

# Men's basketball Tigers continue to slide

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After study break defeats to cross-town rivals the Saint Mary's Huskies, and the UNB Varsity Reds, the Tigers were hoping to rebound on Sunday afternoon. However, yet another brilliant effort by All-Canadian guard Brian Parker went for nothing as the men's basketball team lost yet another — this time to the UCCB Capers by a score of 79-76.

It was a choppy game from the start with numerous fouls being called on both teams, including a couple of phantom ones on Tiger guard Darryl Baptiste which sent him to the bench after only five minutes with three fouls. Despite the strong play of Parker, the Tigers were unable to get the upper hand in the first half, and went into the halftime with only a three-point lead.

The second half was much like the first, with too many fouls being called. In fact, three Tigers eventually

fouled out: Mike Sabol, Dale Jackson, and Baptiste who played less than ten minutes in total. This much physical play often leads to emotions running high, and this was clearly evident with about ten minutes left when Dale Jackson committed a hard foul on Caper forward, Dave Phillip. This led to Phillip shoving Jackson, which brought more players into the fray, as well as Caper coach Greg Jockims running onto the court to restore order. When the situation was put under control, only two technical fouls were called, and the Capers were not awarded any foul shots, despite Phillips' obvious lay-up attempt. It was this kind of terrible officiating that not only ruined the game for the players but also for the 700 fans in attendance.

When play resumed, the Tigers were able to grab a six-point lead as Tremayne Howe nailed two consecutive three-pointers. However Dal was not able to maintain the lead due to mental errors and strong

defense by the Capers. With less than a minute to play and the Tigers clinging to a two-point lead, Caper freshman L.J. Evans calmly stroked a three-point shot to give UCCB a 77-76 lead. After another Dalhousie miss, the Tigers fouled Caper guard Kirt Mombourquette, who hit both his foul shots to give the visiting team a three-point lead. Dalhousie then proceeded and missed a tying shot, so they fouled Evans who could have iced the game with just one foul shot and 13 seconds remaining. However the freshman shooting guard choked on both attempts, leading to a Dal time-out to set up one last attempt. However, mental errors once again hurt the Tigers, as the play was broken up from the start, which led to Tiger center David Mullally missing the shot that should have gone to Parker or Howe, giving the Capers the 79-76 victory. Kirt Mombourquette led UCCB with 19 points while Brian Parker led the Tigers with 32.

Notes: Brian Parker was honored before the game for reaching the 1000-point mark in the league, accomplishing this in only 49 games...Tiger forward, Paul Willisroft, missed the last five games due to pneumonia, but warmed up Sunday, and should play in the coming week...The Tigers are now in seventh place but could move to sixth if they win their last two games...In an interesting note from SMU in late January, the Huskies brought in a guard from Chicago to bolster the team. After one month he has already left the program. Was SMU's rigorous academic program just too much?...Dal's final home game is this coming Sunday versus St.FX at 2pm. It will be played at Dalplex and not at the Metro Centre as previously announced. It will be Parker's final home game and he will be honored before play starts for his contribution to Dalhousie athletics.

As always, the numerous "knowledgeable" basketball fans in Ontario are still claiming that Parker

is NOT worthy of the Mike Moser Award, given to the nation's top player. They are still touting their man, Titus Channer, which has made him the favorite for the award. However, in all this Channer-mania, they never chose to compare stats. This may be why:

PLAYER NAME		pts/g
fg%	3pt%	ft%
ast/g	stls/g	reb/g
<b>BRIAN PARKER</b>		23.2
49%	36.1%	85.4%
5.5	4.08	5.45
<b>TITUS CHANNER</b>		23.5
43%	30%	82%
4.07	2.6	4.3

As one can clearly see, Parker is better in every statistical category but scoring — which is neck and neck — and, with Dal having two games left, he should top Channer in scoring as well.

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Winnipeg was named Tournament MVP.

It was a rather disappointing finish to an otherwise exceptional season for the Tigers' who had high hopes entering nationals with a strong season behind them. They collected hardware in every tournament this year, including a bronze at Waterloo, gold at Sherbrooke in their second-ever out of province tournament victory, silver at the Dal Classic and, most recently, a bronze at Laval.

Dalhousie will retain a strong team for next season, despite losing three-time AUAA All-Star Hobin, a

fifth-year engineering student from Halifax, who played out his eligibility with five AUAA titles, two CIAU bronze and one CIAU silver. Other possible losses are the leadership of fourth-year veteran standouts Martin and Trepanier, and second-year leftside hitter Mike Vasseur to graduation. Their shoes will be filled by middle Scott Bishop, leftside hitter Matt Hartlen and third-year players such as middles Peter Thurlow and Stevens, who have shown their capabilities this season. The Tigers will be assisted by rookies Wolfenden and Ryan Andrews who both had an impressive first season. The play-making department will have no shortages as solid setting duties will be shared by Cox, Peter Exall and Sasho MacKenzie.

"I'm disappointed that it's over," said Cox. "It was fun to have an opportunity to play with the older guys who are leaving."

"It was kind of a bumpy season overall. We had some high points and low points but overall it was a great season."

"We lost a couple of key players last year but we gelled quickly as a team, especially after Christmas," noted Stevens. "It is unfortunate to see Hobin done now, but it was a great year for all of us."

Congratulations to the Dal team for all their accomplishments this year, for continuing the Tiger tradition of excellence and for being outstanding ambassadors for Dalhousie.

### CIAU Final Standings

1. Winnipeg
2. Saskatchewan
3. Alberta
4. Toronto
5. Dalhousie
6. Western Ontario
7. Laval
7. Sherbrooke



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