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Dal men edge St. FX

by Frank MacEachern

Pressure, what pressure? For Jeff Mayo it's a concept that doesn't exist.

With three seconds left in the game, hundreds of home fans looking on, the St. Francis Xavier X-men leading 72-71, the second-year guard sank two free throws to give the Dalhousie Tigers men's basketball team a thrilling 73-72 win Tuesday night at Dalplex. The game was the season opener for the Tigers.

Mayo said he looked upon it as just two shots.

"It was just another couple of shots. Miss 'em, the game goes on; make 'em, the game goes on."

Tigers coach Bev Greenlaw was equally blasé about the free throws. He reassured Mayo in a team huddle just prior to the shot.

"I told him he was going to make them both. He was hanging his head and I said, 'You're going to make them both anyways so just go do it. I never doubted he was going to make them

both. I was sure of it."

The play started just after St. FX's Mark Corrigan sank a jump shot to give the visitors a 72-71 lead with just nine seconds left.

The plan was to inbound the ball to Tiger guard Shawn Mantley but that fell apart as St. FX double-teamed the senior guard.

Mayo instead fed Shawn Plancke who passed it right back. Mayo raced down the court and just missed the lay-up. But Jason Hirtle fouled him, giving him the chance to win the game.

After a failed inbound ate up one second on the clock, much to the dismay of St. FX coach Steve Konchalski who felt the clock started too quick, the X-men threw it deep into the Dal zone but a Dal player was able to knock it out. Once again X had a chance to throw it in but a jump shot missed as time ran out.

The Tigers scored a number of quick baskets to take a 38-35 lead into the half.

The second half was very close as

the teams shadowed one another, exchanging leads throughout the half.

Player of the Game Shawn Manley netted 17 points to lead the Tigers. Christian Currie added 14 while Mayo was the only other Tiger to hit double figures, collecting 10 points.

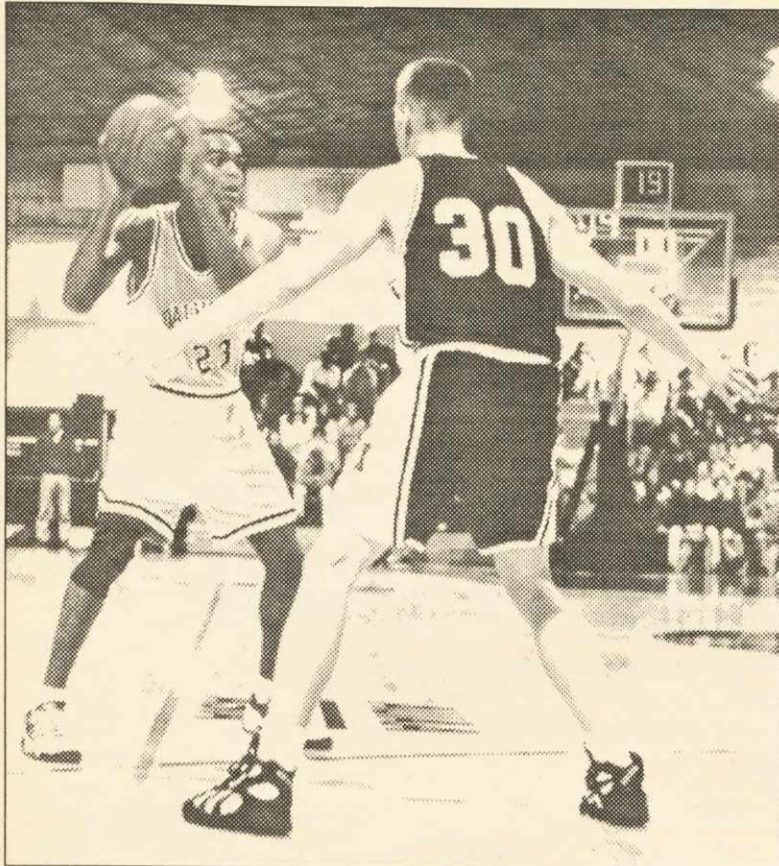
Shawn Plancke (8) Matt Finden (6), Gary Blair (7), Marcus Jamieson (7) and David Reynolds (4) rounded out the scoring for Dalhousie.

Jason Hirtle and Brian Lee each scored 15 for St. FX while Michael Clarke added 13.

The Tigers travel to Charlottetown Friday to play UPEI. Sunday they visit Saint Mary's for an 8 pm start. Their next home game is Wednesday at 8 pm when they entertain Acadia.

Mantley hopes that winning the home opener will set a trend for the Tigers.

"This is our house and we want to try to go undefeated all year. And it's the first game, a lot of people are going to be here and we want to play well in front of our fans."



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Dal's Gary Blair looks for an open man as St. FX's Sean MacLean guards him. Dalhousie defeated St. FX 73-72 Tuesday night.

Woodworth, Anctil lead Tigers

by John Yip

Sarah Woodworth and Francois Anctil led the Dalhousie Tigers swimming teams as they sliced their way through New Brunswick opponents last weekend.

On Saturday, Anctil, who was named swimmer of the meet, showed awesome power in the pool by winning the 50 metre, 100m and 800m free events against Mount Allison. Anctil said his conditioning helped him.

"It was a tough weekend since this was the third weekend in a row we have had competitions in conjunction with tough training. I was impressed with my competitiveness and stamina despite my aching body."

The Tigers' combined score of 147 was more than double Mount A's 63.

Jason Shannon and MBA student Greg Rasmussen captured double victories in the 400m free, 200 individual medley and the 200m back and 200m free respectively.

Brent Purdy wrapped up the individual winners in the men's events by taking the 200m fly.

Sarah Woodworth led the women with wins in the 200m and the 800m free.

Veterans Carla McDougall, Cheryl Woodman and Donna Phelan each chalked up a win for the Tigers. Rookie Alex Howard rounded up the women's event winners with a victory in the 200IM.

Howard joined Maura Strapps, Carla McDougall and Rebekah Lawson to win the 4X100 relay.

Sunday, it was Woodworth's turn to be selected swimmer of the meet as she led the Tigers to a 99 to 65 win over the University of New Brunswick Beavers. It was the women's third consecutive victory of the season.

She outpaced her UNB opponents by winning the 400IM and the 400m free. She said the weekend's results leave her hopeful for the future.

"The weekend swims are a stepping stone to things to come. I still have a great deal of training to go before I attain the level I would like to be at," Woodworth said.

Howard stroked her way to victory in the 100m back while Donna Phelan managed to win the 50m free.

Phelan and Howard teamed up again with McDougall and Strapps to

out-touch UNB to win the 4X100m medley relay.

The men narrowly lost to the defending AUAA champions by three points.

Anctil led the way with a 2:01.33 clocking in the 200m free.

Shannon and Rasmussen both swam to victory in the 100m back and 800m free respectively.

The absence of several key swimmers had an effect on the day's outcome. However, the male Tigers showed a lot of heart in the final events to close the gap to a mere three points. Hoarse from the weekend's efforts, coach Nigle Kemp was happy with the results.

"The overall performances of the team this weekend were particularly pleasing in the light of the rigours associated with a road trip. Although not competing under the best of circumstances, both men's and women's teams demonstrated an ability to focus and to race well. This was evident in the number of season and personal best times that were achieved."

As the first part of the season is

over, the Tigers will be involved in several projects. From November 26 to 29, they will be selling citrus at the craft sale at Dalplex.

Also, starting in December the team will be running Operation Red Nose to raise funds for the team.

Operation Red Nose is a program to chauffeur people too tired or drunk to drive home after a night of celebrating.

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Funds raised through these events enables the team to travel to Barbados for their Christmas training camp.

The camp will not be all fun in the sun, as the Tigers will be training twice daily and swimming more than 80,000 metres over the eight-day stay. During the camp steps will be taken to improve the team's conditioning as well as mending any technical problems with their strokes.

When they come back (a little darker) the team's focus will shift to winning the AUAA championship and qualifying for the CIAU championships in Victoria.

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