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Dal Squeezes by UPEI

by Llewellyn Butterfield II

Saturday afternoon at the Dalplex the men's basketball team won its fourth straight game by edging UPEI Panthers 95-94, on a shot at the buzzer by Art Screaton.

The Tigers led for most of the first half, until late in the period UPEI rallied to within 1 point. UPEI made up for what they lacked in size by playing a very agressive defense. This gave the Tigers problems in penetrating the Panther's defense.

At the other end the Panthers scored inside by utilizing some great passing. The Tigers were using a new 3-2 alignment on defense. The problem was that the players kept going out to challenge the opposition when it was obvious that the Panther's game plan was to take the ball inside. By this time the Panthers had taken the lead. With four minutes left Dal called a timeout to regroup.

Then the Tigers came roaring back. The defense shut off UPEI, Phil Howlett, Tim Cowell and Stan Whetstone all contributing in the shotblocking department. Pat Slawter knifed and pumped his way through the key for 16 first-half points.

The second half provided the most fireworks. Captain Steve Lambert (who had been having a quiet game offensively) came alive to spark the Tigers. Dal finally began to take advantage of the mismatches to set Whetstone and Crowell up with easy opportunities. Dal cruised to an 11 point lead within eight minutes.

Suddenly Dal began to play sloppily and let UPEI back into the game. Whetstone got in foul

trouble and had to sit down. Injured "Bo" Malott was sorely missed at this point. The Panthers fought back to regain the lead. From this point on the fans were on the edge of their seats as the lead seesawed back and forth. Forwards Phil Howlett and Stan Whetstone made key plays. Howlett blocked two shots to set up Dal's fast break, while 'the man' stole the ball, dribbled the length of the court, and slammed down a spectacular dunk over an onrushing

UPEI player. When UPEI's Chris

Sumner missed one of his freethrows with 19 seconds left, the stage was set for a climactic finish.

Lambert passed the ball way outside to Screaton, who wisely faked the shot, dribbled in closer to the hoop and hit the jumper at the buzzer.

Pat Slawter scored 26 points.
On Friday night the Tigers blasted Mount Allison by 28 points. The star for the Tigers was Phil Howlett with 14 rebounds and 26 points.

The Tigers take their 4 wins, 1 loss record to Fredericton to play the UNB Raiders on Saturday.

Tigers against SMU

by Llewellyn Butterfield II

Last Wednesday at the SMU Arena the hockey Tigers edged the St. Mary's Huskies 3-2.

Dal came out in the first period swarming all around the SMU net. After eight minutes of play the Tigers scored when Brian Gualazzi set up defenceman Ken Johnston. Midway through the period Saint Mary's scored a power play goal. Following the goal the Tigers seemed to let up, but by the end of the period they began to control play again.

The Tigers started the second period in similar fashion by putting the pressure on St. Mary's. After three minutes Bobby Hull Jr. set up Chuck Tuplin in the slot, but the shot was wide. Seconds later the two combined on a play again, with Hull scoring to put Dal back in front. Again the Tiger's fine play declined in the middle of the period. However, Dal successfully killed off a penalty.

The Tigers started the third period sloppily as the defense had problems clearing the puck. Dal gradually took play to the Huskies when both of the Jeffreys were sent to the penalty box. SMU exploited the opportunity to tie the game. Once the Tigers were back at full strength they regained the initiative, using the factors which had proved successful earlier in the game, namely strong forechecking and sending two men deep into the SMU zone. Dal pressed for the winner but Locken came

up with some fine saves. Just as it appeared overtime was imminent Gary Ryan scored the winner with one second left.

Tigers take the game

by Stephen Gilmour

The Tigers began a four game series at home last Friday night with a game against the Mount Allison Mounties. Dalhousie was actually outshot 37-34 in the game but the excellent goaltending of Ken Bickerton helped them to a 9-3 win. The Tiger's leading scorer, Brian Gualazzi, scored twice and assisted on two others as did player-of-thegame Kevin Zimmel. Singles were added by M. Jeffrey, L. Lavoie, B. Hull Jr., A. Facca, and J. Kibyuk.

Although Dalhousie is currently in third place in the Kelly Division behind Acadia and Moncton, Coach Esdale is pleased that the team is "ahead of last year". He says that the team is still building and is gaining consistency in their play. Esdale notes that the team has been "losing the close ones". If the Tigers can come up with efforts such as they did against SMU that should certainly change.

Dalhousie has two games this weekend. Friday night the Tigers face the UPEI Panthers and Saturday night the St. F.X. X-Men are in town.



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