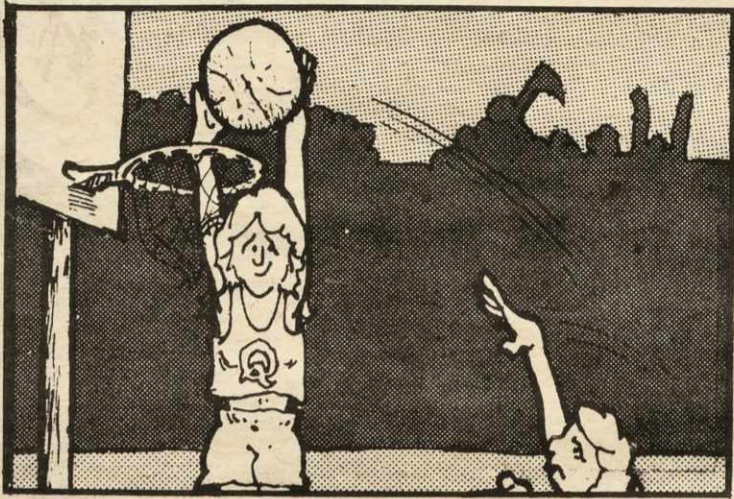


Women's basketball Tigers win two, drop one



by Lisa Timpf

The women's basketball team went 2-1 in AUAA action last week.

The Tigers defeated St. Mary's by five points on Tuesday, dropped a 69-58 decision to University of Prince Edward Island on Friday, and dumped St. Francis Xavier 75-53 on Saturday.

Tuesday's game against St. Mary's was "very close", in the words of Tiger coach Carolyn Savoy.

"The girls were pretty tired. They had played ten games in

thirteen days," noted Savoy, referring to the team's extensive post-Christmas exhibition schedule. "If there was a game where we might have been beaten, this was it—we were ripe for the picking."

Friday's game saw the UPEI Panthers visiting the Dalplex. The Tigers posted a 31-27 half-time lead on the strength of nine points by Lisa Briggs and 8 points by Angela Colley.

However, UPEI reversed the tide in the second half and opened up a four-point lead within the first five minutes.

Dal experienced problems getting the ball upcourt, and committed several turnovers to help the UPEI cause.

Lynn Durkee, later named Player of the Game, kept Dal in the battle with high percentage shooting, but UPEI held a six-point edge with two minutes left and went on to win 69-58.

Sheri Thurroutt had the top Tigers score with 16 points, while Durkee contributed 12.

Shauna Campbell led the Panthers on the scoreboard with 22 points.

On Saturday, the St. Francis Xavier X-ettes were in town. Early turnovers again hurt the Tigers, but Dal amassed a 35-21 lead by half time.

St. F.X. brought things closer in the second half, having narrowed the Dalhousie margin to five points with ten minutes to play.

This time, the Tigers stayed on top, and emerged victorious by a 75-53 margin.

Durkee led the way for the Tigers with 12 points, while Lisa Briggs notched 11. Catherine Chandler scored 19 points for St. F.X.

The Tigers hosted Acadia on Tuesday at 8:30 p.m., and will visit Mt. Allison and University of New Brunswick this weekend.

Next home action for the Tigers is January 27, when they will host University of New Brunswick, a perennial power in AUAA women's basketball. Starting time for that Friday night matchup is 9 p.m.

Men's basketball wins over weekend

by Mark Alberstat

The weekend of January 13 and 14 saw two action-packed games for the Dalhousie men's basketball team as they won games from both UPEI and UNB.

Friday night's game saw the Tigers easily defeat the UPEI Panthers with a score of 87-77.

The largest lead the Tigers had through the game was at half-time when they led 49-33. The leading scorer for the Tigers at half-time was forward Al Ryan with 12 points. A close second with 10 was Stan Whetstone.

One face Tiger fans saw on the court in this game which has not

been seen much so far was that of Alex Laevski. Laevski had two points in the first half as he canned two foul shots.

The second half saw Dal come out sluggishly, but the Tigers regrouped soon enough to never lose their lead.

The overall leading scorer for Dal was Pat Slawter with 16 points, ten of which he gathered in the second half. The other top scorers for Dal were Bo Hampton, Al Ryan, and Stan Whetstone all with 14 points, while Whetstone had the game-high of 15 rebounds.

Dal was the host to UNB on Saturday and the Tigers had little trouble beating the visitors 83-75. According to head coach Doc Ryan, "their (UNB) bonuses kept them in the game." UNB racked up 5 points from foul shots compared to Dal's 1.

At half Dal was leading with a score of 47-43. The Tigers' top scorer at the half was Stan Whetstone with 11 points, 4 of which were poetic dunks. A close second for the Tigers was Bo Hampton with 10.

Pat Slawter came on fast in the second half, scoring three points within two and a half minutes. By the end of the half Slawter had collected 11 of his 15 points.

The leading scorers of the game were Tiger Stan Whetstone and UNB's Tony Walker with 19 and 27 points respectively.

These two wins give the Tigers a 4-2 AUAA record. The Tigers' next home game is January 24 at 9 p.m. at the Metro Center against Acadia.

Basketball doubleheader

Basketball fans will want to be sure and mark Tuesday, January 24th on their calendar as a night to be in attendance at the Halifax Metro Centre, as the first AUAA Men's basketball doubleheader of the season will take place.

The evening will feature the St. Mary's Huskies and St. Francis Xavier doing battle at 7:00 p.m., and the Dal Tigers and the Acadia Axemen tipping-off at 9:00 p.m.

The Tigers, ranked tenth in the CIAU after their 73-70 victory over St. Mary's on January 10th, will be looking to improve their season record when they meet the Axemen.

"It's very good for basketball in the area," said Tiger coach Doc Ryan of the doubleheader. "Both games should produce exciting basketball which the fans will enjoy."

Prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.



The men's hockey Tigers were 4-8-1 before last night's game with St. Mary's. Tigers lost a close one to UNB Friday, then drew 3-3 with Mt. Allison on Saturday.

Pro basketball calendar

by Mark Alberstat

What Canada needs is a truly non-violent winter sport. The only winter sport we have now is the NHL or the NFL playoffs, and the NFL is neither non-violent nor at all Canadian.

The NHL is hardly the epitome of a non-violent sport either. A couple of fights a game is bad enough but when a player trips a linesman, as in the Tom Lysiak case, things have gone too far. It stops being a sport and starts being a spectacle.

American sports fans don't have the winter doldrums that Canadian fans do. They have professional basketball. The closest thing to pro basketball here is either college ball or the CBA and let's not talk about the CBA - they're bad enough without us reminding people of them.

Basketball is one of the few "great" sports. There is little or no initial investment to get into the sport and you don't even have to go looking for a place to play, for almost every neighbourhood has a net somewhere or a local gym.

You don't have to be a great athlete to play basketball. You can be overweight and out of shape and still throw the ball in the hoop. Little kids can play, teenagers can play, adults can play, grandmothers can play. Everyone can play, so why don't we have professional basketball in this country?

Canada should lobby for an NBA franchise. Finding a site would be no trouble. There would be more than one city wanting it, since it would bring in a lot of outside revenue. For funding, why not go to private investment and the federal government? The feds put up money for everything else so why not pro basketball?

Canada definitely doesn't have to worry about basketball talent - we've got it. A case in point is Leo Routines, who was the Philadelphia 76ers first round draft choice and is now feeding the ball to Moses Malone and Dr. J.. Routines was born and bred in Canada.

Being a new franchise we would have lots of grabs at good players in our first few years, and could build up a respectable team.

If you want this dream and others write to your member of parliament.