

Tigers take AUAA basketball title

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The Dalhousie women's basketball team defeated the University of New Brunswick 77-53 on February 23 to take the AUAA title in the Dalplex. They will represent the AUAA in the CIAU championships, also being held in the Dalplex, from today through Saturday.

Dalhousie had advanced to the AUAA final after drubbing the UPEI squad the night before 99-41 in front of about 100 silent spectators. In the other semi-final game UNB defeated Saint Francis Xavier 56-34.

There was a large and supportive crowd of between 500 and 600 people for the final between UNB and Dal on the Saturday night. There was an admission charge of \$2 (\$1 for students) to see the games. This would seem to indicate that women's basketball has certainly improved in the last few years as a spectator sport in this area. It is not so long ago that few, if any, would actually pay to watch women play basketball.

Dalhousie dominated the game from the very beginning,

racking up 11 points before UNB got on the scoreboard. The early minutes of the game were fast and furious, and both teams set a blistering early pace, but didn't keep it up. Near the end of the first quarter UNB was in difficulty and had to call its second time-out of the half. By 8:40 the score was 25-6 for Dalhousie, who were playing very well, showing good teamwork. The score at halftime was 46-22 in Dal's favour.

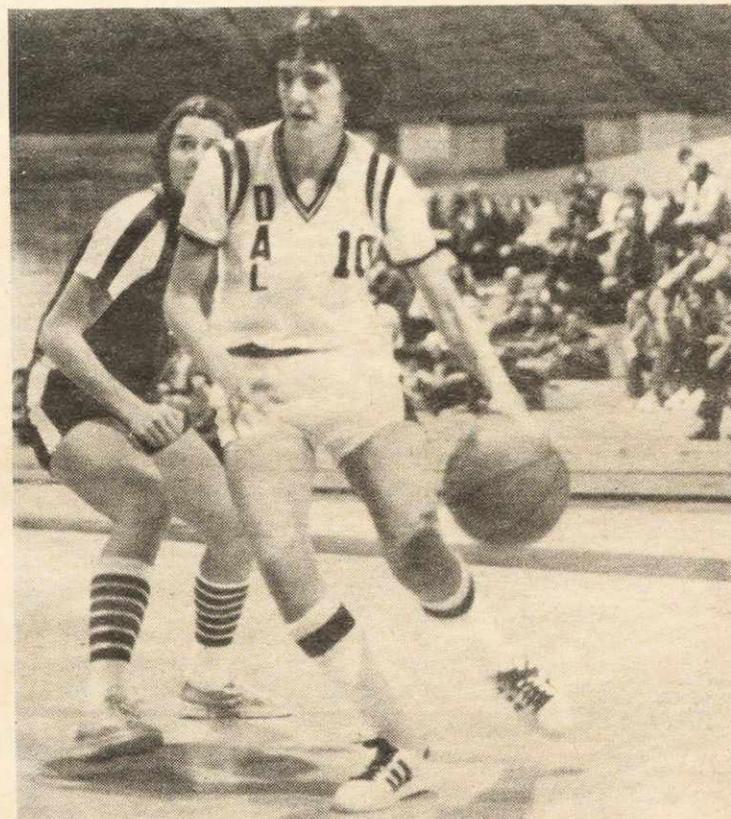
Towards the end of the third quarter there was a scoring drought with neither side being able to make a basket for about five minutes due to defensive pressure. The Tigers were clearly the superior team as far as talent and team play go, and won the title as had been predicted would be the case from the start of the year. Ann McClellan was UNB's top scorer with 19 points. For Dalhousie Carol Rosenthal had 18, Anna Pendergast 15, Anne Lindsay 14, Jill Tasker 14, Patti Langille 12, and Elaine Walker 2.

Chris Buckle, lifted up to the basket by her teammates,

was given the honour of cutting down UNB's net after the game. The naming of the AUAA all-stars followed, each being presented with a yellow rose. In the N.S.-N.B. division the all-stars were Anne Lindsay and Carol Rosenthal of Dal, Diane Chaisson of Saint Mary's, Marg Berthiaume of St.F.X., and Laura Saunders of UNB. Anne McGrath of St.F.X. was chosen coach of the year. Lindsay was a unanimous choice of the coaches. She led the division in scoring with a 15.8 points per game average.

In the N.B.-PEI division Sue Ehrlenholz of Mount Allison, Ginette Plourde of U. de Moncton, Sharon Douglas and Cathy Chandler of UPEI, and Karen Baggs of Memorial U. of Newfoundland were the all-stars. Janet Robinson of Mount A. was named that section's coach of the year.

Finally, as captain of the Tigers, Anne Lindsay was presented with the AUAA championship trophy, for which she and her team had waited so many years, sometimes, as was the case last year, in bitter frustration.



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Anne Lindsay was named a first team All-Canadian at the CIAU awards banquet last night.

Dalhousie hosts CIAU women's basketball

Dalhousie is hosting the women's CIAU basketball championships this weekend at the Dalplex, with the final game scheduled for Saturday at 3:00 in the Metro Centre. The final will be televised nationally by CTV.

The tournament will start on Thursday in the Dalplex. Game times will be as follows:

Thursday

12:00 Guelph vs. Laurentian
2:00 Bishop's vs. Calgary
4:00 Victoria vs. Alberta
7:00 Dalhousie vs. Winnipeg

Friday

1:00 Consolation play
3:00 Consolation play
7:00 Semi-final
9:00 Semi-final

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Game to decide 5th & 6th place
11:00 a.m. Game to decide 3rd & 4th place
3:00 p.m. CIAU championship game at the Metro Centre

The teams competing, in the order of their ranking by the CIAU are:

1) **Victoria Vikettes**, with 19 wins and only one loss this year in the powerful Canada West conference, are

favoured to win the championship. Their only loss came against Calgary, who upset them 71-69 in overtime in February. Victoria then defeated Calgary in the Canada West championship 70-50. They are led by Carol Turney Loos, a guard on the national team and a member of the Saint Mary's Belles in '76-'77 when they won the AUAA championship. The high-scoring Loos is one of two national basketball team members with the Vikettes; they also have three junior national team players. Luane Hebb, a second team All-Canadian last year will be another key to their game.

2) **Bishop's Gaiters** enter the CIAU's as the Quebec conference representative and have a 12-0 record. They are coached by Wayne Hussey, who is also the coach of the Canadian national junior women's team. Bishop's has three members of the national team on its roster. Second team All-Canadian Debbie Hubbard and 6'4" Gail Braithwaite are expected to lead Bishop's offence.

3) **Dalhousie Tigers** are the AUAA champion coached by Carolyn Savoy. They ran up a 16-0 record in the weak Atlantic conference and placed two of their players on the AUAA

all-star team: team captain Anne Lindsay and Carol Rosenthal. With the exception of Lindsay, who is from Connecticut, the Tigers are all from Nova Scotia or P.E.I. Dalhousie's second string players saw a lot of floor time in the AUAA because of the lack of competition, but will probably be used only sparingly, if at all, in the nationals. Despite being ranked No. 3 the Tigers will be fortunate if they place that high on the list—the teams they are up against have much more experience and depth. Dalhousie's lack of size and muscle could be an important factor. Another could be fan support. If Dal fans throw off their usual lethargy and actually cheer for their team, it could make the difference.

4) **Guelph Gryphons** won the Ontario conference, coached by Karen Lee, a New Brunswick native. Candy Clarkson, a national team member as well as the leading career scorer in the OWIAA, and All-OUAA guard Sue Lindley are backed by a strong team which has about the best bench strength in Ontario.

5) **Calgary Dinnies** were one of the wild card selections. They finished in second place in Canada West with a 14 win 6 loss record. They are coached by Donna Roman, who will be

relying on All-Canadian Donna Hanna and Dori McPhail (a member of the national team) for leadership.

6) **Winnipeg Lady Wesmen** were the GPAC winners with a 16-0 record. The play of 6'6" Debbie Steele, another member of the national team, will be crucial for them. Steele, like Loos of Victoria, played for Saint Mary's in 1977 on their AUAA championship team.

7) **Alberta Pandas** were the other wild card selection. They finished in third place in the tough Canada West conference. All-Canadian Trix Kanekans, 6'1", will likely be a player to watch on this team. The Pandas are a big team, with six players over 5'10".

8) **Laurential Vees** were admitted to the nationals because they were the second place Ontario team—Ontario sends two teams to the CIAU's. The Vees will be without the services of 6' Agnes Baker, a high scoring forward who transferred to U.B.C. They will be relying heavily on Natalie Vukovich to fill the gap. Ordinarily, Laurentian is a powerhouse, but this year they are without Norm Vickery, who has coached his teams to many national championships. Vickery is on sabbatical this year.

Dal wins Badminton Title

This year at the AUAA Badminton Championships, held at Acadia University, Feb. 22-23, the visiting Dal Tigers maintained the winning form of the Dal sports scene by capturing the men's and the mixed doubles titles.

Bruce Rawding, a second year law student at Dal and the player/coach of the team, led the way for the men's team by winning 12 of his 13 singles matches.

Andreas Sungaimin, a 3rd year biology major, and Mike Hingston, a 1st year engineering student, teamed up in outstanding doubles play to contribute their share in winning the men's crown.

In mixed doubles action, Dal was represented by 4 teams: Mary Brydon (2nd yr. biology) and Seah Keong (2nd year Commerce); Heike Mertens (2nd yr. Recreation) and Mike Hingston; Kathie Chan (3rd yr. Commerce) and Andreas Sungaimin; and Laura Prime (1st yr. Pharmacy) and Bruce Rawding. While all teams fared well, Laura Prime and Bruce Rawding went on to the finals to return the mixed doubles title to Dal.

The ladies team came close in their bid for the coveted ladies AUAA trophy, but unfortunately fell short of victory. Mary Brydon gave a strong, solid effort representing Dal in women's singles, while Heike Mertens and Laura Prime contributed equally when teaming up in ladies doubles for Dal.