

# Tigers take Panthers

by Barry Dorey

Coach Carolyn Savoy's contention that her basketball Tigers are better than her conference winners of three years ago will be put to the test in PEI this weekend. The Dal women, sporting the same 12-2 league mark as both UNB and UPEI, challenge the UNB team Friday at 6pm in the first step to what they hope will be a trip to Lakehead University in Sudbury and the national championship.

"We're a better team than our last conference winner; more depth, more size and better quick-

ness," Savoy says. "And if we get another performance like Saturday (against PEI) we'll beat UNB and UPEI."

The spirited effort was a season-ending 93-80 win over the Lady Panthers and although the margin of victory wasn't big enough to secure home court advantage for the AUAA finals (the Tigers needed to win by 20 points), the result bodes well for the playoffs.

"It's a real big boost going into the playoffs," says senior forward Kathy MacCormack, who dominated the last game, firing 33

points and grabbing 14 rebounds. "We're playing our best basketball right now and we're optimistic about advancing."

Savoy says the key to a Tiger victory is to "attack them and play with the heart and determination we showed Saturday." If they do that, they'll proceed to the CIAU Finals at Lakehead University next weekend, where the Tigers also have reason for optimism.

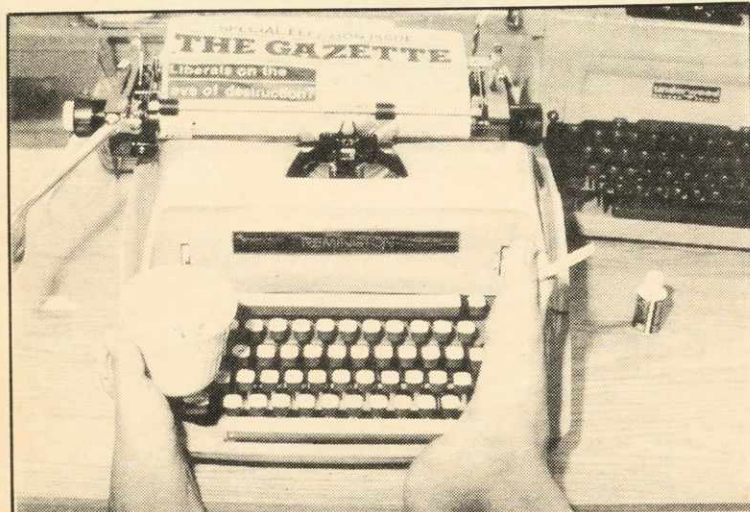
Having participated in a big-performance tournament in Winnipeg over Christmas, and emerging with a 2-1 record, the Tigers feel comfortable about playing the nation's top teams.

"It was very encouraging, especially our game with (number one ranked) Calgary, Savoy says. "We have the size and talent to take the national title, we just have to put three good games together."

Stringing those games together could be made easier by the determination of four departing seniors. The MacCormack sisters, Krista Morris and Sheri Thurrott will be trying to make their last AUAA action memorable.

The Tigers, ranked as high as eighth this season, will have to contend with UPEI stars Pauline Lorden and Kara Palmer if they advance to the AUAA final this Saturday.

"But if we keep attacking, get strong rebounding, and take the ball inside effectively, this can be our year," says national women's team member Kathy MacCormack



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# Twin Towers take a bow

by Brian Lennox

In a few weeks, two sisters will end their varsity sport career at Dalhousie. Trish and Kathy MacCormack are in their final year of eligibility and both have enjoyed tremendous success at Dalhousie. What sets these two players apart from other athletes is their work ethic.

Trish began her career at Dalhousie in the fall of 1984. She was an immediate starter and continued to a point where she had become an AUAA all star and a member of Canada's national senior team. Trish was part of the Canadian team that went and played NCAA division one teams in November. Trish saw considerable floor time and certainly has a chance to be on the University Games team this summer.

Kathy has been a perennial AUAA all conference and CIAU all Canadian selection. After transferring from the University College of Cape Breton, Kathy began her career at Dalhousie in

the fall of 1985. In the last three years she has been three times an all conference selection and twice an all Canadian. Kathy began playing basketball at a late age but the hard work has enabled her to become one of the best players in Canada. Kathy has been a member of the national senior team program since 1986 and has an excellent chance of playing on the Olympic team in 1992.

Both Trish and Kathy are very personable women as none of their success has changed their attitudes. They want to continue to play basketball but Trish and Kathy know that making the national team each year is not a guarantee.

Both have prepared themselves off the court as well. Kathy has a bachelor's degree in kiniseology and is now in working on a degree in public administration. Trish is finishing her bachelor's degree in recreation. Head coach Carolyn Savoy knows that replacing these two players on and off the courts will be difficult.

# Volleyball veterans retire

Two veteran volleyball players will be playing their last game for the Dalhousie Tigers women's team this weekend. The Tigers will be travelling to Fredricton for the AUAA Championships this weekend. The 2nd place AUAA team will meet Mt. A. in the semi-finals and if successful, the 1st place Moncton Blue Eagles in the Championship game March 5. A victory will send them to the CIAU's in Saskatche-

wan and an attempt at the national title.

Colleen Doyle first played at Dalhousie in 1980 and 1981. After a five year break, she returned to the team from 1987-89 as a mature and experienced athlete. Says coach Karen Fraser, "Colleen is virtually unstoppable in the front court and anticipates well in the back." She was named team Rookie of the Year in 1980 and has been an AUAA all-Star twice in the last two years. Last season she was honoured as the AUAA's most valuable player and was named to the All-Canadian Team. A perennial tournament All-Star, Colleen has also served as team captain.

She will be married this summer and will pursue a career in teaching.

Andrea Borysiuk is another five year veteran for the Tigers.

She is a power hitter from Brampton, Ontario where she will return to a teaching position after graduation.

Another team captain, leadership has always been one of her strong points. "She is perhaps the strongest player in our league on defense and always gives 100%", says coach Fraser.

Andrea won the team's leadership award in 1987 and was a Dalhousie Classic Tournament All-Star last year.

The Tigers will miss these two athletes next season but should continue on with the winning tradition at Dalhousie.

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