

SPORTS

Hockey Tigers fail to advance on Axemen

BY DEREK NEARY

The Dalhousie Tigers' hockey club failed in their effort to gain ground on the first place Acadia Axemen last weekend.

Dal travelled to Wolfville Saturday but returned from a 6-2 shelling without any points. The Tigers (12-7-4) never really got into the game, as they quickly fell behind 4-1. Greg Smyth notched the first period goal, while Ken Macdermid scored the other Tigers' goal. Despite a number of man advantages, Dal efforts came up short.

"We didn't impress them on the power play," stated Dal assistant coach Kim Houston. "We just didn't

capitalize on our chances."

Norm Batherson led the Acadia attack with a pair of goals. Singles were added by Kevin Knopp, Mark MacFarlane, Colin Gregor, and Paul Sutcliffe.

The loss leaves the Tigers four points out of top spot with only two games remaining. The Axemen have two games in hand, one of which they will have made up on Wednesday against St. Mary's. An Acadia win or tie would eliminate the Tigers from the first place hunt.

Faced with the reality of the team's second place finish, Houston said, "I don't think we can be happy about it but there's no alternative."

A first round match-up with third

place St. Mary's appears to be inevitable. Judging from past meetings between the cross-town rivals it could shape up to be, as Houston puts it, "a real dogfight."

On a final note he adds, "Let's hope we're the bull terrier."

The Tigers will next see action Saturday, February 15 as they take to the road to do battle with St. FX. Their final game will be in Cape Breton.

In other action it was St. Mary's 2 St. FX 2; Moncton 9 Cape Breton 2; P.E.I. 7 St. Thomas 7.

Saturday's scores included St. Mary's 10 Cape Breton 5; Moncton 6 St. FX 3; St. Thomas 8 Mount Allison 5; New Brunswick 5 P.E.I. 4.

Men's B'ball aims for playoffs

BY STEVE MILLS

After a stunning upset of the nationally-ranked #1 St. F.X. X-Men on Saturday, the Dalhousie Tigers suffered their eighth loss of the season Sunday at the hands of the UCCB Capers.

On Saturday in Antigonish, the Tigers beat the X-Men by a final score of 80-68.

Keith Donovan led Tiger scoring with 30 points, while Dean Thibodeau had 20, Shawn Mantley had 13, and Paul Riley scored 11.

Top Scorers for St. F.X. were Marion Manthis with 22 points and Danny McFarland with 13.

The score was tight at the end of the first half, with Dalhousie holding a slim 39-38 lead. In the second, however, the Tigers scored a whopping 41 points compared to the X-Men's 30.

One reason for the unexpected victory was the lopsided number of freethrows. Dalhousie made 29 of 38 attempts while Xavier had only 8 for 9.

The X-Men have a chance to

avenge this embarrassing loss this Saturday when the two teams will face each other at the Halifax Metro Centre.

On Sunday the picture was not quite as rosy for Dalhousie, who ventured to Cape Breton only to be handed a 94-82 loss.

The Tigers should feel no remorse, though, as the Capers have the highest points per game average in the Atlantic Universities Basketball Conference, and are also in second place (take that, MacLeans!).

Keith Donovan again led the Tigers in scoring with 28 points, and Dean Thibodeau added another 20.

Troy Jones and John Ryan were the top point getters for Cape Breton with 21 and 13.

Dalhousie is presently holding fifth spot in the standings, but if they continue to put the numbers up as they did this weekend, the playoffs are still a realistic goal.

The fact that four of the last five regular season games are in home territory should help kindle the fire.

Stealing the winning spirit

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The University of British Columbia is contemplating punishment for three engineering students who stole the Rose Bowl trophy from the University of Washington.

A small group of engineering students staged a "smash and grab" in the UW athletic department early Feb. 4, making off with the three-foot high, 30 pound, \$3,000 silver trophy. The UW football team captured the trophy by winning the 1992 Rose Bowl game Jan. 1.

The cross-border looters brought the trophy back to UBC to celebrate. An engineer phoned Seattle police later that day, who in turn tipped off the RCMP, who retrieved it that night.



These are not women Tigers.

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UPEI gets crushed

BY STEVE MILLS

At Studley Gym on Sunday, the women's volleyball team stomped the visiting UPEI Panthers, shutting them out 15-13, 15-7, and 15-5.

The Panthers briefly appeared to be on the comeback trail in the second match when they found themselves down 7-2. Minutes later they had crept up on Dalhousie, tying the game at 7 points apiece. The Tigers immediately regained their composure and pushed on to the 15-7 final score in the match.

The A.U.A.A. player of the game

was Chris Frail, who had two serve aces and fourteen kills.

The Tigers also shut out the last place Panthers on Saturday with match scores of 15-1, 15-2, and 16-14.

Dalhousie now stands firmly at the top of the standings with 24 points, 6 points ahead of second place Mount Allison.

Elsewhere in the league on Sunday, Moncton blanked Memorial 3 games to 0, with scores of 15-5, 15-5, and 15-3. The two teams hold 3rd and 5th places respectively in the standings.

STANDINGS

AUAA WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

	GP	GW	GL	PTS
DAL	12	12	0	24
MTA	11	9	2	18
UDM	11	9	2	18
SMU	11	6	5	12
MUN	14	6	8	12
UNB	12	5	7	10
SFX	14	3	11	6
ACA	11	2	9	4
UPEI	12	2	10	4

AUAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

	W	L	PTS
SFX	10	3	20
UPEI	9	4	18
UNB	8	4	16
ACA	7	4	14
DAL	5	5	10
SMU	4	7	8
MUN	3	7	6
C.B.	1	7	2

AUAA HOCKEY

KELLY DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
ACA	15	4	2	32
DAL	12	3	4	28
SMU	9	12	4	22
SFX	8	13	3	19
C.B.	7	13	4	18

MACADAM DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
UNB	18	6	0	36
UPEI	13	7	2	28
MONCTN	9	14	1	19
ST. THOMAS	8	14	1	17
MTA	6	15	1	13

AUAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

	W	L	PTS
SFX	10	2	32
C.B.	11	2	28
ACA	8	3	26
SMU	7	3	20
DAL	5	8	18
UPEI	4	10	10
UNB	3	8	6
MUN	0	12	0