

Overtime

Trioc team triumphs in Csongrad

By MARK ALBERSTAT

JANUARY SIXTH WILL undoubtedly go down in the annals of Canadian sports history as one of the landmark days for Canadian athletes.

This was the day that the Canadian national trioc team won the World Championships in Csongrad, Hungary, the host city for this year's championship. As usual, most of the popular press did not report the happening because of their belief that the sport is just not big enough here. This is flatly wrong.

Mark King turned out to be the ace in the hole for the Canadian team during the season as he racked up over 300 points, a little less than half of the team's overall total.

King keeps in shape during the off season by swimming and tennis, which is undoubtedly beneficial to this type of sport.

Team captain Rob Minns says, "Mark is one of our best players because of his size (6'2", 195 lbs.), which is just perfect for a trioc player. He is also very agile, which just comes naturally to Mark. His personal accomplishments should not overshadow the team's efforts."

"I just seem to be in the right place at the right time," says King, adding, "the other players are a big help, of course, and I couldn't do a thing without them."

Through the season the team had a record of 12 wins, 4 losses, 1

tie, and 3 fatalities, which is the best record in the team's six year history. This is also the second best record of any trioc team this season, the only team with a better record being Brazil with 13 wins, 2 losses, 2 ties, and 5 fatalities.

One of the team's most interesting games played this season was one against the team from Scotland. With the score tied a 86-86 with less than three seconds remaining, team captain Rob Minns did a triple back chop with a right click and a left hook to put his puck in the net, letting teammate Roberts put his in almost undefended. Word has it that the other teams on the circuit have now got copies of the game film and are hoping to use the same type of play next year.

The championship game unfortunately was not as exciting, with Canada leading all the way from the opening moose call. The final score of the game was 92-77 for Canada. King put in 40 of Canada's 92 points.

The team is said to have returned to Canada without the fanfare and adulation that other athletes, the World Junior Hockey Championship gold-medal team, for example, have received. The few loyal fans who did go to the airport were in for a treat as the team freely mingled with their awaiting fans.

The Dalhousie *Gazette* sports staff would like to congratulate the team and wish them all the best in the coming season. We hope they can duplicate this season's feat next year.

UNB tops Tigers

By LISA TIMPF

"THEY BEAT US FROM THE floor," was coach Carolyn Savoy's analysis of the Tigers' 74-49 loss to perennial power University of New Brunswick on Friday.

Although Dal out-rebounded the UNB squad 26-18, and had less turnovers (22 compared to 32) the UNB team posted a 50%-plus percentage in shooting from the floor, sinking 35 of 62 shots, compared to Dal's 20 of 52.

The game was tied at 26-all at halt time, but early in the second half a defensive breakdown on Dal's part opened the door for UNB to take control.

Once the Tigers found themselves behind by ten points, they began to play a catch-up offense, and poor shot selection was the result.

"I think we were getting mentally fatigued, then

physically fatigued," noted Savoy. "The communication broke down because players were becoming introspective about the way things were going rather than helping each other out."

Dal was led on the scoreboard by Lisa Briggs with 13 points. Peggy MacLean scored 12, while Sheri Thuroutt added 11.

The Tigers will be on the road this weekend as they travel to New Brunswick and PEI for games against Mount Allison and UPEI on Friday and Saturday respectively.

And, they'll get another chance at UNB on February 9th at the Dalplex.

Savoy, who feels that the Tigers could have beaten UNB on Saturday, is looking forward to the rematch.

"We played with them for 20 minutes," said Savoy. "Next time we have to play with them for 40."



The UPEI Panthers took it to the Tigers in a 6-3 AUAA verdict on Saturday at the Dal arena. Michael Scher, Dal Photo.

Hockey Tigers drop two

By MARK ALBERSTAT

SATURDAY EVENING THE UPEI Panthers took to the ice at the Dalhousie arena to face the third-place Dal Tigers.

The Tigers had lost to Moncton the previous night by a score of 11-2. The Panthers, on the other hand, came into the game ranked number one in the CIAU, and were there to show why.

The final outcome of the game saw the Panthers defeating the Tigers 6-3. Although the score seems lopsided, the actual play was not.

In a post-game interview, Tiger coach Kent Ruhnke said, "They (UPEI) must have a certain amount of respect for us, because they played with such intensity."

The first period started off poorly for the Panthers as they got a penalty just 40 seconds into the game.

Dalhousie scored first at the 2:13 mark off the stick of Peter Woodford, assisted by Lyle Kjernisted.

The action was continuous for the next four minutes until UPEI scored. Greg Gravel, a five-foot, six-inch forward, put it in for the Panthers. Gravel was one of the AUAA players who was on the Canadian Olympic team when the Moscow Dynamos were on their recent tour of Canada.

UPEI scored again in this period, when with 30 seconds left Gordie Roche got a pass from Randy Muttart and put it in for the Panthers, who went to the locker room ahead by one.

Saturday's match not only featured good hockey, but it was also the night of the Great Potato Shoot Out. This world-class

event was held between the first and second periods, and was won by Ian Steedman.

In the second period, the Tigers scored the tying goal at the 2:35 mark, with forward Terry Crowe getting credit for the goal.

Two minutes later, the Tigers' Neal Megannety took a shot a few feet past the blue line, which put Dal ahead and some of the fans on their feet. Megannety was assisted by Peter Woodford and John Cossar. This was Dal's third, and, unfortunately, last goal of the game.

Panthers' Ronald Carragher was the next to score for the visitors around the eight minute mark.

At 15:02 in this period, a brawl broke out on the ice, and three players from each team were penalized as a result. UPEI's Albert Roche was thrown out of the game, and teammates Ronald Carragher and Darwin McCutcheon got twelve and two minutes

respectively. Dal's Kevin Quartermain got five minutes, while Brad Crossley received four and Lyle Kjernisted two.

Twelve seconds after play resumed, Panthers' Greg Gravel scored for his second time and UPEI's fourth.

With about a minute and a half left to play in this period, Greg Gravel showed the 900 or so fans why he played on the Olympic team as he scored with an assist from Steffen.

The third period was much less eventful as UPEI's Darwin McCutcheon scored at the 8:45 mark to end the night's tallies.

The Player of the Game award went to Dalhousie forward Neal Megannety. Mention should also be made of Tigers' netminder Darren Cossar who had some brilliant saves throughout the game and stood up well to the potent Panthers offense.

The loss dropped the Tigers to fourth place in the AUAA.

Swim team swamps opposition

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS men's and women's swim teams improved their dual meet records to 6-1 and 6-3 respectively with wins over Acadia, Mount Allison and UNB this weekend.

On Friday, the Tiger women defeated Acadia 70-16, while the Dal men won by 56-30. The women took all eleven events, with Susan Duncan qualifying for the CIAU finals in the 100M back stroke and capturing the 200M freestyle. Jennifer Davidson won the 50M freestyle and the 100M freestyle. The meet

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For the Dal men, who won nine of the eleven events, John Burns won the 100M back stroke and the 50M freestyle.

On Saturday, the Dal women won eight out of nine individual events, topping Mount Allison 59-39 and UNB 51-43. The men, led by Jon Burns, who won the 50 and 100M freestyle, defeated Mount A 75-17 and UNB 66-28.

The Tigers will be at Memorial University this weekend for an AUAA invitational.