



Dal hockey takes two at home in weekend action

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

The hockey Tigers were back to their winning ways at Memorial Arena on the weekend. After suffering a 5-10 humiliation to crosstown rivals SMU on November 20, the Tigers bounced back to defeat the St. Thomas Tommies 5-2 and the Moncton Blue Eagles 6-3.

"Obviously I thought it was a great team effort," commented Martin LaPointe. "When you're on a losing streak, guys get...pissed off at each other."

"We went through the weekend relaxing and...the guys played hard, and we came out with two big wins and two big team efforts."

"I think that we played a little bit better as a team than we had the last four games that we went on," added defenceman Shane Gibbs. "I think that we're coming together before the Christmas break."

Saturday saw a slow if solid start for the Tigers who kept control of the game throughout. Dal created a number of scoring opportunities but failed to capitalize on any of them during the first frame. Head coach Darrell Young shuffled his team's lines for the weekend games; a move which proved fruitful for the Tigers.

"Whenever a team's on a slide, it's always good to change up the lines," said Gibbs. "I don't imagine that these lines will stick

high hard shot from the slot.

Chris Pittman tipped in the puck from the crease while St. Thomas goalie Scott Hay was down, giving the Tigers a secure three-goal lead going into the third.

Dave Reynolds put a backhanded wristshot from outside the crease past Corkum early in the third frame to put the Tommies on the board. Warner and Pittman broke through St. Thomas's defenses on a sharp pass from blueliner Pat Russell, and Hay was unable to stop Warner from scoring before he went crashing into the boards. Dan Preston added another for the Tommies before Haynes sealed Dal's victory in the final minutes of the game.

"We had a very strong first period and we built on that," said coach Young, adding that it was the first time in a while that the Tigers have displayed consistency within a game.

On Sunday, Dal once again exhibited strong play and were rewarded at 9:05 of the first with their first goal. Mark Alexander broke away from the Tigers' zone with the puck and passed it to Tim Hill who went top shelf with a slap from the slot. Moncton repeatedly tested Corkum who put in a solid performance to keep the Tigers ahead. Chad Kalmakoff slapped in a rebound shot from LaPointe on the power play.

Dal did not concede a single



Dominic Beaudin tries to hold off Tiger Martin LaPointe. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

after an attempt by Jody Shelley was denied by goaltender Claude Fernet.

The third period saw fast play from both teams yet only LaPointe scored in the latter half of the final period to seal the game at 6-3. Moncton's Mario Cormier attempted to pick a fight with Richard Ujvary, and then with Shelley — who was trying to break the two up. The latter did not retaliate; a move which seemed to go down well with a large percentage of the crowd.

"He's a guy that's been a target [for violence] and there's been an adjustment period," noted Young after Saturday's game. "Haynes came into this league with 400 penalty minutes and he's turned into a leader for us, and I think that [Shelley] can too."

The Tigers play their last games of the term this weekend as they face Acadia on Friday and St.FX on Sunday.

"They're the last two games before Christmas and it's always better to go on to the Christmas break with a winning streak," noted LaPointe. "They are two big games. We've had two tough games against St.FX [and] Acadia will be tough as well."

"I think we just have to come out the same way that we played this weekend and hopefully we can come out with two big wins."

Silver bullets

BY THE DALHOUSIE WRESTLING CLUB

"Well, I predicted a lot of golds, but I'm happy with a lot of silvers. We're wrestlers, not geologists," said the Dalhousie Wrestling Club's head coach Scott Aldridge.

The DWC finished in second place at this past weekend's Eastern Canadian wrestling championships held at UNB. This was the club's best ever placing and individual results were silver-laden.

At 57kg, Logan Ward placed second, pinning his opponent in impressive fashion. In the 65kg final, freshman Andrew Moebus lost a hard battle to the 1997 Canada Summer Games silver medalist from UNB. Sports fans should take note of this rivalry — these two wrestlers should be competing against each other for the AUA title. At 68kg, Jason Schonberg earned a silver medal despite surviving a huge slam by the 1997 AUA champion.

Dalhousie wrestlers Gavin Tweedie (72kg) and Scott Malcolm (82kg) both finished out of medal contention despite wrestling well.

At 90kg, the DWC had three wrestlers. Aldridge finished second, the first time in two seasons that he did not take gold. Despite easily defeating the 1997 82kg AUA champion, Aldridge lost a 3-0 final match to a UNB club wrestler. Newcomers Paul Murchison placed fifth and Chris Lewis finished sixth, both showing real potential.

"Overall I was impressed with our boys. We have a lot of work to do before the 1998 AUAs but I think this group of men can be real belt-winners"

Stay tuned for Olympic freestyle wrestling live at Dal when UNB, Concordia, MUN and other New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia teams travel to Halifax for the second annual Dalhousie Wrestling Open on January 17, 1998 in Studley Gym.



Moncton's Martin LaTulippe rolls around on the ice for a bit during Sunday's game at Memorial Arena. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

for the whole year, but for now they're working."

Captain Dave Haynes opened the scoring for the home team on a two-man advantage at the halfway mark of the second period. Just 16 seconds later, forward Marc Warner swept in the rebound off an attempt by Derrick Pyke to up the score to two for the Tigers. The Tommies failed to capitalize on their single power play opportunity — the closest they came to scoring was a slapshot from Pat Powers which went off the post. John Lafford was denied from point blank range by a lucky glove save from Tiger goaltender Fred Corkum who also prevented Bill Weir's

goal during the period despite a three-on-five disadvantage. Pittman upped Dal to 3-0 on a deflection from the slot with 13 seconds remaining.

The Blue Eagles attempted a comeback early in the second but Corkum had relatively little trouble keeping Dal ahead. Ted Naylor scored at 2:46 to put the game out of reach for Moncton.

Naylor earned himself a five-minute major for slashing Martin LaTulippe after receiving a clean hip check from the Moncton captain. The Blue Eagles were able to score twice in quick succession during the power play to narrow the difference. Alexander buried the rebound

Athletes of the Week



SARAH WOODWORTH SWIMMING

Sarah won the 200m butterfly, 400m freestyle, 400m Individual Medley and finished second in the 800m freestyle at the AUA Invitational Swim Meet at the Dalplex Pool on the weekend. She set a meet record in the 400m IM, finishing with a time of 5:09.66. Sarah is a fifth-year Pharmacy student from Halifax, Nova Scotia.



TERRY MARTIN VOLLEYBALL

Terry led the Tigers to a tournament championship at an invitational tournament at the University of Sherbrooke in Quebec. He registered 20 kills and 7 blocks as Dalhousie swept Sherbrooke 3-0 in the final. The tournament field included the Winnipeg Wesmen (ranked #1 nationally), Sherbrooke (#5) and Dalhousie (#6). Terry is a fourth-year Science student from Burlington, Ontario.