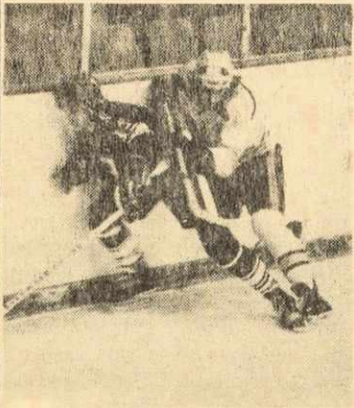


Dal blasts X

Tigers win 4-0



It Was Rough...

by Joel Fournier

Over 1,000 enthusiastic fans saw the Tigers open their season in a big way Saturday night at the Forum with an impressive shutout victory over the highly rated "X Men" from Antigonish. Superb netminding by Dal goalie Vince Desjardins proved to be the difference as the "Big Number One" robbed the visitors of what appeared to be sure goals. It's been a long time, if ever, that Dal has had this kind of goaltending and if Vince can keep it up it should make for a great season.

Coach Page was ecstatic as a result of his team's big win, giving special praise to the defensive corps who turned in a stalwart performance, dishing out some good stiff checks along the way.

The Tigers, who have been without the services of their own rink due to technical problems with the ice making equipment have had to use whatever facilities they could find to practice on. This has

caused a great deal of inconvenience all around as some practice sessions had to take place at 6:00 a.m. It's a great tribute to the determination and desire of the players and the coaching staff that they could fashion such a spirited team under this kind of disadvantage.

Anyway, back to Saturday night. While Desjardins was busy stopping 35 shots to rack up his shut out, his teammates were wasting no

After that it was all "X" until Randy Sears took their momentum away with a blistering shot from 50 feet out.

In the second period the Tigers played their best hockey as a team, checking the fast shooting "X men" at every opportunity and throwing their usual disciplined offence into disarray. The Bengals added an insurance marker before the period ended to make it 4-0 as

every conceivable angle to frustrate the Cathedral-town boys and truly earn his shutout.

Overall, it was a well played game, exciting from the fan point of view and very pleasing to the coaching staff. If we have more games like this it is easy to foresee that the Dal Rink could be the most popular place on campus this year.

The crowd on Saturday night, led by the boisterous and vocal "Tiger Fan Club" were well pleased with what went on the ice while the players mentioned after the game that the cheering definitely helps them get going.

The next game is against UPEI, Friday night and once again it's at the Forum. The

Panthers are always a force to be reckoned with, usually coming up with a bruising type game that has a tendency to intimidate opponents.

On Saturday the UNB Red Devils will be in town and yes, you guessed it, the game is at the Forum. Watch for times and advance ticket sale notices.

The administration sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience and expense that you the fan incurs because of the no-ice situation in the Rink, but because of circumstances beyond anyone's control there is no alternative.

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It Got Rougher...

time in capitalizing on their Danny Flynn went in on a opportunities at the other break-away and fired it past end of the ice. Darrell the "X" goalie.

MacGregor opened the scoring at the 6 minute mark on a came out meaning business hard shot from a difficult but were thwarted at every angle that fooled the "X" turn by the tenacious backgoalie and as it turned out checking of the forwards and proved to be the winning the stand-up type defense marker. Four minutes later displayed by the rearguards. Dave MacLeod made it 2-0 Of course Desjardins was deflecting a Charlie Barter once again superb as he blast from the blue line. blocked shot after shot from



(Photos by Bill Jenson)

And We Won !

Warriors defeated by Dal

by Keith Johnston

As Mark Twain would say, it was a game, "which made the body's very liver curl with enjoyment." The game in question was last Thursday nights rousing 87-82 Tiger victory over the Sir George Williams Warriors, which incidentally sent the Warriors back to Montreal with an 0-3 record against Maritime competition.

Once again it was the big men who came through offensively to lead the Tigers in the point column. Kevin (Tyrone) Kelly, playing like he had a Basketball Jones, pumped in 30, 18 of which came in the first half. In addition, Bob Fagan, who can "do more things with his body than you can do with a rubber band", came up with 17 point effort.

In the early going of the season, it appears that the Tigers have a lethal scoring weapon in these two players, since both are skilled ball handlers and are capable of moving their offence inside or outside, whatever the situation demands.

Rounding out the Tiger's

major scorers was T.M. freak John Driscoll who coming through with 18 points in a great two way performance,



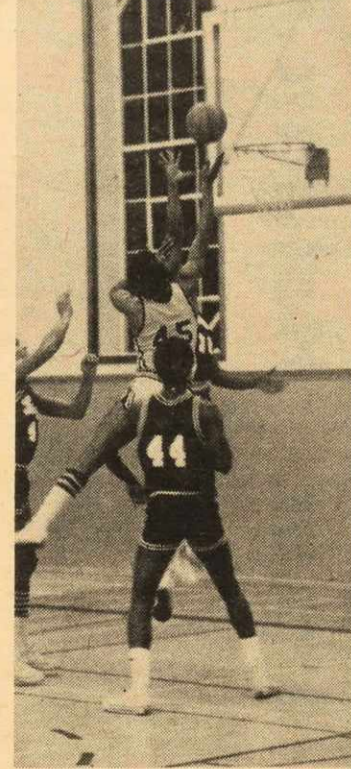
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attributed at least part of his success to "a good meditation prior to the game." On the court he was definitely exhibiting tell-tale signs of inner-peace and sanctity as he quietly went to work and destroyed the Warriors from 18 feet and out.

Sir George's biggest problem appeared to be their lack of reserve strength. Mike Moore, their 6'8" center who was drafted last year in the seventh round by the New York Knicks, got into foul trouble early, and was gone for most of the first half - fortunately for Dal, since he pumped in 20 in the second half. Zan Pelze carried most of the offense for the Warriors, ending up with 23 and playing a fine game overall. In addition to these two great athletes, Sir George's point guard, Carl Whitfield put on a tremendous ball handling display for the Dal fans, and made it appear he could do anything with a basketball except eat it!

This game was the toughest for the Tigers, and except for a few needed

moderations, they look pretty strong overall. Throughout the game, they showed unusual poise and



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class which will stand them in good stead in upcoming SMU and Acadia contests. Probably, the aspect most in need of development is Dal's defence which still lacks necessary consistency. A big part of defence this year, given the size of the teams in this conference, will be preventing the inside pass on the point zone. Restricting a team to a twenty foot radius will definitely cause problems, no matter what kind of shooters they have.

In Coach Al Yarr's eyes the win must have been particularly satisfying, since Sir George was ranked seventh in the nation last year and this season are picked to win their conference. As Kevin Kelly said following the game, "when a team of their standing lose three in a row to Maritime colleges, that has to say something about the calibre of the Atlantic Conference."

That "calibre" will be tested again on the 29th when Dal faces Lakehead University, 1973 CIAU finalists. More info about that contest next week.

(Photos by Ken Lee)