

Women's team dominate meet

by Ian Robertson

This weekend in Sackville, the Dalhousie women's swim team proved they are a major force to be reckoned with by winning more races and gathering more points than all their AUAA competition combined. The Dal women emerged from the pool with 11 victories in 15 races, amassing 202 points compared to second place Acadia's 57. The University of New Brunswick finished with 48 points, Memorial with 47 and host Mount Allison with 11. The Tigers' victory came despite the absence of some key team members.

The men placed second in a field of four teams. UNB won with 158 points to Dal's 116, while Acadia

and Memorial trailed with 48 and 28 respectively.

The women's awesome win was led by double winners Katy Laycock (200 and 400 I.M.), Maria MacPherson (100 and 200 breaststroke). Christy Gustavison (200 free) was the other individual winner for Dal. MacDonald, MacPherson, Laycock and Kelly Andrews combined for a win in the 400 medley/relay, while Gustavison, Andrews, Sandra Netzel and Heidi Moores took the final gold of the meet in the 400 freestyle relay.

Missing their top two swimmers, the men still managed to win 7 of 15 events. Jason Shannon was a triple winner for the Tigers, taking the 100 and 200 meter backstroke and the 200 I.M. Other winners

included Jason Cross (100 free), Jason Jardine (200 free), and Sean Andrews (100 fly). Shannon,

Andrews, Cross and Richard Peter combined to win the 400 medley relay.



Dal photo: Maria Patriquin

Said women's co-captain MacDonald, "Even though it's still relatively early in the season for us, we're trying to put together solid swims to get momentum and regain the AUAA championship title from UNB. We have another two and a half months of training before the championships, and if this meet is any indication, Dal should be able to recapture it."

Next on the swimming agenda is Christmas training camp at Wellesley College in Boston, Dec. 28-Jan. 5. The Tigers return to AUAA competition in January.

SMU chokes

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Maybe but after further investigation of the following points you might not be so sure.

Point # 1 On the first drive of the fourth frame, with SMU driving, running back Sean Mongey fumbled the ball and Saskatchewan recovered setting up what turned out to be the Vanier Cup winning score. Mongey fumbled on the 43 yard line.

Point # 2 On the next drive SMU looked to get back in the game and were driving again when Flynn tossed an interception on a botched screen play. The line of scrimmage on the play was the 43.

Point # 3 Late in the game, after SMU began what was surely the miracle drive, Skydome 4 - 3 realized it needed more assistance in defeating the force of Flynn. Skydome 4 - 3 enlisted the help of its neighbors and then the cruelest twist of fate occurred. With the ball lined up on the seemingly safe 36 yard line, Flynn dropped back and rolled to his right. He never saw the Saskatchewan lineman from behind and upon contact, Flynn fumbled. The fumble occurred on the 41 yard line, two yards from the 43.

Coincidence???

Maybe we should have been alerted in the Atlantic Bowl when SMU running back Calvin Scott fumbled on the first play from scrimmage setting up Western's first score. Scott fumbled on the 43 yard line.

Let's hope that Skydome 4-3 has no further effects on A.U.A.A. teams as they drive to championships. I send my congratulations to Chris Flynn and SMU on a great season and wish Flynn the best of luck in what should be an exceptional pro career. However watch out if he is drafted 27 th overall this year in the C.F.L. draft (4th round, 3rd selection).

In the end, Flynn, the 4th year, 3-time Hec Creighton Award winner

didn't stand a chance. While it appeared that SMU was going to win, the curse took full effect in the final frame of Saturday's contest. In the 4th quarter of the game, the Huskies from SMU turned over the ball 3 times. Skydome 4 - 3???

X bumped

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by the Panthers and Peter Gordon was fouled going to the hoop with 15 ticks remaining. Despite the loud shouts of the some 200 fans in attendance he made both throws, tying the game. Dal inbounced the ball and as they had all afternoon showed good patience with their half court game.

"All afternoon we wanted to drive the lane and get them to drop

back so that we could kick the ball out to Keith (Donovan) or Dave (Pacquette) for the outside jumpers" said Williams after the game.

This time though, Glenn stole the ball from Donovan and raced the length of the floor to make the left handed layup to clinch the win with one second left. Dal tried a long full length pass but it went for nought as UPEI won 74-71.

Dal received strong play on defense in the first half as UPEI had trouble hitting their outside shots and when they tried to work inside, Thibodeau shut them down.

His five blocks in the first half helped spark the Tigers to an early 17-8 lead. The Panthers Gordon got untracked and began to make his shots, sending the Panthers to the dressing room with a slim 38-37 halftime lead. Dal exploded at the start of the second half and looked to be in a position to win the game before UPEI rebounded and got close, setting the stage for Glenn.

The Tigers played last night against Acadia and will see their next home court action in the new year.



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