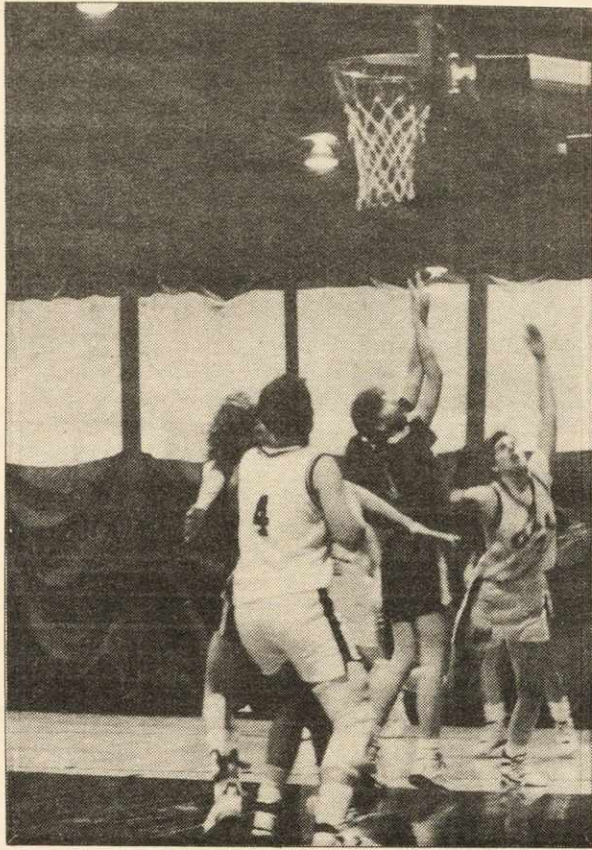


Basketball squad dominates UNB



Dal photo: Mark Wilson

by Kevin Barrett

The Dalhousie Womens Basketball team opened the regular season of the A.U.A.A. Womens Basketball Conference with a convincing 57 - 45 win over the U.N.B. Red Bloomers at the Dalplex on November 18. Dal's players of the game, Angie McLeod led the Tigers with 23 points while Jackie Hepert chipped in with 12 to lead the offensive attack.

This was the second consecutive win for Dal over the defending A.U.A.A. champs from New Brunswick this season. The Tigers had eked out a narrow two point victory over U.N.B. in the Subway tournament two weeks ago.

The result on Sunday was not as close as the Dal defense dominated down the stretch, allowing only six points in the last 10:40 of the game to secure the win in the see-saw affair.

The teams were tied 14 - 14 when Dal, backed by good rebounding at both ends of the floor, went on a 10 - 1 run to surge to a

lead they never relinquished. The New Brunswick side nipped at the lead but Dal's Mary K. Layes hit a driving layup that sent the teams to the dressing rooms with Dal leading 34 - 23.

After the resumption of play, Dal's shooting went cold while U.N.B. stepped up the intensity level on defense, forcing the Tigers into numerous turnovers. Laura Swift of the Red Bloomers took advantage of the situation by pumping in six points to bring her team to within two at 41 - 39.

That was as close as they were to get however as McLeod, returning from a slight injury to her knee which occurred early in the second half, took over. McLeod made two inside layups, pulled up

to nail an outside jumper and assisted on a three point play by Kelly Copeland to give the Tigers the lead by 11.

Meanwhile the Dal defense did its job. Playing in a 3 - 1 or 4 - 1 defensive set they constantly created turnovers by U.N.B. by swarming the ballcarrier at every opportunity. Dal got big plays from all their players to allow only three buckets in the last quarter.

With the score 53 - 43 U.N.B. started to throw up three pointers but it went for naught as Dal recorded the 57-45 victory.

The Tigers played Tuesday against St.F.X. and their next league action will be in Wolfville on November 28 against the Acadia Axettes.

The Tigers allowed only six points in the final ten minutes

Huskies football champs

by Chris Lambie

The Saint Mary's Huskies stomped on the University of Western Ontario Mustangs 31-30 on Saturday to win the 29th annual Atlantic Bowl. The blond-haired, blue-eyed golden boys from London were physically shoved off the mountain by Chris Flynn and his offensive machine in the last ten seconds of the make or break game. Saint Mary's are now revving-up their engines to jet-off for Toronto and the Vanier Cup next Saturday.

Despite a jammed shoulder rotator-cuff (that necessitated local anesthetic before kick-off), Flynn, the two-time Hec Creighton Award winner, was able to engineer a 75-yard drive in the last minute of the game to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. A 15-yard touchdown pass to Dartmouth native - Anthony Williams capped what seemed to be an almost mythologically-heroic conflict on the gridiron.

After choking hard last year against the Mustangs, it would seem as if Flynn has traded his soul in a Mephistophelean fashion for that elusive Vanier Cup win. He was able to complete 25 of 38 passes for over 240 yards in the air and gain another 70 on the ground. The dragon slayer personified, Flynn retained his cool when an early Western lead of 14-0 developed; he overcame the larger and dangerous guardians of the treasure in order to bathe in the glory of success. Saint Mary's will go on to the championships while Western return to the weight room for a long winter of retrospection.

The tension involved in the match-up was extraordinary; year-old frustrations were extremely evident. Nail-gnawing scrambles and a variety of the most excellent of catches brought the 10 000 rabid and blood-thirsty Saint Mary's fans to their feet dozens of times over the course of the game.

Saint Mary's coach Larry Uteck was ecstatic over the outcome; "we overcame all the bad breaks today, and the guys just played a super game. I can't mention enough people, everybody was great."

The refs handed Western a little taste of hell on the half-shell with a holding call late in the fourth quarter. A Western offensive

lineman made the foolishly-confident mistake of cheating just a little bit just when his team-mates were about to put the game away. He was caught and the Mustangs were denied. From that point on, Flynn's ability to win seemed like the inevitable miracle.

The Saskatchewan Huskies embarrassed the Bishop's Gaiters in a 41-13 thrashing on Saturday to set-up the final conflict. The two sets of Huskies (irony, eh?) will clash at the Toronto Skydome next Saturday. If Saint Mary's karma remains as un-ruffled and solid as it was last week, all of my money is staying on the Guru of Canadian college football - Chris Flynn.

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held back three different Tiger comeback attempts to record to victory. After falling behind early, Dal began to chip away at the Axemen lead. Thibodeau led the Tigers first charge by netting six points, including a thunderous dunk, exciting many of the 250 people in attendance.

However, Dal would not fully recover from their start, as they could only get to within two points of the Axemen. Whenever it ap-

peared that Dal was poised to take the lead, the strong inside game of Acadia led by Ted Byrne and Kevin Lee, took over. When that did not work Axemen player of the game Eric James was hitting 15

foot shots on his way to a team high 26 points. Thibodeau (28 pts) led another second half charge by the Tigers as he scored four straight buckets to bring Dal within two at 72 - 70 while Donovan (26 pts) and David Chaisson chipped in with a number of three pointers to keep the game close.

It was foul trouble in the second half that became Dals undoing as Acadia took advantage of their foul line chances to outscore the Tigers 20 - 13 in the last 5: 25 and go on to win.

Dal's first league game was Tuesday against the top ranked St.F.X. X-Men while their next action will be at home on Saturday against the tough UPEI Panthers.

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