

Men's B-ball team crashing?

by Brent Knightley

What has happened to our Dalhousie men's basketball team? The once nationally ranked ball team has fallen to pieces.

Last Thursday night the Acadia Axemen downed the Tigers 81-61 at Dalplex.

With point guard Jeff Mayo out of the line-up indefinitely with back pain, the Tigers looked aimless. Without anyone to fill the leadership role that Mayo left vacant, the Tigers were in search of some direction.

It could have been the dreaded Acadia curse that the hockey team has experienced for the last three seasons. Or it could have been that Acadia probably played one of their best games of the year.

The Axemen jumped out to a 14-4 lead and led 43-24 at the half. Acadia never let Dalhousie into the game. It was a very sloppy game with the Tigers' big men giving up a lot of offensive re-

bounds, and Acadia's defence was too tight for Dal's lacklustre offense. Dal just couldn't get anything going.

Clive Henry played much of the game for Dal and he played quite well. Since returning from a broken leg, Henry has begun to step up his game, and is moving towards a leadership role on the team, though he has not quite gotten there yet. Head coach Tim McGarrigle thought Henry's play was one of the few positives of the night.

Henry had 15 points, while Shawn Plancke and Reggie Oblitey each had 11. Acadia had 10 players contribute in the scoring. Adam Miller led the way with a game high 16 points, Keith Johnson and Tom Henry had 13 and Colin Ring added 11.

Mayo — who slipped on some ice to aggravate his already injured back — was not dressed for the game on Thursday. Even if Dal's most valuable player in January had played, they could not have beaten this Acadia squad.

Dal have lost 3 of their last 5 games

to bring their record to 11-4, 6 points ahead of second place Acadia.

Last Tuesday the Tigers met with cross town rivals the Saint Mary's Huskies in what appeared to be another slow start by the Tigers. Holding a 35-29 lead during half time the Tigers were unable to pull away with the Huskies cutting pass the Tigers' defense to tie their host.

The board read 56-56 with less than five minutes in the game when the Tigers regrouped to chip in a commanding 19 points to deflate the Huskies' chances of a playoff spot. The final score was 75-59 for Dalhousie with Reggie Oblitey leading the Tigers with 21 points.

Dal has two remaining home games, Tuesday, February 21, against the St. Francis Xavier X-Men. And on Saturday, February 25, the Tigers will host the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds. Both games will be at 8 p.m.



Dal's Reggie Oblitey (in black uniform) fights for the ball as teammate Kevin Bellamy looks on.

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Dal's Eric Villeneuve reaches for the block in volleyball action.

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Tigers undefeated

by Carmen Tam

The Dalhousie men's volleyball team picked up a pair of wins over their AUAA rivals last weekend in Fredericton at the University of New Brunswick Tournament to hold their AUAA standings to 6-0.

The Tigers swept host UNB 3-0 with game scores of 15-8, 15-4 and 15-8. Power hitter Chris Schwarz had 11 kills Saturday afternoon while rookie Terry Martin collected 7 blocks as well as player of the game honors.

The Tigers next meet with Memorial University that evening. The Seahawks, who performed well at Dal's Classic earlier this year fell to Dal with almost the identical scores of 15-7, 15-4 and 15-8.

Fourth year veteran Eric Villeneuve hammered in 12 kills and Martin played well setting up 7 kills and 9 stuff blocks.

Captain Scott Bagnell was named player of the game.

Watch the Tigers this upcoming weekend at Dalplex when Dalhousie host UNB to concluding their regular AUAA season. The Tigers face the Varsity Reds 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Dalhousie have yet to drop a set to UNB this season (the Tigers have been undefeated in AUAA competition since 1988) and used effective blocking to defeat the Reds last weekend.

Middle blocker Anton Potvin notes: "We all have to remain focused this weekend to push and challenge ourselves to be prepared for the AUAA Championships."

For those of you staying in Halifax for Spring Break, come and support your Dalhousie Tigers when they host the AUAA Championships from February 24 to 26.

TIGER PROFILE

by Katharine Dunn

It was the hardest practice of the Dalhousie Christmas training camp in Barbados, 1993. That morning, we did 10,000 metres — three hours of gruelling laps back and forth under the hot sun.

Betty Hawary, a rookie Tiger, was not in great shape. This year was the first time since grade 9 that she had swum competitively. But that did not stop her from working the set as hard as she could, finishing the practice, and being the only one in her lane to do so. This is what I will never forget about Betty Hawary.

Betty's drive and positive attitude stem from her supportive family. Growing up in a household with two PhD-educated engineering parents and two older brothers both with engineering degrees, a hard work ethic is in her blood. Does she feel pressure to be a success?

"I used to feel pressure in grade 10, but my parents realized that I wasn't interested in physics. They just want me to be happy," she says. Betty is in second year arts, and as of yet, has not found a major.

When she was younger, Betty would watch her older brothers compete in swimming. As they became successful, she was motivated to do the same.



"Bob trained really hard, and the year he made Canada Games (1989), I got really excited to get back in the water."

The decisive factor in her return to the pool at the university level came through seeing the enthusiasm of the varsity swimmers at local competitions.

"I would time at dual meets when Ron swam, and everyone was having a lot of fun... there was so much team spirit."

Although the spirit is still there, this year has not been without its problems. In order for the team to have the incentive to win, everyone has to get along. Swimming may be an individual sport, but

without the encouragement and support of teammates, you are clearly alone.

Betty feels that major improvements have been made and the team finally has an entirely positive outlook going into the AUAA Championships this weekend. They have made a conscious effort to do things together as a team on weekends, dramatically improving the atmosphere at the pool.

This year has also been a tough one where competing is concerned. The University of New Brunswick Reds have beaten both the men's and women's teams on separate occasions.

When asked about the meet this weekend, Betty doesn't hesitate: "Double titles, no doubt in my mind," she says with absolute certainty. With an attitude like hers, anything is possible.

Hawary, though not the star of the Dal team, consistently makes every workout and never loses sight of what is really important to her: improvement. She maintains that continual improvement is her main motivation and why she'll be swimming for many years to come. Last year, she improved her times dramatically at the AUAA Championships. We will be watching out for her in the future!

B-ball grudge matches

by Geoff Stewart

Last Tuesday women's basketball was setting the floor of Dalplex alight with two great games.

A grudge match between two rival faculties, Law and the Medicine Pace-makers, and a battle of the residences, Howe Hall versus Shirreff Hall.

In the interfaculty match-up, the doctors proved their worth, defeating the lawyers 20-7. The residence action was a little more one-sided as

Sherry Hall took Howe to the mat in a 47-7 trouncing.

Moving on to the evening of Wednesday, February 8, women's intramural volleyball saw four games on the go.

Play at 7:30 saw Smith/Bronson take on Dentistry. The underdog res team had the upset of the night, defeating the Dentists two games to one. The action in the other early game was all intimidation as Pharmacy collected the 'W' over SAHPER, who were a

little short-handed for the match.

In one of the two late games, the athletes of Shirreff Hall again showed their dominance as they shut out the Henderson Wild Raiders two games to nil. Finally, in the other late game, Physiotherapy overpowered the Law team two games to one.

More scores and highlights to follow in the upcoming weeks as Dalhousie Intramurals enter the playoffs. Good luck to everyone competing.