

Men's basketball wins ninth straight versus SMU

BY TRACEY MAJOR

Since Coach Tim McGarrigle took control of the Tigers, Dal has won eight straight season games versus the Huskies. Last Friday, the Tigers ran their streak to nine with a 76-64 win over the Saint Mary's Huskies.

The starting line up for Dalhousie included Dallas Shannon, who has been out for a while because of a foot injury. This was his first game back and he was ready.

The Tigers started out a bit "hyper" and allowed the Huskies to gain a lead in the first few minutes. They made a few mistakes

that led to a bit of hostility from the Huskies and landed Tim Elliot of the Tigers two technical fouls.

The Dal squad finally calmed down and started scoring basket after basket. They had to show off some of their moves as well, with behind the back passes by Darryl Baptiste and "in your face" three-point shots and fakes by Brian Parker.

Stanleigh Mitchell earned Player of the Game honours with his "psyche-out" blocks and by scoring on just about every turnover and steal the Tigers had.

"We played really hard and stuck to our game plan," said Tiger Blair Pallopson. With every

good play the Huskies had, Dal would come back with double the play.

Team Captain Brian Parker had this to say about the game, "We didn't play defense the way we were supposed to at the [exhibition] game earlier this semester against the Huskies, but we played good defence...we knew our team was better."

The Tigers worked together and maintained their lead over the Huskies into the second half and finally won by twelve points.

Remember to come out next semester and support your Tigers!!! Their first home game is January 17th, against SMU.

Women rock Huskies, too

BY AARON BLEASDALE

The Dal Tigers went into the SMU dog pound and pounded them 65-55 last Friday.

The game was very physical in the first ten minutes and Dal took advantage of the chaos to jump out to an early ten-point lead.

The tough play of post players Sue Parke and team captain Carolyn Wares was a big factor in the game. The league's two leading rebounders dominated the paint in both ends of the court and seemed to be scoring at will. SMU rotated five players throughout the game to try to contain the tandem but it didn't look as if they had anyone guarding them.

Wares led the Tigers with 25 points, followed by Parke who scored 17 and earned Player of the Game honours.

"Coach has been harassing me for a while to be a little more aggressive," explained Parke after the game. "Hopefully I did that."

SMU was having difficulty penetrating to the basket and seemed reluctant to take the outside shot. The dynamic duo was playing like a trio, and Danny Moe's tenacious defense was a joy to watch.

Dal went into the half with a 38-24 lead, but things wouldn't be so easy in the second period of play.

The Huskies came out to play in the second half. By 12:30, Dal had been held to four points, and SMU had closed the gap to an eight-point differential. The inside, so well exploited in the first half, was closed down by a sea of Husky bodies.

"SMU went to a trapping zone," details head coach Carolyn Savoy. "We were rushing our offense, forcing early shots."

With the Huskies at the free throw line ready to shave two more points off the lead, Savoy called Dal's first timeout. It was the only one they'd need as SMU missed both shots and the Tigers went on a three minute ten-point run to regain their commanding lead, 52-34.

Wares led the charge and the big post player's three-pointer with ten minutes left drove a stake into the heart of the Husky comeback.

"They were jamming us [Wares and Parke]," explains



Wares. "I wasn't scoring in the post like I wanted to, so I moved out and took some shots to regain my confidence. You've got to adjust to how the defense is playing you."

Patti Hutchinson spent the game crashing the key and drawing fouls, as usual, and second year player Alana Coffin came off the bench to dazzle the crowd with her plucky play.

Dal won the game 76-64, and with a win over Acadia since then have moved into a five-way tie for first place in the AUSA. This weekend they get a chance to break that tie. They'll be playing away games against the St. FX X-Women — also in first place — and against the last place UCCB Capers.

Aldridge grapples for gold

BY GAZETTE STAFF

Five Dalhousie wrestlers travelled north to UNB this past Saturday for the Eastern Canadian Wrestling Championships.

The tournament had over two hundred wrestlers from all over eastern Canada: from Quebec, PEI, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. Dal's "mini-squad" consisted of Logan Ward at 62kg, J.C. Rioux at 68kg, Mike MacNutt at 74kg, Mike Tenki at 90kg and coach Scott Aldridge at heavyweight.



ATLANTIC UNIVERSITIES BASKETBALL CONFERENCE

	Men				
	W	L	F	A	Pts
Memorial	4	0	366	321	12
Dalhousie	3	0	234	185	8
St. F.X.	2	0	165	134	8
UNB	2	2	297	295	6
PEI	1	3	297	344	4
Saint Mary's	1	3	278	306	4
Cape Breton	1	3	270	305	2
Acadia	0	3	194	211	0

	Women				
	W	L	F	A	Pts
Dalhousie	3	0	210	179	8
St. F.X.	2	0	193	121	8
Memorial	3	1	249	250	8
UNB	3	1	279	266	8
Saint Mary's	2	2	233	225	8
Acadia	1	2	163	169	4
PEI	0	4	262	299	0
Cape Breton	0	4	239	319	0

— Games between mainland Nova Scotia schools and non-mainland Nova Scotia schools are worth four points.

Aldridge's performance was the highlight of the Tigers' tournament. The returning Eastern Canadian Champion at 90kg wrestled "up" a weight category and performed well as a heavyweight. In five matches he only had one point scored against him.

"Heavyweight wrestling is a totally different approach," explains Aldridge. "The limit is 130kg (286lbs), so we're talking about some pretty big boys...I just barely weigh two bucks myself."

Aldridge plans on wrestling at heavyweight at this year's AUSA

Championship. "It'll be better for our team and I may have a great shot at a CIAU medal."

Tiger Logan Ward wrestled well in his first bout but was injured and was later forced to withdraw. Rioux, competing in a very competitive class, wrestled strongly in his four losses. MacNutt came very close to winning his first match on a referee's decision and was later eliminated. Tenki, competing in his first tournament, showed a lot of perseverance in his four losses to some very talented competitors.