

# Men's basketball season comes to an end

by Ken Fogarty

Last weekend the AUAA Women's Basketball Championships were held here at Dalplex, and the outcome was, to say the least, unpredictable. Everyone associated with the AUAA was sure of a Dalhousie victory, and had begun to look forward to how they would do at the Nationals in Guelph. Well, if there was ever a time for the old phrase 'don't count your chickens before they hatch', now's the time.

Friday night the Dal women faced the St. Mary's Belles in a game that was to be just another routine victory which would take Dal to the final on Saturday afternoon. . .not so.

The first half began in the expected way, Dal played their game and took the lead at the half 38-33. Anna Pendergast and Carol Rosenthal both had outstanding halves for the Tigers with 16 and 14 points respectively, which totaled for 30 of their first half 38 points. The second half was another story. Dal fell into a defensive role. "The girls knew they were supposed to run, they knew they were supposed to press," said coach Carolyn Savoy. The women, however, started to realize that they might lose after SMU started to close in on the Tiger's lead. "We weren't overconfident",

said Savoy, "I just think the girls started to think, hey, they might beat us".

SMU has played close games against the Tigers all year, and Friday night was no exception. The only difference was this time they won. "St. Mary's has been after our hide all year", said coach Savoy, "It seems all they came to do was to beat us".

The Belles took the lead with 3:56 remaining in the game and they weren't about to give it up. The crowd seemed to be a majority of St. Mary's fans, and the people who showed up just to see a basketball game were also on their feet cheering for the underdogs. Dal seemed to have no way of surmounting that type of opposition. Ever, on their home court they felt like strangers. With just 45 seconds remaining, and St. Mary's holding a slim one point lead, the Tigers had their last chance to stop the upset. The Belles brought the

ball down court with 30 seconds to waste. "We could have let them have that time and take their shot and we would have had 15 seconds to try and score", said Savoy. Dal tried to steal the ball and fouled, that was the mistake that lost the game.

In international rules, which is what the women play by, a team can deny the opportunity to take bonus foul shots, so St. Mary's decided to take the ball out of bounds. That reset the thirty second clock with less than thirty seconds remaining in the game. St. Mary's just took their time and scored another basket. That gave them a three point lead with only three seconds left to play. The game and regular season was over for the Tigers. Leading scorers for the Tigers were Carol Rosenthal with 22 and Anna Pendergast with 21. For St. Mary's the leading scorers included Dianne Chaisson with 24 and Sharon Simpson with 18. The final score. . .St. Mary's 66 Dal 63.

In the championship game, the University of New Brunswick, after beating the University of Prince Edward Island on Friday night, faced the St. Mary's University Belles. The Belles were far from being the team they were when they beat Dal the previous night. UNB had no trouble overpowering the Belles with an impressive man to man defense, and strong defensive backboards. The final score was UNB 68 St. Mary's 54. Leading scorers for the new AUAA Champions were Joanne MacLean with 26 and

Ann McClellan with 13. Leaders for the runners up were Dianne Chaisson with 19 and Sharon Simpson with 17.

The AUAA all-stars were chosen after the championship game and Dal took three of the five in the Nova Scotia-New Brunswick division. Those three were Carol Rosenthal, who was also chosen as first team all Canadian, Anna Pendergast, who was chosen for the second team all Canadian and Jill Tasker. Other all-stars in the same division were Dianne Chaisson from St. Mary's and Ann McClellan from UNB. Coach of the year honors went to Helen Castonguay from St. Mary's.

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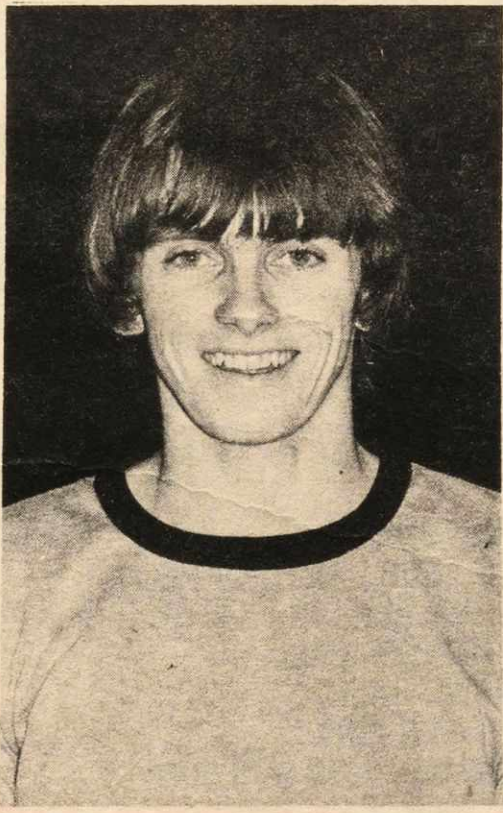
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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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**KARIN MAESSEN**—track and field—the Halifax athlete hung up the volleyball shoes after being named MVP in the AUAA, and donned her track shoes to dominate the AUAA Track and Field Championships. Maessen entered five events, winning three and taking two seconds. She won

the 50 and 200 metre dashes, the long jump and took seconds in the 400 metre run and 50 metre hurdles. The outstanding athlete also plays basketball for Midtown Magicians, one of the top senior teams in Canada, and consistently leads the team in scoring.

**KEN POOLE**—badminton—a native of Truro, this first year Commerce student led the Tigers to the AUAA Badminton Championships for the second year in a row. He won the men's singles, dominating the event with five straight wins. He also was on the winning mixed doubles team.

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