

Great Goalies

by Greg Zed

When coaches Pierre Page and Pete Gagne opened fall training camp in early October both had one thing in mind to build two teams capable of making the playoffs and they in fact succeeded. One thing that both had going for them was a group of returnees that had just begun to mature by the end of last year. To top it off two young returnees were goaltenders Vince Desjardins and Greg Lynch. No one could deny the Dal squad that they had the best netminders in the league. At the seasons end Feb. 23rd statistics proved this point. Lynch and Desjardins combined for the best goalies record in the league - something that hasn't been accomplished by any Dal goalies.

A look at some league statistics would surprise many hockey enthusiasts. Both goalies combined efforts to block some nine hundred shots and only allowed fifty-six goals in eighteen league games:

	MP	GA	AVG.
Lynch	600	28	2.80
Desjardins	490	28	3.43
Dal Totals	1090	56	3.12

Both goaltenders certainly played a determining factor when one looks at the Tiger's existence in the playoffs. Just look at the record of the team over the past three years:

Sure one would say that more games were played in 1972-74 but just look at the goals against (GA). These goaltenders have cut oppositions from one hundred and thirty-eight goals to a mere fifty-six and that's not bad.

Well one thing that has never been answered without opposing views is the question concerning goaltending as an art.

Lynch, a Sydney native, who appears to have no obvious style believes that goaltending is a combination of anticipation, skill and luck where Desjardins appears to favor the intricate aspects of the game

like the angles, position, and style. What ever the case both supplement each other very well.

On top of their combined effort in capturing the goalies crown both have placed on all-star teams this year. Desjardins was selected to the all-star team chosen in New Glasgow during the pre-season tournament while Greg Lynch was selected to the Atlantic Intercollegiate All-star team which was chosen just a week ago. So there it is truly two great goaltenders and yet two fine athletes. Our congratulations go out to both of them on a great season



YEAR	G.P.	G.F.	G.A.	W	L	T
1972/73	21	94	138	7	14	0
1973/74	21	83	99	6	11	4
1974/75	18	85	56	12	6	0

Agonizing End for B-Ball

by Keith L. Johnston

The Dal Tigers ended their 1974-75 season last week in an agonizing and yet entertaining fashion, being tangled by Acadia 100-78 on Monday night and blasted by the Huskies to the tune of 123-101, on Wednesday. The two losses brought Dal's season league record to a dismal 4-8 mark, while their overall record including exhibition games, was 10 wins and 12 losses.

From the word go on Monday night, the Tigers looked completely unprepared psychologically and as a consequence got roasted by the combination of Acadia's full court press and uncanny outside shooting. Playing a calibre of basketball which would not have been able to match a team comprised of four elderly grandmothers and a young child, the Tigers quickly went down 30 points to the Axemen, who were evidently using the game as a warm-up for the Atlantic play-offs, held over the weekend. At the end of the opening 20 minutes, the Axemen held a commanding 53-30 lead.

For the first ten minutes of the second half, the horror show continued, with Acadia's heavy artillery manned by Sean Ricks, Gene Saunders, and Joey Wells pounding away with devastating success. When the Tigers finally began moving the ball to the hoop, along with playing a little

defence of their own, it looked for awhile like there might be a good ball game in the offing. With six minutes left on the clock, the Tigers had captured the momentum, slicing the Axemen's lead from a 40 point bulge to only 13.

It was, however, at this point that the tenor of the game shifted from the ridiculous to the sublime. With Acadia coach, Dick Hunt, subbing in this third-string war horses, and Dal coach Al Yarr, going with a scrappy, gambling defence, the referees lost control of the game completely, and for the last four minutes it looked like both teams were putting on a fine display of what street ball in the Bronx is all about.

For the Axemen, it was Ricks leading the way with 20, while team-mate Wells, hot for 18. Other Acadia scorers were Gene Saunders with 17, Taylor with 15, and Peter Leighton who tallied 14. For the Tigers, Dave Iverson had a fine night, hitting for 21 points - many of which came from the foul line. He was followed by team-mates Kevin Kelly and Bob Fagan who collected 18 and 12 respectively.

Two nights later, amidst the quiet solitude of the "bass drumless" and cheerleaderless S.M.U. Gym, both the Tigers and Huskies appeared to be out to establish some new incredible records in the

AIAA book of statistics. The first half provided some fine spectator basketball, as both teams ran the ball well, hit the inside, and were effective on the field and the line. The Tigers held a 19-18 lead at the 11 minute mark, however, their inability to convert on 3-1 and 3-2 breaks, of which there were numerous ones, finally began to add up, with the Huskies eventually being able to establish a 10 point lead. Mickey Fox, who has to be the greatest shooter in the league's history, got off to a slow start, however in the remaining 10 minutes of the half, he began to cook, handling the ball slickly, hitting from the inside and outside, and even collecting garbage hoops from underneath.

While the second half began in a somewhat cautious fashion, with the Huskies unable to stretch their margin to more than 10, the dying minutes witnessed both teams enter into a collective agreement to abandon defence altogether, in favour of boosting their individual scoring averages.

For Dal, the trio that did most of the damage against the Axemen, sparked again on Wednesday night as Bob Fagan led the way with 28, followed by Dave Iverson with 18, Kelly with 15, Mike Donaldson 13, and Dougie Ryan 11.

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