

# Fans boost hockey past Acadia

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

The Acadia Axemen, ranked first in the CIAU, came out looking for Tiger blood last night after last week's humiliating 4-3 defeat but were denied the win as the home team took the game 6-5. If anyone had an assist on every Tiger goal, it was the ecstatic, mainly-residence Dal fans that packed Memorial Arena.

"A great Dalhousie experience," was how head coach Darrell Young described the game. "Our effort tonight matched that of our fans."

"It was the first time in my three years here that our fans have been louder than theirs in our rink," added blue-liner Pat Russell. The assistant captain was definitely the "man of the match" as he came out to play sporting a host of injuries, including a partially-separated shoulder and a recurring cruciate ligament problem.

The Tigers both outshot and outchanced the Axemen during the first two periods. Martin LaPointe was quick to open the score for Dal on a power play goal, assisted by Luke Naylor. Left wing Jason Weaver responded for Acadia.

Tiger Richard Ujvary contributed a slapshot from the blue-line,

his first goal of the season, to put the home team back on top.

LaPointe further increased Dal's lead at 15:32 when he fired the puck from the blue-line and over goalkeeper Trevor Amundrud's shoulder. The Tigers were up 3-1 at the end of the first frame.

The second period saw physical play from both teams and nerves appeared to be frayed. Even blue-liner Jeff Letourneau found himself in the penalty box after an uncommon display of his temper.

Acadia narrowed the difference to 3-2 on a flipshot from Wade Whitten that came on a rebound from a Neil Fewster attempt. Marc Warner responded for the Tigers at 17:31 with a deflection from the slot.

The Axemen came out stronger in the third period. Paul Doherty was quick to take a slapshot from the blue-line but Neil Savary's glove save prevented him from scoring. Centre Chris Skoryna took a wristshot from the slot at 1:51 to narrow the difference to 4-3. Peyton netted the equalizer at 2:49.

"We started playing their game," said captain David Haynes of the third-frame breakdown. "We forgot our system and we started running around."

"We were kinda excited and we sat back and let them take it to us," explained Russell. "We blinked and they were up 5-4...and that's when the fans came in."

LaPointe netted a slapshot from the point to even out the score at 12:49.

The Axemen got progressively more physical and their game reached an all-time low when Savary was charged in a desperate bid to take him out of the game with less than two minutes left to play. The referee did not call the penalty, prompting shouts of "Hey ref! If you had another eye, you'd be a fucking cyclops!"

The game went into sudden-death overtime as neither team was able to score during regulation time. Naylor netted the game-winner at 1:40, assisted by brother Ted and defenseman Craig Whynot.

"That was probably the best team effort of the season," said Ujvary after the game. "I would compare it to winning against St. FX on a short bench [Dal took the game 4-2 in Antigonish on December 1]. There was a lot of heart in that room tonight."

The Tigers are hoping to repeat their St. FX performance in Antigonish tomorrow.



Dal's Carolyn Wares badgers a SMU forward. The Tiger's won 56-46.

## Basketball drops Huskies...

BY AMY DUNPHY

Dalhousie Tigers' point guard Patti Hutchinson scrambled frantically on the floor trying to maintain possession of the ball. She was trying to keep the visiting Saint Mary's Huskies from scoring in the dying minutes of Friday night's basketball match up.

This was just about the only moment of panic for the Tigers all night. From the opening tip-off Dal played a controlled, methodical game and earned each of their 56 points while forcing the Huskies to fight for each of their 46.

The occasional flickers of panic seen in Dal's previous games were nowhere to be found Friday. This was a direct result of solid individual performances, both offensive and defensive. On the offensive side, post-player Carolyn Wares muscled her way into the paint for 17 points and pulled down 13 rebounds. Guard Dani Moe played her usual aggressive style, driving to the hoop and creating foul trouble for many of the SMU players and shooting 75% from the free throw line. And who could forget to mention game MVP Hutchinson? She clawed her way through a disorganized Husky defense to nail down 14 points, 5 rebounds, and 4 assists.

On the defensive side, SMU tried to intimidate the Tigers by bullying their way around. Dal would have none of it and showed that they are not only a skilled squad, but a tough one that is not to be pushed around. Alana Cof-

fin turned in a solid defensive performance, helping her teammates shut down SMU three-point specialist Jadranka Crnogorac, a feat they were unable to accomplish in the teams' last meeting. Crnogorac shot 13% from three-point range and scored just 12 points in the 40 minutes she was on the floor. Hutchinson and Wares also played well defensively, racking up steals for the Tigers.

Another key performance came from Jody Euloth. Sidelined with an injury for the first half of the season, she has, since her return in December, shown a tentative side that no one had seen before. But Friday night she showed that she is ready to play at full strength. She got inside quite often, showing her physical prowess, drawing fouls and making 7 of 8 free throws.

## ...and topple first place X-women

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The women's basketball team knocked off unbeaten St. FX on Tuesday. The 65-51 victory ended the X-women's 17-game unbeaten streak, and avenged the two losses suffered earlier in the season.

Dal stormed to a 25-11 lead midway through the first half, with a 5-minute fourteen-point run. The Tigers' league-leading rebounding duo of Carolyn Wares and Sue Parkes outdid their St. FX counterparts in a very physical game.

League leading scorer

Theresa MacCuish, averaging 30.6 points per game for the X-women, went down early with an ankle injury and her team never recovered.

The Tigers played hard even without the spirited presence of head coach Carolyn Savoy. On leave, her role was filled by the equally-spirited men's basketball coach Tim McGarrigle.

The win moves Dal into a third place tie with UNB, and next week's rematch with the "MacCuish-less" X-women at Dalplex should be an interesting game.

## this week's games:

### Friday, January 24

Dalhousie DIGS Volleyball Classic @ Dalplex (Until Sunday)

Hockey @ St. FX, 7:30 p.m.

Basketball (w) @ Acadia, 6 p.m.

Basketball (m) @ Acadia, 8 p.m.

### Saturday, January 25

Swimming @ UNB (AUSA Invitational — until Sunday)

### Sunday, January 26

Hockey vs. SMU, 2 p.m. @ Memorial Arena

Volleyball (w) vs. Mount Allison, 1 p.m. @ Dalplex

Volleyball (m) @ Memorial, 9 a.m.

### Tuesday, January 28

Basketball (w) vs. St. FX, 6 p.m. @ Dalplex

Basketball (m) vs. St. FX, 8 p.m. @ Dalplex

### Wednesday, January 29

Hockey @ SMU, 7:30 p.m.

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