

# Tigers coming out roaring

by Gordie Sutherland

The Dalhousie hockey Tigers went three-for-four on the power play and killed eight of their nine penalties to help gain a 6-4 win in the first game of their two-game, total point quarter-final series against the St.F.X. X-Men.

After Saturday's win, Tiger rookie Ken MacDermaid explained what the Tigers had to do to clinch the series.

"It was a hard fought game today," he said. "Tomorrow is a big, big game. We have to come out strong and show them what we are made of."

## big big game

The Tigers did just that as they overcame bad breaks, horrible officiating and general adversity to capture the series.

Winger Todd Mondor scored 3:07 into a 10 minute mini-game to lift the Tigers to a 4-2 win in the two game, total point series.

The teams played the mini-game immediately after St.F.X.'s 4-3 win on Sunday night. That win had evened the series at two points apiece.

Dan LeBlanc led the X-Men to their 4-3 win with two goals and an assist while Allan MacIsaac helped out with three assists.

For Dalhousie, Joe Suk and Anthony MacAuley each picked up a goal and an assist.

Sunday night's first game was nothing short of a disaster for the Tigers. The bad luck began early when X-Man Dan LeBlanc dumped the puck from center ice while killing a penalty.

Dalhousie goaltender Pat McGarry came out to play the slow sliding puck when it suddenly changed direction. The seemingly harmless dumping attempt turned into a short-handed goal that tied the score at 1-1.

The final minute of the period saw two more nails added to what was becoming a Tiger coffin. With 0:47 showing on the clock, Tiger Derrick Pringle and X-Man Dave Synishin got tangled up behind the X-Men net. Pushing and shoving ensued between the two, but if there was a fight Referee Wade Bower was the only one in the rink that saw it. Nevertheless, both players received two minutes for high sticking, five minutes for fighting and a game misconduct.

Just four seconds later Dalhousie's George Wilcox was assessed a match-penalty for head-butting. The match penalty put St.F.X. on a five-minute power play.

By the end of the first period the Tigers were behind 3-2 and had just lost Wilcox an Pringle for the rest of the game. The Tigers would also have to play the first 4:17 of the second period short-handed.

Head Coach Darrell Young explained that the Tigers knew from experience that they would have to regroup. "You have to realise that we have lots of guys that have played on winners - a lot of guys played on conference championships of different, various leagues," said Young. "We have a lot of character. Anytime we face adversity this year, we came out of it. The guys realize, hey, we have to refocus and get the mind back into it."

The Tigers came out roaring in the second period, killing off the Wilcox penalty and outshooting the X-Men 20-2. St.F.X. goaltender Anders Hogberg kept the score at 3-2 after two periods. On the entire night he was superb in stopping 53 of 59 Tiger shots. Dal keeper Pat McGarry was solid at the other end, although less active, as he faced a total of 19 X-Men shots.

The two teams traded goals in the third, but the X-Men power play goal at 12:41 of the first frame proved to be the winner.

Dalhousie veteran Alan Baldwin said that the Tigers were aware of the task at hand after the loss. "We just treated it like a two out of three

series - we won the first game and lost the second," he said. "Hey, its a clean slate, we outshot them 54-18, we had the momentum. It was

## great motivational factor

just a matter of going out there and popping the first one."

The quarter-final series saw a number of players perform well, but Baldwin was remarkable. The 6'1", Dartmouth native had three

points on Saturday and made his presence felt throughout the weekend.

"Its a motivational factor, knowing that tonight could be my last game as a Dalhousie Tiger," said Baldwin. "I'm sitting in the dressing room, more or less, looking around and it acts as a great motivational factor."

The Tigers travel to Cape Breton on Wednesday to open up a best of three semi-finals series against the Capers. Both Derrick Pringle and George Wilcox will miss at least the opening contest due to Sunday's altercations.

The Tigers play the second game of the series at home on Saturday at 7:30pm.

# Sports galore

by Rob Corkum

For sports fans at Dalhousie this coming weekend, March 1-3, is the one you have been waiting for. It is being touted as the "Wild Tiger Weekend," and according to Dal Athletic Director, Tony Martin "It will probably be the biggest weekend in AUAA and CIAU history, because more titles could be decided at one site, on a particular weekend, than at any other time."

The reason for all of the excitement is, within a three day span, between Dalplex and the Memorial Arena, five championships will be decided. Including the AUAA men's and woman's volleyball championships, the AUAA woman's basketball championship, the CIAU swimming championship, the AUAA Kelly Division hockey championship and just for good measure the final regular season game for the men's basketball Tigers (which could possibly send them to post season play) will be thrown in.

Tiger teams have had an incredible year so far, dominating the AUAA in many different sports. The men's volleyball team (ranked third in the country) earned the right to host the championships by finishing first overall in the conference, and compiling a perfect 16-0 record. They will face the second place team, UNB, in a best of three final. The woman's volleyball team also had outstanding year finishing second over all, but will face tough competition from league leading Mt. Allison and Moncton in the AUAA's. The Womens Basketball team had to win the last two regular season games of the year, in order to finish first overall and earn the right to host the championships.

The hockey Tigers (ranked fourth in the CIAU) advanced to the Kelly Division conference final by knocking off St. F. X. last weekend in the semi-final. They will face UCCB. (who beat Acadia

in the other semi-final) in what should be an exciting match up. Both teams have beaten the other at Dal's Memorial Arena.

In the pool spectators will be able to see both past and future olympians, trying to help their school capture the CIAU swimming crown. Dal completed an outstanding year in the AUAA, capturing both the men's and woman's titles, but have only qualified two swimmers for the CIAU's. Coach Nigel Kemp attributes Dalhousie's lack of national qualifiers to lack of provincial government support, and limited outside (Atlantic Canada) competition. Representing Dal will be Freshman backstroke, Jason Shannon, as well as Maria Macpherson, a former CIAU finalist in the breaststroke. Kemp feels the teams to beat this year will again be the University of Toronto, woman's team and University of Calgary men. Both teams have won the CIAU's the past four years in a row. The last time Dal hosted the CIAU finals was in 1987 when Canadian olympic star, Alex Bowman, set a world record, swimming for Laurentian University.

Dalhousie being able host, and have teams in so many championships is, according to Martin "a reflection of the quality of the teams and the athletic program here at Dal." Action begins Friday morning in the pool and continues non stop, until the mens basketball game late Sunday afternoon. Prices for the weekend are as follows; for all events except the hockey finals it is, \$4 for adults, \$3 for outside students, and \$2 for Dal students, seniors and children. For the hockey the prices are \$5, \$4, and \$2 respectively. The Dalplex promotions team, has arraigned numerous promotions for the weekend, so come on out and help give Dal the support they deserve, while you take in some great sports action, in a weekend that will not be soon forgotten here at Dalhousie.

In the swim of things...

# Swim team captures titles

by Ian Robertson

The Dalhousie Tigers men's and women's swim teams recaptured their AUAA titles from the host UNB Beavers in the championships February 15-17.

The women easily outclassed the defending champions with 198 points to UNB's 96. Acadia's (50), Mount Allison (43) and Memorial (13) rounded out the scoring.

The men's team faced much tougher competition from the Beavers, narrowly hanging on to an early lead to win 186 to 167. Riding the wave of exceptional performances on the meet's first two days, the Tigers surpassed all expectations the final day by outpointing UNB in their strongest events.

Lead by AUAA rookie of the year Jason Cross, with dramatic wins by two one hundredths of a second in the 50 metre freestyle and seven one hundredths of a second in the 100 metre freestyle, the Tigers captured their fourth title in five years to finish the season undefeated.

Cross, who also took the 100 metre butterfly title, was joined on captain Darryl Dutton (200m and

400m I.M.), UAA swimmer of the year Jason Shannon (100m and 200m backstroke), and by rookie Grant Wong (100m and 200m breaststroke).

Wong, Cross, Shannon and Sean Andrews combined to win the 400 metre medley relay as expected, setting a Dalhousie record in the process. The relay highlight though, as in the individual swims, came on the final day. Dueling the freestyle oriented UNB team in the final race of the meet, the inspired 400m free relay team of Cross, Dutton, Andrews and Shannon held off their hosts to win.

Shannon also provided the swim of the meet on the final day by shattering the CIAU standard in the 200 metre backstroke, becoming the only male swimmer in Atlantic Canada to qualify for the National Championships.

Women's co-captain and 200 metre breaststroke champion Maria MacPherson, who qualified earlier in the year, and 100 metre freestyle gold medalist Kellie Andrews will also represent Dal at the Nationals.

Though the women's half of the meet lacked the tension of the

men's, it was no less inspirational. The Tigers finished the season undefeated to win their eighth AUAA championship in eleven years. Rookie Lisa Beaton was a double gold medalist, taking the 400 and 800 metre freestyles, while team mates Carolyn Flam (200m butterfly) and Christy Gustavison rounded out the first place finishes for Dal.

The women's team demonstrated its depth by occupying 39 of the 78 spots available in the finals, and by winning all three relays. The 400 metre medley relay team of MacDonald, MacPherson, Laycock and Andrews, the 800 metre freestyle team of Gustavison, Beaton, Hayden and Andrews and the 400 metre team of Netzel, Hayden and Andrews easily outdistanced second placed UNB.

Head coach Nigel Kemp was named AUAA coach of the year for the double team victory, which has only happened once before, in 1989.

The CIAU championships, featuring the fastest swimmers in Canada, will take place this weekend at Dalplex. Finals start at 6:30 mpm on Friday, 6:00 pm on Saturday and 1:00 pm on Sunday.