Hockey Tigers split weekend games

by Sandy Smith
The Dalhousie hockey Tigers returned from a pair of weekend games in New Brunswick this past weekend with one thing for certain. They need to start putting the puck in the net more often. After coming home with a 7-5 win over the Saint Thomas Tommies Friday night and a loss to UNB Saturday night, Coach Peter Esdale said, "We don't bear down around the goal. We work hard, we're making the chances, but we don't put it in the net.

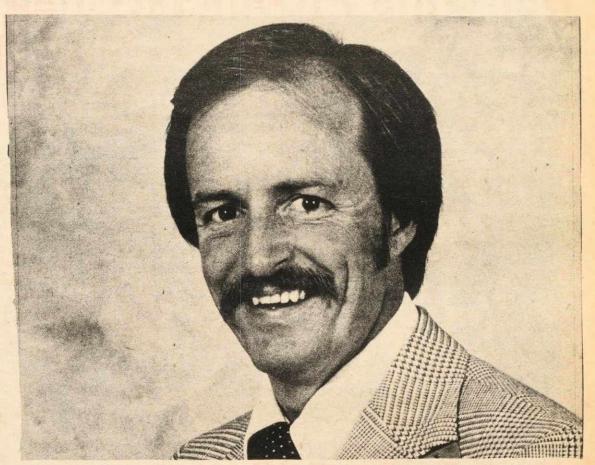
Saturday night's loss was a good example of this. Esdale said that it was "one of the best games in the season" for the Tigers and yet they were on the short end of a 5-3 score. Esdale gave several examples of the type of problem that the players are having putting the puck in the net, "Shawn Mac-Donald turned the defenceman inside out, walked in alone-didn't score. John Kibyuk was in all alone-didn't score. Gary Ryan was in all alone-didn't score." To rub salt in the wound, the Tigers also hit the goalpost two or three times. Esdale added, however, that one shouldn't

"take anything away from UNB. It was a good college hockey game, fast, end to end and clean.

Friday night the Tigers played "a terrible game", according to Esdale. He softened these harsh words by saying, "We didn't deserve to lose; we just didn't play well.' One thing that distressed the coach was the amount of shots on goal the Tigers have been permitting their opponents to get away. The average has been above thirty, Esdale said, and he would like to see the total down below twenty, around eighteen. The need to tighten up is not just the defencemen's but the whole team's, the Tiger coach feels.

Kevin Zimmel and Paul Jeffrie each had two goals Friday with Rick McCallum, Andy Williams and Adrian Facca scoring once each. Saturday's loss saw Brian Gualazzi net a pair while John Kibyuk scored the other goal.

The team travels to Antigonish to play the Saint F.X. X-men Saturday night. The next home game will be Wednesday the 26th against Saint Mary's.



Esdale—a need to bear down around the net

Women Volleyballers finish fifth in Manitoba

The Dalhousie women's volleyball Tigers ventured west last weekend and while they did not win the Manitoba Invitational Volleyball Tournament, they certainly gave coach Lois MacGregor a measuring stick of her team's strengths and weaknesses.

The Tigers faced five of the top women's teams in the country, many of whom they may face again in future tournaments or possibly in the CIAU championships in March. The women finished 5th in the six-team tournament. They lost to Laval, 10-15, 9-15; to Manitoba, 6-15, 15-5, 11-15; to Winnipeg, 15-17, 18-15; to York, 9-15, 7-15; and to British Columbia, 17-15, 10-15, 12-15.

In their last match, the Tigers played a tough, two hours and twenty minutes to win fifth spot over UBC, 15-10, 15-7, 4-15, 13-15, 15-7.

Karin Maessen had an outstanding tournament with 63 kills and 12 ace serves and was named to the all-star team.

The Tigers play their first home games of the regular season this weekend, hosting

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the University of New Brunswick Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 12 noon.

While the women finished fifth among six teams, the Al Scott coached men's Tigers did not fare as well. They lost

all of their matches at the tournament. Coach Al Scott feels that the team benefitted from the losses anyway and that the players should be 'better prepared for AUAA games'



Intramurals

Smith House beats Phi Delta in two day game

Perhaps the most exciting flag football game of the season took place on Studley Field last Thursday night at 10:30 p.m. with Smith House pitted against Phi Delta. Phi Delta drew first blood early in the opening quarter with a 20 yard touchdown pass to Ed Kinlay. The Phi's scored again before the half when Dave "Arrowhead" Tilley intercepted a Smith House pass and ran it back for a major. Early in the second half, however, Phi Delta suffered a major setback. Greg McKenney, Phi Del's leading rusher, was expelled from the game and no substitute was allowed as a replacement. Smith House dominated from thereafter, scoring in the third quarter and again to tie the game with only three plays remaining.

During the first overtime half, Smith House scored another TD. This was not the end, however, as Phi Delta rebounded to score another major in the second half of overtime. This was the beginning of six scoreless overtime periods, although both teams came close to scoring a single point, which would have wrapped up the game.

At 1:30 a.m. a decision was made to put the game into sudden death overtime. A see-saw battle resulted, which finally ended in a Smith house touchdown at 2:15 a.m. Friday morning.

It was unfortunate that a game of this caliber could not be reserved for the championship game.



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