

# SMU coach stymied



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## Doubleheader barnburner at Dalplex

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Are you taking us seriously yet?...I'm sure there are many a Dalhousie fan who would love to ask the Atlantic Conference basketball teams that question, especially Acadia and SMU. The Tigers have shown everyone that they

are a team to be reckoned with, if not now then definitely in the future. Tuesday night's performance by the Dalhousie men's basketball team was riveting display of talent and want-to-win that perhaps needed a close game, such as the one Dalhousie and Acadia had last week, to show the team

that they do have the potential to beat the so-called best in the league. The under-the-leg, around-the-back, over-the-shoulder shots by Steve Lambert, the twenty-five foot shots by Jack Hutchinson, and the worried looks on SMU's coach, Gary Heald's face, brought the crowd to its feet in choruses of

applause, and helped the Tigers realize that they could win.

However, all the cheering and hard work wasn't quite enough, for the Tigers lost the game by the slimmest of margins; SMU-72, DAL-71. In such a close game there is almost always a pivotal point, a time when the game's final score could have been reversed, and this game was no exception. Those who saw the game would probably say it was the foul called on Dal late in the game which looked for sure that it should have been a foul against SMU. Only the referee knows for sure, but it was a controversial call to say the least. However, SMU had a foul called on them that looked to be a foul on Dal, so they were even. The point in the game that I saw as pivotal was the end of the first half. With no time remaining on the clock, the referee ruled that Dal was to have the ball out of bounds and throw it into play with a half a second to play. Lambert threw a beautiful, high pass to Tim Crowell under the basket but Tim couldn't quite guide the ball into the hoop, and Dal left the floor at half time trailing by that same one point, 39-38.

It was certainly a game worth paying to see, and hope-

fully the Tigers can give us a few more before the season is over. Pacing the Tiger's offense was Steve Lambert with 20 and Tim Crowell with 17. The leaders for the Huskies were Rick Plato with 19 and Fred Murrell with 16.

The Dal Women Tigers faced the SMU Huskies as well, and that game turned out to be a barn-burner also. "I didn't want it to be that close" said Dalhousie coach Carolyn Savoy, but the Women still won 60-56. "We changed our defence in the second half which caused some key turnovers" said coach Savoy about the impressive full-court press that Dal used to give them as much as a ten point lead. After the Tigers took the ten point lead they went back to their man-to-man defence and the Huskies started to close the gap. Yet their efforts were not quite enough as Dal kept the lead and won. Coach Savoy still looks upon the game as a good one for the team because "it's games like these that show where we're weak." Leading scorers for the Tigers were Carol Rosenthal, *The Starting Lineup's* player of the month, and Anna Pendergast with 20 each, and Jill Tasker with 10. SMU's leading scorer was Dianne Chaisson with 20.



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Chuck Hudson (31) and Tim Crowell make more than sure that Dal controls this rebound.

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