

# Basketball teams slam opponents

## Men / Dal downs UNB, UPEI

BY JAMES SULLIVAN

Fans at the Dalplex came out of the bitterly cold weather this past weekend to cheer on their team. Saturday night saw Dalhousie down the University of New Brunswick (UNB) Varsity Reds 86-72, while the Tigers dumped the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI) Panthers 85-79 on Sunday.

If there was one word to describe the basketball this weekend, it would be "Parker." This 5'10" guard was on fire and led the Tigers in both games. Against the Reds, Parker had 22 points, 4 rebounds, and 7 assists, and another 23 points on Sunday.

Reggie Oblitey was another big contributor with 24 points going to the hoop against UNB, and 11 facing UPEI.

It wasn't exactly domination by Dalhousie in either of the matches. In the UNB game, Simon Orr-Ewing was doing some damage towards the end of the first half, but the crowd saw some quality offensive and defensive skills by the Tigers squad, as well. Second-year point guard Tim Maloney was hustling to defend Dalhousie's territory while Parker and Oblitey raced for the fast break.

After the game, coach Tim McGarrigle said that he had to give his team a motivational speech in the locker room at the half because the team was slipping a bit.

Looking at the second half of the season, McGarrigle said that "the game plan hasn't really changed that much since the beginning of the year."

In other basketball business, injured forward Shawn Planke addressed his status.

"Right now, I've been at the physio clinic for three hours a day during the week, plus the conditioning I've been doing on my own such as swimming," said Planke. "Aside from that, I've been

moderately training with the team, working on my shot. I'm looking forward to the last part of the season when I hope to get some court time. Until then I'll be living at the Dalplex."

The Tigers are presently ranked fourth in the CIAU and sit atop the AUAAs with a record of 6-0. The focus for the Tigers now is to maintain a steady work ethic as they head into the homestretch and begin playoff preparation.



Above: Reggie Oblitey in the Dal vs UNB game. Right: Women Tigers battle UNB.

BY SHANNON MORRISON

The University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI) Panthers threatened to keep pace with the Tigers, but Dal's second-half scoring blitz delivered the final blow.

Dalhousie's women's basketball team extended their unbeaten streak to eight games with weekend victories over the University of New Brunswick (UNB) and UPEI at the Dalplex. On Saturday, the Tigers topped UNB 74-60 and the success continued the following afternoon with a 94-61 win

over UPEI.

Dalhousie dominated the opening minutes of the UPEI game as the home team took advantage of Carolyn Wares under the basket. Accurate passes were tossed over the Panthers' defenders as Wares made her moves to the basket. The 6'1" post player racked up eight points in the first two minutes on her way to 22 first half points.

"Our team is very cohesive," said coach Carolyn Savoy. "When they saw what was working they just kept giving her (Wares) the ball."

The Panthers caught fire in the offensive end as near-perfect shooting from the field kept them in the game. UPEI pushed the ball

up the floor and used their speed to create scoring opportunities.

Savoy knew the key to success hinged on slowing the Panthers' attack and being aggressive in the rebounding department.

"They like to run and gun," noted the Tigers' coach. "We had to get back on defence and slow the game."

"We had to adjust to the things they like to do. We took away their strengths and made them play with their weaknesses."

The two teams battled it out with Dalhousie grabbing a 48-39 lead after 20 minutes of play. The small half-time margin caused the Tigers to adjust their playing style.

"In the first half we were trying new things — a new defence and a new zone. We had to work out the kinks," said Dr. Savoy. "In the second half we played man to man. That's our bread and butter."

The change put Dalhousie in control of the game as tough defence played a part in the drop in shooting percentage by the Panthers.

The Tigers also picked up the tempo of the game and took advantage of a tiring UPEI squad who couldn't match the strength of Dalhousie after the intermission. The home team concentrated on ball movement to catch the Panthers off guard and on creating high percentage shooting chances.

"We wanted to swing the ball from one side to the other and get everyone involved," commented Savoy. "We wanted to get them when their help defence was ad-



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## Swimmers set for second half

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The swim team is back in action and swimming harder than ever. After a week-long training session in Barbados, they are ready to rumble, and this past weekend's results are an indication of that motivation. The racing was fast and furious as Dal went up against the University of New Brunswick (UNB) Varsity Reds on Saturday and the Mount Allison Mounties on Sunday.

"The training camp was a great preparatory for AUAAs and CIAU's," said swimmer Troy Brown. "Although a lot of my friends thought I was going on some great vacation, I ended up doing some of the hardest training I've ever done in my life. There were a couple days when I felt like just coming home from morning practice and sleeping until it was time to go back for evening workout. Not to mention the other swimmers we met up with

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**— Troy Brown, about the Dal swimmers' training camp in Barbados**

down there. Rumour had it that three swimmers from the Harvard team were on the USA Olympic team. Swimming 10,000m in a workout with these guys beside me does not seem like my idea of the perfect vacation."

"My goals for the camp were fulfilled to the fullest," continued Brown. "We strengthened our bodies and minds and came together as a team unit in those times of uncertainty. I was greatly impressed by the effort I saw as a team on New Year's day, when we were challenged with

a monstrous set of 96x100m. The encouragement that I felt coming from my teammates was really motivational."

After returning from Barbados, the swimmers were ready to take on the conference and show them what they could do. The women's team remains undefeated as they overcame both UNB and Mt. A. Sisters Sarah and Amy Woodworth were double winners in the meet against Mt. A.

The men's team had a disappointing loss against UNB, but

they rallied behind first-year swimmer Stuart Kemp, who had outstanding lifetime best swims for the weekend, to crush Mt. A.

"I just want to keep the momentum going. I can really feel the Dal swimmers behind me another today and it really helps to keep the speed up," said Kemp. "Normally I don't think about the people who are cheering, but I could really feel their energy while I was swimming."

"Losing to UNB at this point doesn't matter," replied Steve Indig in response to their narrow loss to UNB. "It's not AUAAs so it's just another race. It's just practice. AUAAs are all that matters, it's the one that counts."

Dalhousie will be hosting an AUAAs invitational swim meet on Jan. 26-28. This will be your last chance to come out and cheer your Tigers onto victory before the AUAAs Championships. So come on out to Dalplex to cheer on your Tigers on; bring a friend, too.

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The Tigers pulled away from UPEI with offensive contributions coming from a variety of players. The depth of the Dalhousie squad became even more apparent when the starters took a rest and the bench players finished the game in fine style.

"Our bench played very strong," complimented Savoy. "We had a thirty point lead, or almost, and they built on that lead."

Wares was named player of the game after she contributed 30 points, 15 rebounds, and five assists to lead Dalhousie to victory. Jackie Flieger connected for 16 points from the perimeter while Claire Polomark added 14.

On Saturday, Kathie Sanderson led the Tigers with 18 points and 10 rebounds in the 24-point victory over UNB. Wares contributed 16 points while Susan Parke scored 10 points and grabbed 11 boards. Jackie Flieger added 11 points. Danielle Moe led the team in assists with 11 and also had seven points.

Dalhousie travels to UNB this Sunday to take on the Varsity Reds at 1 p.m.