

Baseball season still here



Overtime
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Baseball is in my blood.

I don't mean to say that I am related to Gooden or Martin, but I have been so immersed in baseball over the past few years that baseball, foul poles, and rosin bags course through my veins as easily as plasma and white blood cells.

For this reason I am always very disappointed when the World Series ends. This end, the death march, the final bugle call, signals the end of yet another fine baseball season. Football fills the void adequately but it ends too quickly, and isn't quite the same; no glory days or young phenoms never to be heard of again.

For those long winter days when baseball fans this far north can only dream about spring training, Sparky Anderson, and the fall classic it is nice to know we can stop dreaming and read about the glory days of old.

One of the funnest books to come out in recent months is *The World Series* by Richard M. Cohen & David S. Neft. This book details the complete play-by-play of every world series game from 1903 to 1985. The book is published and distributed by Collier Macmillan and cost \$24.25.

Each year, the authors give a thousand-word summary of that year's World Series. These summaries are not only concise but so well written that they make you want to go through each inning of the related fall classic to see what this or that player mentioned in the summary exactly did each time his cleats hit the field.

Because I am nearly addicted to leafing through this book, I will give you an example of some of the useless but fun information you can get from this book.

In 1953 the Brooklyn Dodgers played the New York Yankees.

New York won the series four games to two. Mickey Mantle only had five hits while he had 24 at-bats. Pretty surprising for someone known for his prowess in the box.

This is not the type of book most people would sit down for hours and hours with and read. It is more the type of book that people pull off their shelves when they have some spare time and long for the warmth of grass and baseball.

There is also a description of each play in the World Series. These descriptions are, of course, not too detailed but are fun to read through.

Here is an example from the second inning of the 1953 World Series:

New York

1 Mantle grounded to third.

2 Martin tapped out. Campanella to Hodges.

3 McDougald grounded to third.

Brooklyn

Campanella singled to center. Hodges singled to center, Campanella stopping at third.

Furillo was safe at first on a DP grounder to Rizzuto, who threw wild to second, allowing Campanella to score and Hodges to get to third.

1,2 Cox lined to Wooding who threw to Berra to double up Hodges trying to score after the catch.

3 Gilliam grounded to second.

With descriptions like these, who had to pay two bits to go to the ball game?

Come to think of it, I would have loved to see these games but this book is the closest I will ever get to the 1953 World Series, and will be well used through the cold bleak winter days.

ace; and Brian Johnstone with 33 kills, three blocks and nine aces.

Next weekend the Tigers travel to Winnipeg to play matches against the defending CIAU Champion Manitoba Bisons and last year's CIAU finalists, the Winnipeg Wesmen. Both these teams, having lost only one starter each, are going to be very strong and are expected to be ranked 1-2 when the first CIAU rankings come out this week. "We have a better team than last year to handle these teams (Wesmen and Bisons)" said Coach Scott, "but we have a long ways to go on backcourt play."

With a better team at the net this year and a lot of work on their backcourt this week, Dalhousie hopes to put in a good performance this week and maybe come away with an upset of one of the two best teams in the country.



Dal's twin towers Kathy McCormack (13) and Trish McCormack (8) helped the Tigers reach the championship game first by defeating Ottawa. Photo by Russ Adams/Dal Photo.

Dal loses in OT

by Dean Goodman

After dominating their opponents in the preliminary games, the Tigers women's basketball team faced the highly-ranked University of Winnipeg Lady Wesmen in the final game of the Centennial Basketball Tournament. Despite an injury to Peggy Johnson and some questionable fouls, the Tigers managed to put the game into overtime. Unfortunately, Dalhousie couldn't sink the last basket and Winnipeg came out on top 63-61.

In the first-round game against the University of Ottawa, the Tigers overcame a sluggish first half to defeat the Gee Gees 77-84. Despite Ottawa's lacklustre play and spotty defense, Dalhousie was barely able to keep up and Ottawa led 32-30 at halftime. The Tigers came out quickly in the second half, gaining a twenty-point lead in the first ten minutes. Ottawa never recovered and the Tigers took the easy victory. Trish McCormack led the Tigers with 20 points. Ottawa was paced by Corina Williams with 13 points.

On Saturday the Tigers dominated the Lakehead Nor'Westers in the first half and held on through the second for a 61-50 win. A number of Lakehead turnovers in the opening minutes

allowed Dalhousie to jump into an 11-0 lead. With Lakehead's 6-foot-3 centre Leslie Edwards picking up two early fouls, the Tigers' inside game took over. Trish McCormack scored twelve points in the first half to lead Dalhousie to a 37-20 halftime lead.

In the second half the Lakehead full-court press confused the Tigers, who scored only 2 points in the first five minutes. Fortunately Dalhousie's defense was also strong and kept the Tigers in the lead. With 7:19 left in the game, the Nor'Westers' centre fouled out and Lakehead's press lost much of its effectiveness, allowing the Tigers to win the game 61-50.

Lisa Briggs led the Tigers with 16 points and was named Player of the Game. Trish McCormack also had a strong game, finishing with 14 points. Julia Scott led Lakehead with 15.

Sunday's championship game started out with good defensive play by both teams. On the strength of Trish McCormack's play under the basket, 8 rebounds and 3 blocked shots in the first half, the Tigers moved into a small lead. Winnipeg kept it close with rebounding from Margaret Mulder and some good perimeter shooting. After Trish McCormack picked up her third foul

and was forced to leave the game, Lisa Briggs took control. With two drives, a steal and two consecutive three-point shots, she sparked the Tigers, who took a 27-22 lead into halftime.

The strong defensive play continued early in the second half with neither team being able to score effectively. The Lady Wesmen came alive with about 16 minutes left in the game as Dalhousie, in foul trouble, was forced to play a number of second stringers. Winnipeg took the lead with 14 minutes left to play on the strength of Beth Cochran. The national team member and tournament MVP grabbed 11 rebounds and scored 13 points in the second half to lead the Wesmen. With some good fastbreak basketball, Winnipeg moved into a seven-point lead with less than four minutes to play. With the McCormack sisters both fouled out of the game, it seemed that Winnipeg would win easily, but Lisa Briggs led the team's pressure defense, which confused the Lady Wesmen and got Dalhousie back into the game. Baskets by reserve forward Marion Brown sparked the Tigers and two three-point shots by Briggs and Sherry Thurrott brought Dalhousie to within two with less than 30 seconds to play. An offensive foul on Winnipeg's Letta Buizer gave Dalhousie a last chance. With only two seconds remaining, Lisa Briggs sank two foul shots to put the game into overtime.

The overtime period began evenly with and inside basket by Winnipeg countered by two foul shots from Briggs. A number of players fouled out for the Lady Wesmen but, with some lapses by the Tigers' defense, Winnipeg took a 5-point lead. Once again Winnipeg had trouble with the Tigers' press and a number of turnovers brought the Tigers within two. With time running out, Dalhousie got two last shots but could not convert, allowing Winnipeg to win the game 63-61.

Coach Carolyn Savoy was proud of her team, who played a great game despite an ankle injury to Peggy Johnson and some foul trouble. "The refereeing was not at its best," explained Savoy.

"Whenever there were two people in full view of the referee and any contact was made, there was a foul." The poor officiating might have spelled the difference in the game as a number of questionable call led to the McCormacks' fouling out the game. Missing a strong inside player, the team had to shoot from the perimeter.

Savoy was pleased with the performance of her reserves, saying, "The second string really came through." She felt the turning point in the game was the two baskets late in the game by Marion Brown, who led the comeback. "I felt great that they were able to do that," said the coach.

Two Tigers, Lisa Briggs and Trish McCormack, were named to the All-Star Team. Also named all-stars were Winnipeg's Tanya McKenzie, Ottawa's Louise Dube and UPEI's Tracey MacEachern. Winnipeg's Beth Cochran was named tournament MVP.

The Tigers open their regular season November 22nd when they play at Mt. Allison. On Sunday, the team plays at UPEI.

Record Untarnished

By DEAN GOODMAN

The Tigers took their untarnished record into the first of two AUSA tournaments over the weekend and came away with three wins to improve it to 7-0. In an exciting contest on Friday, November 14, Dalhousie edged UNB, 15-13, 11-15, 15-8, 13-15, 15-13.

"We were better offensively but New Brunswick was better defensively," said coach Al Scott. "I would like to see our backcourt play improve."

New Brunswick proved to be Dalhousie's toughest match of the weekend as they went on to beat Moncton 15-13, 15-12, 7-15, 15-11, and Memorial 15-4, 15-7, 15-9.

Top players for Dalhousie were Brian Rourke, with 27 kills, 11 blocks and one ace; Andrew Kohl with 42 kills, 6 blocks and one