



Sweep victories

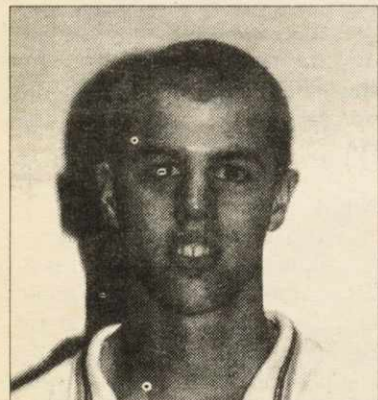
BY CARMEN TAM

The Dalhousie Tigers improved their AUSA record to 3-1 after capturing a pair of games against the University of New Brunswick (UNB) Varsity Reds over the weekend. Dalhousie dropped their first game Friday 13-15 before rebounding 15-13, 15-5, and 15-11 to win their first match at home this season.

Player of the game honours went to Dal's Terry Martin, who poured in 23 kills and also had eight blocks for the Tigers. Rightside hitter Jason Trepanier chipped in 20 kills while captain Jamie Mallon added 19.

UNB's Chris Johnston and Chad Rennie paced the Reds with 15 kills each in a losing effort.

On Saturday afternoon at the Dalplex, the Tigers again dropped the first game, this time by a score of 9-15. But again, the Tigers came back to take the match, by scores of 15-9, 15-3, and 15-11.



Peter Thurlow

Mallon delivered 16 kills and three blocks to earn player of the game honours while Martin and Trepanier added 18 and 14 kills, respectively. Rookies Peter Thurlow and Bobby Stevens contributed five blocks each to the Tigers' win.

The top player for UNB, once again, was Rennie who had 11 kills and an ace for the Reds.

The Reds' AUSA record stands at 1-3.

"It is a good start at home and a good improvement overall," Martin noted of the team's performance.

Currently, the Tigers are taking a break for the holidays and will resume training in January.

Martin added, "It is more competitive this season, therefore, in the new year, we are going to make our defence our number one priority."

Women's action

Dalhousie upped their record to 5-0 in AUSA volleyball standings with a 15-5, 15-8, and 15-5 win over the Acadia Axettes last Wednesday at the Dalplex. The Tigers, the only undefeated team in the conference, have dropped only one game all term.

The Tigers went into the game fresh from their gold medal victory at the 21st Université de Moncton Omnium tournament. The Tigers cruised to first place, dropping only one game en route to a gold medal over their AUSA rivals.

Dalhousie started their quest by defeating the Acadia Axettes 15-9 and 15-1, followed by a victory over the UNB Varsity Reds, 15-4 and 15-6. Then Dal topped cross-town rivals, the Saint Mary's (SMU) Huskies 15-7 and 15-6 in the final round robin match.

The Tigers continued to show their superiority by downing St. Francis Xavier 15-8 and 15-6 in the semifinals.

In the finals, lead by fifth-year veteran Christine Frail, the Tigers trounced the host Blue Eagles 12-15, 15-4, 15-8 and 15-6.

Frail was named the tournament's most valuable player, while teammates Kim Hilchey and setter Michelle Aucoin were named to the all-star team.

The Tigers' next home games are at the 17th Annual Dalhousie Lawton's Classic Volleyball Tournament in mid January. The Classic is one of the premier volleyball events in the province.

Tigers iced in narrow losses

BY SCOTT HEPDITCH

Hello once again, hockey fans! Since the last article, Dal's hockey Tigers have played three games and unfortunately, the boys came out on the losing end in all three. According to the players, the team has played a lot better than their record presently indicates.

In the first game of the week, the Tigers continued their rivalry with the Acadia Axemen when the visitors skated away with a 4-2 victory at Dal Memorial Arena.

According to a lot of the fans that packed the stadium that night, it was one of the best games the team played all year, and again goalie Greg Dreveny played "awesome."

At the beginning of the first period, the two teams were tentative and seemingly unsure of the other's capabilities, even though they had played just one week previous. Just after the half-way point of the opening frame, the play opened up and there were numerous scoring opportunities for both teams, but on this night both goalies were on their game. The score after one period was 0-0.

The second period started off like the first ended, with each team getting their fair share of scoring opportunities. Acadia finally broke the goose egg as Mike Dawson scored on the power play. Acadia looked to go up by two

when Greg Clancy and Skoryna broke in on a two-on-one. Skoryna made a perfect pass to Clancy who one-timed a shot at the net, but Dreveny was there to make a major league save.

This save seemed to inspire the Tigers and they were able to tie the score when Marc Warner put home a rebound after Steve Maltby blew past an Acadia defencemen and cut to the net to get a shot off. The second assist on the goal went to Mark Alexander.

Dal was set up nicely for the first three minutes of the third period as Skoryna took a double minor penalty for butt ending with 55 seconds left in the second period.

Starting the final frame on the power play resulted in Dal taking the lead as Maltby took a pass from Keifer House and put it between the Acadia goalie's legs. The other assist on the goal went to Corey MacIntyre.

After the Tigers went up by a goal, they started to play on their heels and against a team like Acadia this creates a dangerous situation. Being down by a goal seemed to get the Axemen pumped and they really started to apply the pressure. The pressure finally paid off as Powell tied the game off of a nice pass from Skoryna.

This goal took the wind out of the Tigers' sails, and Acadia took

advantage of this as they broke in three-strong and got a little lucky when Clancy's shot went over the net and then came back to Wade Whitten, who put it into an open net.

Acadia then fell back and played excellent defence to hold Dal off of the scoreboard. The game was iced with a minute left when Clancy scored from just inside Acadia's blueline into an open net.

Although the team lost the game, the 2,100 fans were treated to some great hockey. Dal showed the fans and themselves that they can play with Acadia and if they can get a bounce here and there, they will be able to beat their rivals.

Over the weekend, the team went to New Brunswick for games against St. Thomas and Moncton. In both games, the Tigers lost 5-4. In the first game, apparently, the winning goal for Moncton was kicked in, and even though the referee was right there, he missed the call.

The next day in Fredericton, the team found themselves down 4-0 before the end of the first period. The Tigers did manage to fight back to tie the game at four, but then the Tommies scored to win the game 5-4.

Dalhousie heads into the Christmas season with a 6-6-2 record and on a three-game losing streak.

Dal splashes Trojans

BY TROY BROWN

The Dalhousie Tigers held their last swim meet of the year this past weekend, and what a swim meet it was. With the hometown Tigers taking on the Halifax Trojan Aquatic club, speed played a predominant role.

The Halifax Trojans have consistently beaten Dal over the past two years, but the buck stopped here. Both the Dal men and women topped the competition, with the men winning 149 to 104 and the women eking out a 128 to 123 win.

The races were fast and furious as the Dal swimmers were pitted against national qualifiers

from the Trojans.

"It's not the winning or the losing that really matters in a race, it's the effort," said swimmer B.W. Wildsmith. "Sure it's nice to win and all, but it just wouldn't be the same without the effort or the challenge. That's what it's really all about...the challenge. You've got to push yourself to your limits, then see how much more you can take."

Team co-captain Mike Ritcey was impressed with the speed he saw throughout the weekend.

"We had our high points and low points this weekend as with any other meet, but the overall level of swimming that I saw was incredible. We're really pulling to-

gether as a team, and add in the spirit and you get a winning combination. Once most of the swimmers get their exams out of the way and settle in to some hardcore training, they should be ready for some quick times in the new year."

Over the Christmas holidays, the swim team will be making preparations for an intense team training camp. They will be heading south to Bridgetown, Barbados, for an eight-day excursion of swimming and some well-deserved mental relaxation.

"The swimmers need to get away from their lives for a bit so they can settle down and fully focus on their training and what their goals are," said co-captain Ed Stewart. "The camp this year hopes to incorporate both a restful atmosphere with some hard training. I know a few of the swimmers have their sights set on making the Olympic Trials in March, and this should really give everyone a push in the right direction."

Congratulations are extended to Kirsten Taberner, who qualified for CIAUs in the 200m freestyle over the weekend. Let's keep that number of qualifiers rising!

The swim team would like to bid a fond farewell to swimmer John Tomlin, who competed in his last swim meet as a Dalhousie Tiger.

In an effort to heighten fan awareness and interaction, Ritcey, along with teammates Adam Widdis and Troy Brown, have recently finished construction on the first-ever Tigers Swimming Home Page. So check us out, both in the pool and on the net at <http://is.dal.ca/~mritcey/swim.html>.

Come on out and cheer the Tigers on to victory in the new year on Jan 6th and 7th at the Dalplex.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Nov. 27 - Dec. 3

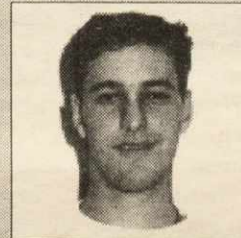


Carolyn Wares, Basketball

Carolyn had 18 points against Acadia, 32 against UCCB, and 28 in the AUSA All-Star game, in which she was MVP. The Tigers' record is 4-0.

Jamie Mallon, Volleyball

Jamie had 37 Kills, 4 Blocks, 1 Ace, and 29 Digs in two matches against UNB. Jamie has just returned to play, after suffering an injury three weeks ago.



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