



# Dal men's volleyball Tigers bronzed at Laval

BY CARMEN TAM

Jason Trepanier totalled 118 kills and 41 digs in five matches to guide the Dalhousie men's volleyball team to a bronze medal finish at the Laval Rouge Et Or Tournament in Quebec last weekend.

The fourth-year power hitter had 19 kills and 6 digs in round-robin action on Friday against the University of Western Ontario, where the nationally sixth-ranked Tigers swept the Mustangs 3-0 with game scores of 15-10, 15-9 and 15-9. Dal's Terry Martin, playing in his first full match in two months, had 24 kills and 5 blocks in the victory.

"It was a satisfactory return but I didn't feel like my old self just yet," said Martin, a 1997 First Team All-Canadian.

"It was nice to be back on the court and, since the team have improved considerably, it pushed me to step up my game."

That evening, the Tigers faced host Laval and the Rouge et Or edged Dal

3-2 in a three-hour marathon. The 300-strong, vocal home crowd rallied behind Laval who posted a 10-15, 8-15, 15-5, 15-8 and 20-18 win. Trepanier tallied 30 kills and 7 digs while Martin had 23 kills and 9 digs. Rookie Chris Wolfenden added 12 kills and 2 service aces in the effort.

Against the University of Montreal the next day, the Tigers had a 3-0 (15-6, 16-14 and 15-11) romp over the Carabins. Trepanier dominated the match with 28 kills and 11 digs. Dal captain John Hobin had 18 kills, Wolfenden collected 17 kills and 10 digs, while middle blocker Bobby Stevens chipped in 10 kills, 6 digs and 2 blocks.

Top-ranked Sherbrooke swept the Tigers 3-0 with game scores of 15-7, 15-11 and 15-6. Trepanier had 13 kills and 4 digs while Martin, Hobin and Wolfenden had 11 kills apiece. The Tigers finished 2-2 in round-robin play and earned a berth in the bronze medal match against the Mustangs.

Second-year setter Dave Cox set

Martin up for most of his 34 kills and Trepanier for his 28 kills in Dal's 3-1 victory over Western. Wolfenden added 20 kills, 8 digs and 2 aces to claim a medal for the Tigers.

In the gold medal final, Sherbrooke topped Laval 3-2 — another first-place finish for the Vert et Or who won gold at the Dal Classic earlier this term.

This was Dal's last out-of-conference competition of the year. The Tigers participated in five tournaments this season and found success with a 3-0 sweep of the Calgary Dinosaurs at the Mizuno Challenge in October, followed by a bronze medal performance at the Waterloo Warriors Classic. Dal claimed a gold medal at the Sherbrooke Vert et Or Omimun in November and a silver at their own Classic last month.

Marring Dal's record so far have been a pair of losses to the UNB Varsity Reds. The Tigers will have their first weekend off this term as

they prepare for the AUAA League Tournament which Dal will host on Feb. 13-15 at the Dalplex. Dal will play conference rivals UNB on Feb. 13 at 8pm and Memorial University on the 15th at noon. The results of that weekend will determine who will host the AUAA Championships the following week. Dal currently sports a 6-2 record while UNB sits at 4-2. Memorial is winless at 0-6.

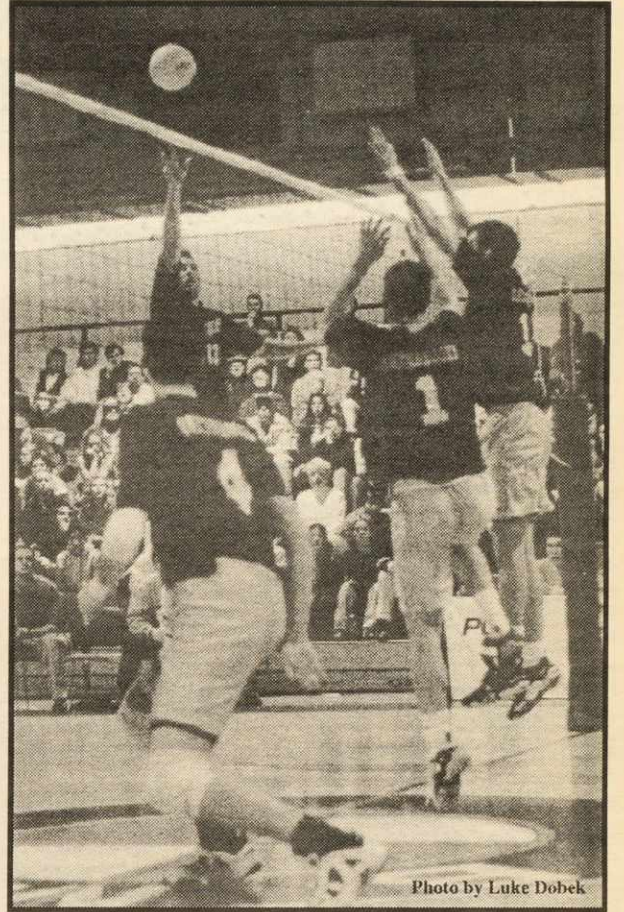


Photo by Luke Dobek

# Men's basketball slump continues

BY MATT FELTHAM AND SUMANT KUMAR

Coming off two consecutive defeats last week, the Tigers were looking for a victory on Wednesday night as they played the SMU Huskies at The Tower. However, in what turned out to be an AUAA classic, mental errors and numerous blown opportunities cost the Tigers another win as they lost in overtime.

From the opening tip, the Tigers

came out flat and SMU raced to a quick 12-4 lead. This sparked All-Canadian guard Brian Parker, who led the Tigers on a charge, evening the score at 39 by half-time.

In the second half, neither team was able to gain the upper hand and, with 7 minutes remaining, the game was still tied at 69. After a brief run, led by the strong inside play of David Mullally, the Tigers were up by 8 with only two minutes remaining.

From here, the Tigers unravelled due to mental mistakes and the quickness of SMU's Nathan Anderson. After two technical fouls and several poor shot attempts by Dal, the Huskies pulled back within 2 with only seconds to play. With Dal in possession of the ball and only five seconds remaining on the shot clock, coach McGarrigle called time-out to set up a play. Inconceivably, coming out of the time-out, Tiger guard Tremayne Howe failed to notice the time on the shot clock and did not to get a shot attempt off in time. The costly turnover left SMU with possession and ten seconds remaining in the game. The ball went straight to Anderson, who somehow evaded the entire Dalhousie defense

and calmly walked in for the game-tying lay-up, sending the game into overtime.

In overtime, neither team could gain the advantage as Parker and Anderson traded shot after shot. With 30 seconds left and a 1-point SMU lead off a Patrick Toulouse lay-up, Brian Parker was fouled and made 1 out of 2 free throws to tie the game at 97. Bringing the ball up court with 10 seconds to play, Husky forward Lloyd Thomas inadvertently stepped out of bounds, giving the Tigers the ball. Most observers thought this would give the Tigers the last shot of the game. But somehow, the Tigers were unable to convert a simple in-bounds pass, enabling Anderson to once again steal the show as he nailed a 10-foot jump shot at the buzzer to give SMU a 99-97 victory.

Anderson, the rookie point guard from Florida, scored 26 points and established himself as a solid Rookie of the Year candidate. Brian Parker led all scorers with 31 on 11-20 shooting and added 12 assists. Mullally chipped in with 21 points and 18 rebounds.

On Saturday, the Tigers wished they had never travelled to Antigonish as they were humiliated by the X-Men losing 103-65. Andrew Tyler led the X-Men with 20, while Halifax native and former Dal student Fred Perry dropped in 15. Leading the way for the outplayed Tigers was Tremayne Howe with 15. Dalhousie will look to avenge last week's loss to their cross-town rivals as they host the SMU Huskies on Friday, Feb. 6 at Dalplex.



Tigers' Darryl Baptiste. (Photo by Luke Dobek)

"Overall we can play great at times and we can also play terrible, sort of like a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde complex," said Trepanier. "The key to our success is to limit the terrible and try to be more consistent."

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