

## Overtime Team trioc makes debut

By MARK ALBERSTAT

Canada's Trioc team is without a doubt the most neglected national team in existence. More so than the scullers, equestrians or even team handball.

"I think it is just a lack of media exposure," says Ken Power, head coach of the team. "The sport doesn't have the following of boxing or swimming."

"Another problem is that the sport is not as fast-paced as other sports. It may take upwards of two and a half hours to determine the winner of any given match, but sports fans often spend three hours or more watching football or any of the other highly packaged sports."

Team manager David Minns added, "I think that may be an advantage to us, not being 'highly packaged'. We're still a bit of a virgin untouched sport that has yet to be explored by the masses in North America."

Team Trioc, of course, has a large following in Europe, picking up more fans every day. West

Germany's team is the defending world champion, though it is expected that Italy's team will be much improved, as will Brazil's.

A few of the rules of this unusual sport include such things as having to play on a domed field but only half domed so one half of the field is in light and the other half in shade. Another odd rule is that two of the three "pucks", which resemble small granite rocks, must go into one of the four goals simultaneously, much like synchronized swimming but on a field.

Another reason the sport has not caught on here is because it is played outdoors in December and January. The players claim the harsh conditions make them the best-conditioned athletes in the world—those that survive, that is.

Playing on the frozen ground also causes many injuries, something inventors of the sport thought the North American audience would love.

As a closing note: anyone interested in seeing our national team can watch them in Fredericton November 15th at Holly Field. □

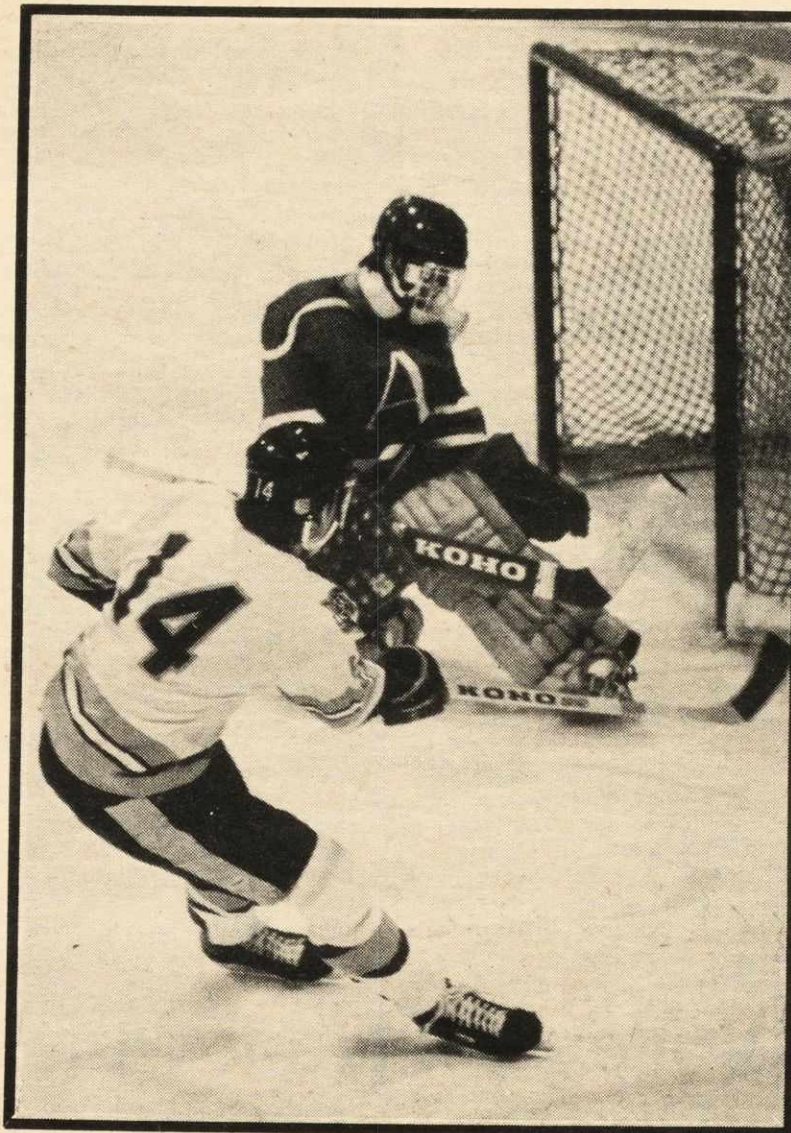


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ing contest between Dal and Acadia.

With horns blowing and drums beating in the stands the entire game, the two teams battled to a 4-4 tie. The game, which was designated Residence Night, saw Henderson Howe claim the award as the noisiest house on campus.

Scoring for the Tigers were John Cossar, Robert Jerome, Paul Heron and Peter Woodford. Darren Cossar was outstanding in goal for the Tigers.

On Saturday evening, the Tigers played host to the always tough Panthers of U.P.E.I. After a close, hard-fought two periods, the Panthers scored two in the third period to preserve a 6-3 victory over the host squad.

Another good crowd was on hand as the Tigers continued to show improvement over last year.

Scoring for the Tigers were John Cossar with two goals and Bob Crawford. The Tigers will be in action again this weekend as they host two more teams. On Saturday the Tigers will host the defending AUSA Champions, the University of New Brunswick, and on Sunday they will entertain the much improved St. Thomas Tommies. Both games are slated for 2:00 p.m. at the Dalhousie Memorial Arena.

Saturday's contest has been designated as Society Day with the Engineering, Arts, Commerce and Pharmacy societies receiving free admission.

This week's trivia contest will also take place on Saturday. The question: "What position did Tiger's assistant coach Darrell Young plan when he was a member of the Dalhousie Tigers?"

Winner will receive a free pizza from Tony's Donairs, Pizza and Subs. Winner must be in attendance at the game. □

## Tigers split weekend

The Dalhousie Tigers Men's Hockey Team opened the 1984-85 regular season last weekend with a tie and a loss.

On Friday evening over 700 Dal supporters were on hand at the Dalhousie Memorial Arena to witness what turned out to be an excit-

## Women's basketball team looks forward to season

By LISA TIMPF

With the season stretching ahead like a blank page waiting to be written on, early November is prime time for optimism and expectation in women's intercollegiate basketball.

Carolyn Savoy, coach of the Dalhousie women's basketball Tigers, is looking forward to this year's action with the usual anticipation.

According to Savoy, the Tigers will have three things in particular going for them this year.

Rookies Connie Clark (5' 7"), Pam Ferguson (5' 11"), and Patricia MacCormack (6' 3") have boosted the team's average height to 5' 9½"—the measure of the tallest player on the squad last year.

Savoy hopes that MacCormack in the post position will be able to "control the key", and expects MacCormack and Ferguson to strengthen Dal's rebounding stats.

A second asset will be the leadership and experience of returning veterans Peggy MacLean, Lisa Briggs, Shelley Slater, Sheri Thuroutt, Alice Cerny, and Angela Colley.

MacLean, last year's AUSA Rookie of the Year and Dal's team MVP, and sophomore guard Alice Cerny both had tryouts with the Junior National team last summer,

attesting to the esteem with which their playing abilities are regarded at the national level. Savoy expects those two players to provide leadership on the floor.

Guard and team captain Lisa Briggs is also expected to be a team leader. Shelley Slater, at high post, and guards Angela Colley and Sheri Thuroutt round out the returnees who will form a strong nucleus of the team.

The third asset is the presence of two full-time coaches—Savoy and former Dal standout and Olympic team member Anna Pendergast.

Savoy anticipates that this year's AUSA loop will be close, "probably the closest in awhile." Although there will be no strongly seasoned teams, most of the teams will have strengthened their complements from last year.

"Our goal is to be a contender in AUSA play," said Savoy. "We'll

work on getting to the playoffs, then we'll work on winning."

She expects the battle for top honours to be between UNB, Dal, UPEI, Acadia, and St. F. X.

The Dal team will put their abilities on the line this weekend, when they travel to Maine to play Orono and University of Southern Maine in exhibition matchups.

From there, the team will go on to the Acadia tip-off tourney, and will play some exhibition matchups with senior team Red Fox to supplement their one league game before Christmas.

Of course, the proof of the theory is in the results. And those will have to wait until the season has unfolded.

If the pre-season prognostications are close to the mark, women's AUSA basketball should provide exiting action for area basketball fans. □



### TIGER SPORTS THIS WEEK

Nov. 2	Women's Volleyball	UdeM	away	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 2-3	Men's Volleyball	AUSA Tournament	Home	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 2-3	Men's Basketball	Acadia Tipoff	Acadia	
Nov. 2-3	Women's Volleyball	U of Maine (Orono)	away	
Nov. 3	Men's & Women's Swimming	UNB MUN	Home	
Nov. 3	Men's Hockey	UNB	Home	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	Women's Volleyball	UNB	Home	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	Men's Hockey	STU	Home	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	Women's Volleyball	UNB	Home	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 8	Men's Volleyball	Winnipeg	away	