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Tigers back in action

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The basketball Tigers travel to Sackville to participate in the Mount Allison Tournament this weekend. Doc Ryan's team, who must still be in a euphoric mood after being ranked in the top ten in the nation, will meet Mount Allison in the opening round tonight at 9 p.m. UPEI will meet the AMC Eagles in the opener at 7 o'clock and the winners will play for the title tomorrow. Simultaneously, Acadia will be hosting the Stu Aberdeen Tourney, which will boast some of the top teams in the country. Dal's conference rivals, St. Francis Xavier and Saint Mary's, will be participating, along with Concordia. Perhaps the Tigers

and the Axemen should exchange places, as they will be embarrassed in front of their own fans.

Many sports commentators have expressed surprise at the performance of Dal's team thus far. If they were to closely examine the Tigers' roster and compare it to the other teams in this conference, it would be abundantly clear that only St. Mary's has a better all-round team than the Tigers. St. Francis is a two-dimensional team, relying on Mark Brodie and John Hatch to carry them. They will be very lucky if they get past the conference playoffs. The only thing Dal lacks is experience at being

a winning basketball team. If Coach Ryan is successful in imbuing his charges with the killer instinct it takes to be a champion the Tigers will raise a few more eyebrows before the season is over.

Regardless, tournament play will get the Tigers tuned up for regular league action which resumes the following weekend. Dal travels to Mount Allison again, then on to UPEI to play the Panthers. January 19th the Tigers return from their roadtrip to meet Saint Mary's in a big showdown match. This game will remove some of the doubts regarding how good Dal's team is.

Holiday's over for Dal teams

Several of Dalhousie's teams swing back into action this weekend. The volleyball Tigers will meet Sunbury Volleyball Club tomorrow at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Dalplex in exhibition play. The Tigers, 6-0, lead the AUAA while Sunbury most recently won the Moncton Open. The two teams have battled for top honours in the Atlantic Zone Senior Championships in the past years with Sunbury winning in 1980 and the Tigers winning last season.

Dalhousie wrestlers grapple with UNB at Dalplex tonight at 7:30 in their first AUAA competition of the season. Last year UNB was the only team to

defeat Dal's squad. Coach Greg Wilson has five veterans on the squad this season including AUAA silver medalist at 126 lbs., Peter Coulthard. Also back are Blaise Landry, Mark Baccardax, Tim Matheson and Mike Jessiman. Newcomers include Danny MacDougall, Tim Ward and Kevin Scully.

The swim team travels to Acadia for a Saturday meet. They have just returned from a Christmas training camp in Cuba and should be ready for the AUAA schedule. Before Christmas the Tigers defeated the Axemen and the Axettes in a dual meet at the Dalplex.



THERE'S SHIRREF !

Christmas exams were made bearable at Shirreff Hall last term by the traditional cosy Christmas party with songs and Santa. We hope that the second annual After New Year's Bash will be a rousing welcome back on January 14 as Spice warms up the winter season. This event is engineered by Shirreff and Howe Hall and marks the beginning of an exciting calendar of inter-residence activities!

The week of January 13 to 20

will find the women of Shirreff participating in the first annual Battle of the Floors. Everyone will be competing in events such as song writing, obstacle courses and caps tournaments as well as many more exciting challenges to find the most spirited and enthusiastic floor.

New Year's Resolutions have been made and most everyone is looking forward to the Weight Watchers Week that will help

everyone lose their infamous "first term fat"! A major fund raising event will be the highlight of February as Shirreff Hall sponsors a Spring Fashion Show in order to raise money for Jeffrey Thompson, a nine year old Windsor boy who is fighting a very rare and painful genetic disease. He can be cured in a German clinic if enough funds are raised. Shirreff expects this to be a great success and we hope you will join us in our effort of hope.

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