh my gosh, is this the one, is

this the one, is this the one where it's gonna go?'"

On the roster despite the fact that she never sees the pitch, Orford continues to attend every practise. She admits to frustration at not being able to go through what her teammates are going through — to miss out on what they are learning — but still believes she has a role to play.

"I see myself as an example for all the other girls," Orford says, "to encourage them to appreciate the sport, to play every game to the best of their ability...because the sport can be nasty to you."

As CIAU weekend approaches, Kate Orford's time watching from the bench is coming to an end. But as winter rolls around, her long off-season of rehabilitation is only just beginning.

## Women's volleyball sweeps debut

BY NATALIE MACLELLAN

The Dalhousie Women's Volleyball team have started off the 1996-97 season on an excellent note, winning a pair of games against Newfoundland's Memorial University.

Although the Tigers are without any real "superstars" this year, they're talented and determined, and are showing a lot of potential. The key to a successful season will be learning to work as a unit, says third year leftside hitter Alicia MacFarlane.

"The girls I'm playing with now never played much together," says MacFarlane. "I'd like to see team cohesiveness develop. It's really conducive to us playing well together, and hopefully winning AUAs."

Dal played host to the Memorial Seahawks this past weekend at Studley gym. Leading them to victory was the trio affectionately dubbed by one fan as the Cape Breton Connection — Cara MacKenzie and Jennifer Parkes of Sydney and MacFarlane of South West Margaree. Parkes contributed 11 kills and 8 blocks to help the Tigers to a 15-6, 15-11, 15-

5 sweep of the Seahawks Saturday night. Player of the match was awarded to MacFarlane for a 62% kill efficiency and 3 service aces. Denise Chapman contributed 5 service aces.

Sunday afternoon the two teams were back on the court, with MUN giving Dal a bit of a scare in the first set. The Seahawks were up 10-3 at one point, but the Tigers fought hard and squeaked out a 16-14 win. They went on to complete another sweep, taking the next two sets 15-4 and 15-9. MacKenzie led the team with 18 kills and 5 blocks, and was awarded Player of the Match. Also shining were Parkes with 8 kills and 7 blocks, and MacFarlane with 9 kills and 3 digs.

The Women's Volleyball team will be travelling to Antigonish this coming weekend to take on St. F.X., and are glad to have the MUN win behind them.

"It was our first league game," said MacFarlane. "We needed to win."

The next home game for women's volleyball is on Wednesday, November 23 at 7 p.m. in the Dalplex.

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