

# Fans rock, while boys ruck!

BY ANDREA SMITH

"The single best game I've ever been a part of," exclaimed Dal player Paul Khamo referring to Saturday's Rugby Mens "A" semi-final loss to King's College.

A bipartisan crowd of over 100 had "front row seats" to one of the best games this sports buff has ever seen.

Dal fans' enthusiasm had a visible impact on the team as Colin Nicholson's penalty kick put the good guys on the board first. They increased their lead when a Dave Watson crash led to a try by winger Greg Kendal.

When an opposing player bounced a pass off his own goal post, Dave Watson pounced on the ball and gave the Tigers an 18-7 lead at the half.

"All those fans — holy fuck, it made us play so intense," remarked Josh Skinner, the Men's Rugby President. "Everyone was just pumped. Nothing's ever felt better."

In the second half, King's rebounded and took the lead with two tries of their own. But Dal's fans followed the boys up and down the sideline encouraging them every step of the way.

With only seconds remaining, the team was pressing, only 5



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yards from their opponent's try line. Unfortunately, a penalty was called against them and the ball was kicked out of danger. King's won the game 19-18.

"If we had that kind of fan support earlier we would have had a better season!" stated Khamo.

"The last 10 minutes were the most exhilarating. As a team we were so strong, we played so hard."

"It was a game you live to be a part of," said Skinner.

"We're all looking forward to next year."

# Dal-Western showdown in Metro Centre

BY TRACEY MAJOR

The Dal men's basketball split a two game series against the University of Western Ontario Mustangs last weekend.

The team played their first game of the season at the Metro Centre on Thursday in front of 250 spectators. The boys made a good effort, but the Mustangs' numerous trips to the free-throw line left them 70-80 losers.

As the game progressed, starters Darryl Baptiste, Ray Fountain, Stanleigh Mitchell, Brian Parker and Shawn Plancke displayed good team chemistry.

Coach McGarrigle seemed relaxed. Not even Blair Pallopson crashing headlong into Western's bench could shake him.

The second game at the Dalplex on Saturday went much better for the Tigers.

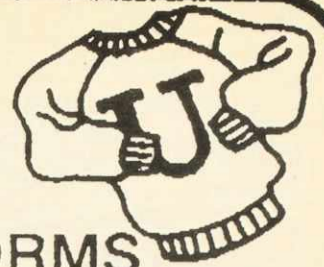
Dal led for most of the night, but in the last few minutes of the game, Western's more aggressive play put them in the lead. With only eight seconds left in the game, Tremayne Howe's 3-pointer gave the Tigers a 79-78 win.

The Tigers next home game won't be until November 17th, against UPEI, so come out and support them.



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