

Tucker takes trophies for skiing Tigers

by Wendy MacGregor

Linc Tucker of the Alpine Skiing Tigers helped to convince Upper Canadians of the actual

presence of both mountains and snow in Nova Scotia, as he put Dalhousie on the map in university ski racing. He achieved first

and third place finishes at the Canadian/American University Ski Championships hosted by McGill University last week.

Dalhousie sent a team of six men and two women to participate in the three day competition. After a warm-up day at Jay Peak, Vermont, the team was properly exhausted for the giant slalom races on Thursday at Brompton, Quebec. Fortunately (but unfortunately), problems with the timing equipment made it impossible to run a second race, or even a second run.

Wendy MacGregor, who had the first starting position in this race, completed her run to place twentieth out of the forty-some female racers. Penny Lewis also managed to get through the course, as she finished twenty-fourth. Because of the timing problems many racers were given re-runs, some as many as three and four. Linc Tucker only needed his one run to fly down the mountain into third place. Hugh Hart finished thirty-fifth out of the one hundred and thirty-five male racers, and Peter Hoyle was forty-first. Chuck Piercey crossed the finish in fifty-fourth place. The other Dalhousie men, Greg Auld and Mike Solway, didn't complete the course.

The team's standing at the end of the first day was, for the women, ninth out of ten teams (almost excusable, since they were racing without a full team), and the men stood sixth out of twelve.

Friday's race was a slalom. At the end of two runs, MacGregor stood in twelfth spot and Lewis, responding to crowd enthusi-

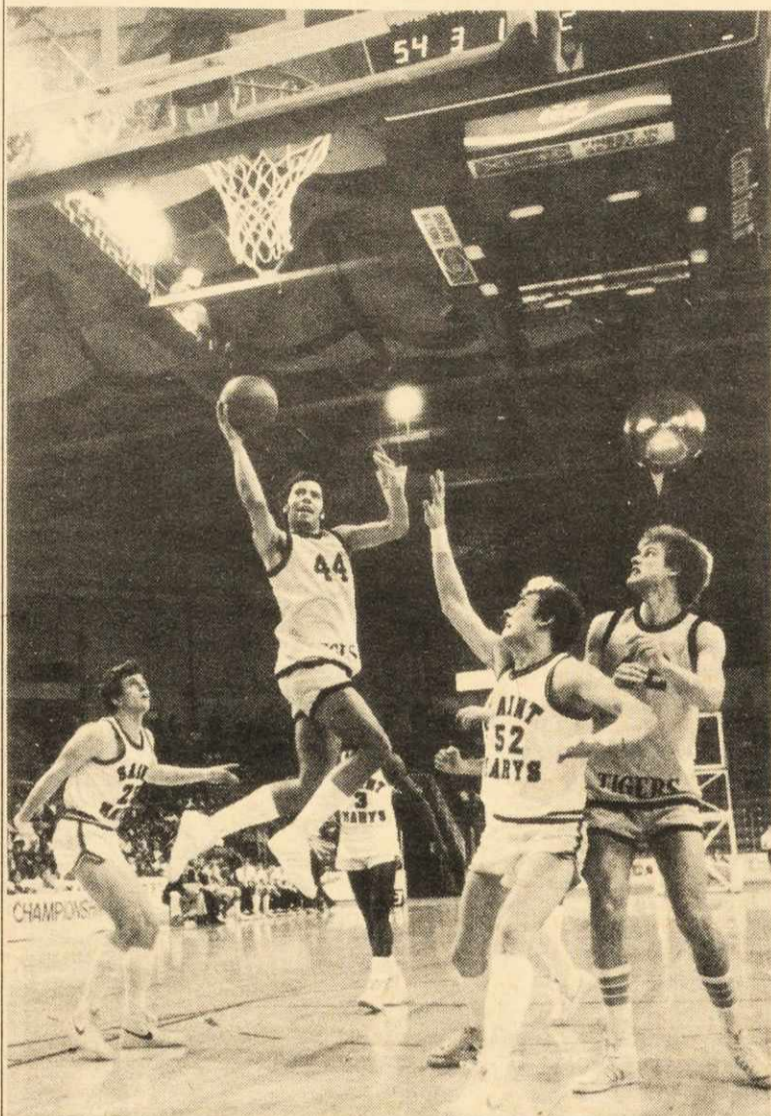
asm as she came over the final pitch, took a spill and didn't finish the race. As a result, the women's team was a bleak tenth place after day two. The men fared little better, with only Auld and Solway completing both runs. They placed thirty-second and thirty-sixth, respectively. Tucker, in fourth place after his first run, fell in his second and blew out of the course. Piercey and Hart also didn't finish, and Hoyle, who stopped to smile at the screaming fans as he came over the lip leading to the final steep, didn't complete his second run. The men's team dropped to a disappointing ninth place.

The next morning was the final day of slalom racing. The weather was miserable and wet, so the Dalhousie team felt right at home, but while only half of the men's team managed to finish both runs, Lewis and MacGregor both finished for the women's team. At present neither individual nor team standings are known, as the Dalhousie team left for Montreal before the final results came out. MacGregor was tenth or eleventh, but Lewis' finish is uncertain. Tucker put together two astounding runs and finished on top. Hart and Solway also completed this race, ending up with finishes in the mid-thirties. Hoyle had the fall of the week in his second run, bouncing and spinning side-ways through five gates while spectators cheered. Piercey and Auld both failed to complete two runs.

Overall, the winning women's team was Western University,

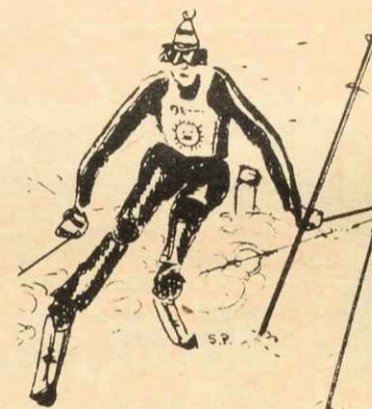
and the men's competition was won by either Queens or Plymouth State, depending on a jury decision that had not been made at the time of Dalhousie's departure from the hill. The team spent their final night in Montreal and flew home the next day, delighted to be getting back to school.

The racing season is now over for another year, but the Dalhousie team fared very well, with Tucker and MacGregor winning at the Keppoch Open and the Roland Brunner, and assorted racers bringing home medals from the Atlantic Cup, the Martock Open, and New Brunswick Cup races. Next season, with a little more training, a lot more snow, and a full women's team, they should do even better, although they will lose veterans Auld and Piercey. The next time you look out your window and see snow falling, think *more* snow, and maybe our ski season will last until February.



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Bo Phil Mellott goes for two against SMU in Dal's 119 to 90 loss in the quarter finals.



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SUSAN MASON -- swimming -- won a gold, two silvers and a bronze at the CIAU Swimming Championships in Vancouver last weekend. She won a gold in the 400 metre free style and took two silvers in the 200 and 800. In the 4 x 200 relay, Mason was a member of the bronze medal winning team. Sue's in her final year of physiotherapy.

ANDREW COLE -- swimming -- won a silver and bronze medal at the CIAU championships in Vancouver last weekend and was named to the All-Canadian team. He placed second in the 100 breast setting a new Dalhousie record while finishing second to international swimmer Graham Smith of Calgary. He took third in the 200 breast setting a new AUA and Dalhousie record. Andrew's a first year student from Dartmouth.



NATALIE VUKOVICH -- basketball -- named to the All-Tournament team at the CIAU Women's Basketball Championship, Natalie was an important factor in Dal's getting to the third place game. She was outstanding in that game with 23 points. The Sault Ste. Marie native is a second year law student.

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