

Sports

UPEI comes up big to shut down Tigers

by Bruce Galloway

When you're number five you try harder. This basic principle was very evident at the Dal Memorial Rink last Saturday as the playoff-hungry UPEI Panthers shut down the high scoring Tigers 3-2.

Trailing 2-1 at the midway point of the third period, the Panthers scored two quick goals and then held off a last minute charge by the Tigers to take the well deserved victory.

"It was a very big win for us," noted Panther coach Jack Hynes, "We're in an uphill battle right now for that last playoff berth." Coming into the weekend the Panthers trailed 4th place Mt. Allison by three points, and needed to win 5 of their 6 remaining games to have a chance at the playoffs.

The Panthers tied the game at the 9 minute mark of the third period as Bob McDonald picked up a rebound in front of the Tigers' net and flipped it over a sprawling Glen Ernst. Just 17 seconds later the Panther's Bob Hicks scored the winner with a hard rising shot that beat Ernst high on the glove side. Despite some last minute pressure by the Tigers untimely penalties and tough checking by the Panthers stifled any chance of a Dal comeback.

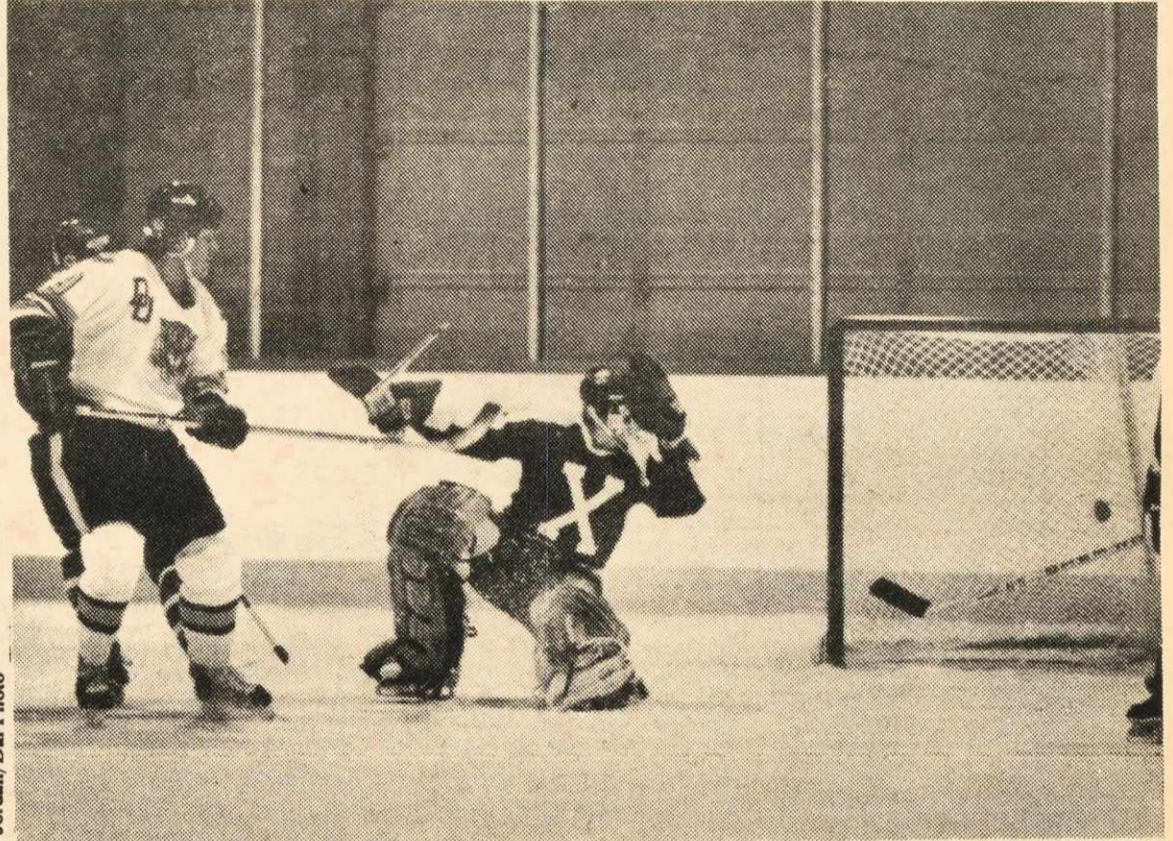
The evening started out on a promising note for the Tigers as Michal Dagenais's goal gave Dal a 1-0 lead just 50 seconds into the game. The Tigers continued to out-

play the Panthers for the balance of the period with Tim Crnaston's power play goal giving the Tigers a 2-0 lead going into the dressing room.

However, the second period saw the game's complexion change completely as the Panthers began to push the Tigers off the puck, not allowing Dal any good scoring opportunities. At the other end of the rink UPEI bottled up the Tigers with tough forechecking creating several good scoring chances. After a sustained period of pressure and some great saves by Ernst the Panthers Albert Roche connected, putting Dal's lead to one, and setting up the third period comeback.

Despite giving up three goals Dal's Glen Ernst was spectacular in net for the Tigers, coming up with many timely saves that kept his team in the game. For his efforts, Ernst was named Dal player of the game. At the other end, Avelino Gomez also played a great game between the pipes for the Panthers, playing shut-out hockey for almost 50 minutes.

Unfortunately, the game's rugged nature led to several "near" fights as well as an ugly stick-swinging incident that saw Dal's John Kibyuk given a match penalty for spearing and the Panthers' John Lantz a minor for roughing. The Tigers next ome game will be on February 16th when they host the Acadia Axemen. Game time 7:30 at the Memorial rink.



Tiger Captain Brian Gualazzi notches one of six points helping Dal to a 9-2 victory over St.F.X. Wednesday night.

Tigers Take Two in Weekend Action

by Luke Napier

The Dal Basketball Tigers upped their record to 7&3 and moved into second place in the AUBC by putting two road games into the win column over the weekend.

In Antigonish on Friday, the Tigers avenged a loss at Metro Centre Jan. 29 by coming away with an impressive 88-85 win over the top-ranked X-men.

After giving the X-men a 48-42 edge at half, the Tigers finally got down to business and handed St.FX. their second home-court loss to the Tigers this season. Bo

Hampton drained 32 points for Dal, followed by James Malott with 16 and a recuperated Pat Slawter with 13.

At UPEI on Sunday, Steve Lambert showed the Panthers who the dominant species is by sinking 33 points in leading Dal to an easy 89-82 win. Hampton again had a good game, scoring 25 points and grabbing 10 rebound while Stan Whetstone and Slawter each had 13 points.

The Tigers are on the road again this weekend with games at Mt.A and UNB.

Women Tigers at UPEI

by Andrew Lorimer

The Women's basketball Tigers travelled to UPEI last weekend and soundly defeated the Lady Panthers by a score of 65-40.

The Tigers led going into the second half 39-20 but UPEI responded by switching to a box and one to close down outside shooting. Although Dal was slow to adjust to the change they eventually capitalized on the zone and score well from the inside. "Because the panthers had to stop outside shooting by Anna Pendergast, Lisa Briggs and Shelley Slater were able to work from the key" said coach Carolyn Savoy. "I was

pleased with our adjustment to the zone."

The Panthers still dropped 6 points in the second half and the Tigers came away with the victory.

To scorers for the Tigers were Anna Pendergast with 25, Heather Maclean with 15 and Lisa Briggs and Shelley Slater, each with 11.

For Pendergast this season may hold an additional record. She had amassed over 900 points in her 5 seasons with the Tigers and will be hoping to reach the magic 1000 before the end of this season.

This weekend the Tigers travel to Mt. A. and UNB to continue AUA league play.



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