

SPORTS

AUAU Standings — A summary of Dal's performance

Men's Hockey

Men's Hockey is currently sitting in last place in the Kelly Division with 18 points — 3 points behind St. FX, and 5 points behind St. Mary's and Acadia. Dal's netminder, Neil Savary, lies in seventh place in AUAU goaltending with a goals-against average of 3.90. The AUAU championship is set for Mar. 10-14, and the CIAUs are set for Mar. 26-29.

Men's Volleyball

Men's Volleyball currently sits in first place in their division with an impressive 10-0 record, putting them 16 points ahead of UNB and 22 points ahead of Memorial. Dal's Jason Trepanier leads the AUAU in kills with teammates Chris Wolfenden in third and Dave Rancourt in fourth. Josh Muise also leads the AUAU in digs, and Chris Wolfenden leads in blocks. The AUAs are set for Feb. 19-21, and the CIAUs go the following weekend at Laval.

Women's Volleyball

Women's Volleyball sits in fourth in the AUAU with a 10-2 record, 8 points behind undefeated Memorial. The AUAs are scheduled for Feb 19-21 at UNB, and the CIAUs are from March 5-7 in Alberta.

Men's Basketball

Men's Basketball is in third place in the West division with a record of 7-4, giving them 14 points — just two behind first place St. FX. The AUAs are from Mar. 12-14 at the Metro Centre, followed the next weekend by the CIAU Final 8 championship, also to be held at the Metro Centre.

Women's Basketball

Women's basketball is two points behind St. FX in the West division with 16 points. The AUAs are from Mar. 5-7, followed the next weekend by the CIAUs.

Dalhousie Athletics Athletes of the Week

Mens' Basketball

5th year MBA
Charlottetown PEI

Doug Newson of the Men's Basketball team is the Dalhousie Tigers' Male Athlete of the Week, for the week ending Jan. 31. Doug, who recorded 46 points in two big wins for the Tigers last weekend, stands in fourth place in AUAU scoring. On Wednesday, Doug posted 22 points in the Tigers 67-58 win over Acadia and 24 points, including five-three pointers, in Sunday's 80-70 victory over first place St. FX. Dal now sits in second place in the West division with a 7-4 record.

Angelia Crealock
Women's Basketball
2nd year BSc
Sussex NB

Angelia Crealock of the Women's Basketball team is the Dalhousie Tigers' Athlete of the Week, for the week ending Jan. 31. Angelia totalled 35 points in a pair of games last week. On Wednesday, Angelia had a 22-point effort against Acadia, who edged the Tigers 68-62. Dal rebounded on Sunday with Angelia's 13 points, 6 steals, 5 assists and 5 rebounds in the Tigers' 80-78 overtime win against first place St. FX. Angelia is sixth in AUAU scoring while her team currently sits in second place in the West division with an 8-4 record.

Basketball Tigers thrash division foes

BY SUMANT KUMAR

The Dalhousie Tigers were a team still searching for respect.

Despite coming second in their own Red Shoveller Memorial Tournament, which featured five teams who were at one point in the CIAU top ten rankings, no one felt this team could challenge for the AUAU crown. Many experts still felt the teams to beat were the St.FX X-men and the Acadia Axemen.

Hopefully after the Tigers pounded both the Axemen and X-men, these so-called experts, especially in the local media, will start giving this team a little credit.

The Tigers began the climb to contender status last Wednesday on the road in Wolfville against the Axemen. The Axemen are the defending AUAU champion, and had defeated the Tigers earlier in the year. However, this didn't disturb the Tigers as they shot the lights out in the first half. Highlighted by Doug Newson's 22 points — which included him being four-out-of-four from the 3 point line — Dal shot 69 percent as a team in the first half, en route to a 44-33 halftime lead.

Early in the second half, it looked like Acadia may have had a chance at this game when Axemen guard Saj Joseph launched a couple pointless punches out of frustration at Tiger forward Mike Wall.

Inexplicably the refs decided to give both players a technical. Then Acadia forward, Richard Brenton bumped Wall, and when Wall said a few words back, the refs gave him his second technical and he was ejected, which meant a suspension for Dal's next game. This is the type of home refereeing which is prevalent at smaller AUAU schools, and which makes it so hard to win there.

But the Tigers refused to wilt, and seconds later Benny Edison nailed a three, putting Dal up by 17. After this the Axemen never got closer than 8, and the Tigers cruised to the 67-58 victory.

Edison had 21 points in the win for Dal, and Jan Trojanowski led Acadia with 18 points.

Next up for the Tigers was the nation's ninth-ranked team, St. FX. The Tigers had to play the game without Wall, due to the Acadia incident. However the AUAU's leading rebounder, Ashkan Rajae, returned to the line up after sitting out the last game due to a bruised tailbone.

The Tigers came out sizzling in this one, jumping out to an 11-0 lead. This lead was extended to 20 points at one point, and at halftime the score was 45-29 in favour of Dal. Newson continued his hot streak as he led the Tigers with 16

first-half points, including four three pointers.

Offensively Dal was unstoppable, as they shot an incredible 73 percent.

In the second half it looked like the X-men may make a game of it as they scored the half's first 8 points. But then the Tigers inside players showed that they were a class above the St.FX's quintet of big men, as David Mullally, Scott Devnick and Rajae all started scoring. Even Tiger forward Colin Crawford, who has been injured or sick for much of the season, got into the act with a monster block on Perry that brought the crowd to its feet. The X-men were never able to get closer than 9 points, and Dal cruised to a 80-70 victory.

Newson led the Tigers with 24 points while Danny Stone had his best game in a Tigers uniform, hitting for 14 points, 9 rebounds and 6 assists. Rajae once again proved that he is the best AUAU newcomer as he dropped 14 points in limited minutes.

Fred Perry led the X-men with 21 points.

The next action for Dalhousie, who are now 8-4 in league play, is on Friday when they face the Axemen at 8pm at Dalplex, a game which may give them some breathing room in the standings.

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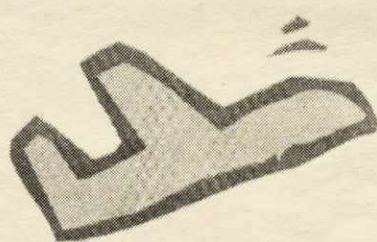


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