

SPORTS

Tigers tough in weekend tournament

BY KEN HWANG

Last year, the Dalhousie women's basketball team finished in first place in AUAA league and hosted the playoffs, but lost a close final game to the UNB Red Bloomers. Dal fans are expecting a repeat performance this year, but the Tigers will have to do it with many new faces.

In the twelve-player roster, five are rookies. Abigail Tramble is out for the season with torn knee ligaments, and Angie McLeod is recovering from a broken leg. Fortunately, Carolyn Savoy is returning to Dal with thirteen years' experience as a Tiger coach.

Savoy spent the '90-'91 season at the University of Tennessee working on her Ph.D. in Sports Psychology and acting as a sports consultant for the Lady Vols Basketball Team (1991 NCAA Div. 1 champions). She expects UNB to be the toughest opponent this year, since they are the defending champions and have not lost any players this season. Acadia, UPEI, and St. F-X will also be tough, and Savoy notes that the St. F-X roster features the most talent they've had in many years. Leadership on the Dal team come from co-captains Jackie Hebert and Libby Curry. "Team chemistry is good. The play-

ers work hard. In order to be competitive in the AUAA this year, we'll have to play superior defense, rebound, make our foul shots, and play smart in addition to playing hard," said Savoy.

UNB and Dalhousie were both hosts of tournaments last weekend. On Friday at Dalhousie, Acadia played against Memorial, and Dal lost a squeaker to St. F-X, 74-73. Theresa MacGuish of St. F-X was player of the game, leading her team with 22 points. Donna Barton led the X-ettes with 14 rebounds, and Ingrid Paulsen also had a strong game with 11 points and 6 rebounds.

Jackie Hebert led the Tigers with 20 points, and Libby Curry led the team with 9 rebounds. Jennifer Clark, one of the players returning from last year, had 17 points, shooting 11 for 13 from the line.

Both coaches commented after the game that the Tigers played well. St. F-X coach Doc Ryan didn't feel that his team played to their potential, though. Carolyn Savoy pointed to costly turnovers late in the game, and missed bonus free throws, as contributing to the Tiger loss.

In the other Friday night game at Dalplex, Acadia beat Memorial 60-48. Patty Hayden led the Axettes with 5 assists and 16 points.

Kali Ziba Tanguay pulled down 16 rebounds for Acadia, and Brigitte Edwards had 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Bonnie Armstrong led the Sea-Hawks with 11 points, and Judy Byrne had 10 points and led the team with 9 rebounds. Tami Pennell, a starting forward for Memorial, was optimistic despite the loss. "[This game] was a disappointment, but the team's been

practising hard. We're warning all the other AUAA teams that we'll be tough this season," said Tami.

Acadia head coach Laura Sanders said she was pleased with her team's performance thus far (they won the Subway Centennial Tournament earlier this month): "We've been working hard on defense, and offensively we maintained our composure."

On Saturday, the Tigers were

losing 30-27 at the half to Memorial, but came back to defeat the Sea-Hawks 59-55. Jackie Hebert shot 8 for 12 from the line and scored a total of 25 points. Player of the game, Sue Murphy, made all of her 8 free-throw attempts, and scored 14 points. After the game, Sue gave credit to tough defense in spite of Memorial's rough and "pushy" play under the basket, and Libby Curry, who had 12 rebounds in the game, supported the team's defensive philosophy.

Memorial head coach John Elkins gave full credit to the Tigers "for keeping their head," and he had compliments for the referees: "they were good to let the girls play... and they spoke to them when a call was made against them." The final game of the tournament was played between St. F-X and Acadia. The X-ettes led 30-27 at the half, but Acadia came back to win 69-66. Both Brigitte Edwards and player of the game Linda MacKinnon scored 21 points each for the Axettes. Acadia coach Sanders was concerned about the turnovers (43 to St. F-X's 18), but after a talk at halftime the team played a patient game to come back for the win.

This Sunday Dal will host UPEI, and then go on to face St. F-X at Antigonish on Wednesday.



Sarah MacDonald aims high

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Mounties aim for national football glory

BY STEVE MILLS

In the thirty years since its inception, the Atlantic bowl has become a highly-touted Maritime tradition. It began in 1959 with St. Francis Xavier swamping the Ontario Agricultural College Redmen 26-14. Since that victory, at what has become Canada's most successful bowl game, the X-men have made an appearance eight times. The Mount Allison Mounties, this year's maritime host, have only appeared twice.

The Mounties made it to this year's bowl by squeaking past the St. Mary's Huskies two weekends ago, by a very close margin of 25-24. That game saw the Huskies in the lead only once, as Dana Segin kicked a 29-yard field goal to open the scoring. Mount Allison scored next on a 68-yard run by quarterback Sean Hickey resulting in a 7-3 lead for the Mounties. That lead was never conceded.

By beating St. Mary's, Mount Allison denied the Huskies their fifth consecutive Atlantic Bowl appearance. Two times of the last four years, St. Mary's went on to play in the Vanier Cup, and has made it to the national final a total

of four times. The Acadia Axemen, as well, have won the Atlantic Bowl four times to proceed to the national final.

In comparison, the Mounties have attended the Vanier Cup only once, in 1984 after beating Queens 29-17, and lost the final 22-13 to Guelph. These AUAA underdogs have something to prove, and are intent on proving it this year.

In Saturday's Atlantic Bowl championship, the Mounties faced defending national champs, the Saskatchewan Huskies. Mount Allison played an exceptional game in front of about 7000 people at Huskies Stadium (St. Mary's), pounding Saskatchewan to a final score of 31-14.

Mount Allison opened the scoring on a 72-yard drive with a reception by slotback Mark Huys. Near the end of the first quarter, Sean Hickey drilled a 37-yard touchdown pass to receiver Sonny Lacroix. Then, two and a half minutes into the second, Hickey hit receiver Guy Messervier who ran for a 30-yard gain, but fumbled as he approached the opposing end zone. Fortunately, Lacroix scooped the ball and landed the Mounties

third touchdown, making the score 20-0.

Late in the second, Saskatchewan put 7 points on the board, but were now facing a determined defence. The Huskies were held to a single touchdown in the third, and were scoreless in the fourth. Meanwhile, Mount Allison increased their lead with a total of eleven

points in the second half.

The Mounties were totally dominant throughout the game, gaining 290 yards in the opening half to the Huskies' 93, and finished with 477 total yards, almost doubling Saskatchewan's 284. In rushing alone, the Mounties had an impressive 265 to the Huskies measly 63.

Mount Allison is now eyeing the final rung in the CIAU ladder as they will head to the Skydome November 30 to face the Laurier Golden Hawks in this year's Vanier Cup. If the team displays the same potent offence and impenetrable defence as seen on Saturday, they could bring home the trophy that has eluded them for so long.

TIGER BEAT

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov. 24 PEI @ DAL 1 p.m. Nov. 16 DAL @ UNB

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov. 24 PEI @ DAL 3:00 p.m. Nov. 27 DAL @ SFX 8 p.m.

HOCKEY

Nov. 23 UDM @ DAL 7:30 p.m. Nov. 24 SMU @ DAL 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Nov. 23 DAL @ MTA 7 p.m. Nov. 24 DAL @ UNB 2 p.m.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Nov. 22, 23 AUAA League Tournament @ DAL

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Nov. 23, 24 DAL @ UDM (Omnium Invitational)