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Hockey Tigers End Season With Class



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Louie Lavoie discusses strategy with coach Peter Esdale in Dal's 4-3 win.

by Rusty James

The stage was set. Hockey fans were waiting for the show to begin. Moncton and Dalhousie were to meet in the AUHC finals for the second time in three years. The Dalhousie Memorial Arena was filled early Thursday night in anticipation of the action to follow at 7:30 p.m.

The game opened in typical Moncton-Dalhousie fashion, as the two teams stormed out of the starting gates. Moncton's superior playoff experience was apparent by their control of play for the opening period. Fine goaltending by Glenn Ernst combined with the fine play of the first star of the evening, the goalpost, kept the contest close with the Tigers escaping with a first period 1-1 tie.

The wide open play continued into the second period, as Dal settled down, combining a disciplined style with strong goaltending to pull into a 3-1 lead. It seemed to be the Tiger's night as all was going well. A Moncton goal early in the third by their diminutive right winger Jean Francois Boutin pulled them within one, and you could feel the tension grow in the building.

Dalhousie maintained their poise and midway through the period Mike Jeffrey set up winger Terry Grove at the side of the net, who made no mistake, pulling the Tigers back into a two goal lead. Moncton were to later narrow the gap again, but those pesky Tigers took control of the action, keeping things in hand over the final minutes.

The unexpected was accomplished

in non-spectacular style, but nevertheless the end result was what counted, a 4-3 victory for Dalhousie and a 1-0 lead in the best of three finals.

The Hockey Tigers arrived in Moncton with a quiet confidence. An AUHC title was not meant to be though, as Moncton played their usual homestyle hockey in staking themselves to respective 6-3 and 7-3 victories.

After being outshot badly at home (44-20) the Tigers realized they would have to play better in order to take the Blue Eagles on their home ice. Play better they did, as they received a balanced attack from their four forward lines. In one of the toughest rinks to play in, they maintained their poise, stuck closely to their game plan, and with goals by John Kibyuk, Ken Johnston, and Mike Jeffrey, found themselves up 3-2 after the second, and one period away from a championship.

A powerplay goal by Jean Sansfacon at 1:12 of the third period proved a nemesis for the determined squad. It served to open the proverbial flood gates and by 3:54 Moncton had built an insurmountable 5-3 margin. It was a hard defeat to take, considering (ironic as it may seem) the Tigers played better in Moncton than in their home ice victory.

Dalhousie's fortune was not to be any better Sunday. Moncton took advantage of their special team play, scoring four consecutive powerplay goals followed by a shorthanded marker to stake themselves at a 5-1 lead by 7:56 of the

second period. Peter Glynn counted a couple of markers for Dal in the second period, but it proved fruitless, as Moncton left the ice at the end of the second up by a 6-2 margin.

For the players and the Tiger fans in attendance, it was all but over. Dal had been beaten by a well-oiled; experienced machine, who are now well on their way to a potential third consecutive CIAU championship.

In the end, Moncton proved the better team, but it must be said that along with Moncton, Dalhousie was the class of the league. They as exemplified by their gutsy performance in the finals.

At any point in the three game tilt it would have been easy to pack it in and give up, but they refused. They battled down to the wire, and anybody who witnessed the games would have been proud of a team which has had its ups and downs during the year.

Farewell bids go to John Kibyuk, Louis Lavoie, Brian Guazzini, Kevin Zimmel, Paul Jeffrey, Ken Johnston, Chuck Tuplin and Gary Ryan, all who have served the local community as well as Dalhousie's hockey program a fine duty.

Peter Esdale now has next year to look to, one which will definitely be a rebuilding one. He is left with a fine nucleus of players such as Neil Megamonety, Peter Glynn, Tim Cranston, Blaine Kulak, Mike Dagenais, Bob Crawford, Glenn Ernst, Dale Elliot, and Darren Cossar, but inevitably "recruit" will be the one word on his mind from now until next year.

Garapick Leads Tigers to Gold at C.I.A.U.'s

by Staff

Nancy Garapick led the Tigers to five gold medal performances, two silver and a bronze at the 1983 C.I.A.U. swimming and diving championships in Sherbrooke, Quebec last weekend.

Garapick won individual golds in the Women's 200 Individual Medley, 200 Freestyle and 200 Backstroke, setting new C.I.A.U. records of 2:17.21, 2:02.80 and 2:18.48 respectively.

The first year Tiger swimming sensation also anchored the gold-medal-winning Dalhousie 400 and 800 metre freestyle relays to C.I.A.U. record shattering performances. The relay teams of Susan Duncan, Shelley Platt, Louise Deveau and Nancy Garapick erased the previous C.I.A.U. marks with 3:58.83 and 8:37.35 clockings.

These performances in part led the Tigers to a third place finish overall in the Women's team standings with 208 pts. behind the University of Alberta with 230 and the winning University of Toronto

team with 285 pts. Coach Nigel Kemp noted that both the Alberta and Toronto teams had three and four divers respectively contributing to their team scores, and had the meet been scored on swimming alone, the Dalhousie team would have captured the team title.

Andrew Cole was the top male swimmer for the Tigers, winning silver in both the 100 and 200 Breaststroke events in new A.U.A.A. record times of 1:05.90 and 2:21.68. Shelley Platt claimed Dal's eighth medal of the meet in taking the Bronze in the Womens 400 Individual Medley.

First year swimmer Susan Duncan placed 4th in the 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke and set a new A.U.A.A. record of 27.30 in the 50 Freestyle. Mary Mowbray gained valuable points for the Tigers with 5th and 7th placings in the 100 and 200 metres Butterfly, and fellow Bermudian Lesley Cherry garnered points in both the 400 and 800 Freestyle events for Dal.

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