



Women's basketball impresses in season debut

BY ANDREW COOK

The Dalhousie Tigers' women's basketball team took their first step towards a league championship on Friday night. The Tigers blitzed the Acadia Axettes with their stifling halfcourt perimeter defense en route to a 55-36 victory in Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

Dalhousie, who struggled early on in handling the Axettes' two returning players, Cavell Burley and Candice Jeffrey, put the clamps on in the second half, holding Acadia to a miserable 11 points. Thanks to Dalhousie's constant pressure on the basketball, Acadia shot just 37 per cent

from the field and turned the ball over 33 times. Jeffrey, with 11 points, was the only Axette to mark in double figures.

Offensively, the Tigers struggled at times, making just 36 per cent of their shots and turning the ball over 22 times. Dalhousie was able to overcome this by recording 26 steals and 17 offensive rebounds, allowing them to hoist 21 more shots than their opponents. The balanced attack was led by freshman forward Janet Wells (13 points, 6 rebounds) and freshman post Logan Dunning (10 points, 6 rebounds).

On Sunday, the Tigers

brought in the nationally fourth-ranked Manitoba Bisons for an exhibition contest. In a game characterized by up-tempo, free-flowing basketball, the Tigers gave the perennial national powerhouse Bisons all they could handle for 40 minutes, finally falling short by a score of 81-71.

Dalhousie's perimeter attack was outstanding all game long. Wells continued her assault on the scorebook, making 11 of 23 shots for a team-high of 23 points. Pointguard Angelia Crealock came up one steal shy of an incredibly rare quadruple double. Crealock scored 12 points, handed out 11 assists, pulled down 10 rebounds and had 9 steals.

Unfortunately, Manitoba's veteran backcourt consistently had the answer for Dalhousie. All-Canadian Marjorie Kelly scored at will, making 11 of 14 from the field for her 25 points while her backcourt mate Anne Smith dropped 21 to go along with her 6 assists.

Head coach Carolyn Savoy certainly had to be happy with the overall play of her young squad on the weekend. The Tigers were off to a great 6-1 start overall and a win under their belt in league play as they prepared for their home-opener against crosstown rivals Saint Mary's. The Huskies opened their league schedule on Friday with an overtime win over the defending league champion St.FX X-Women.

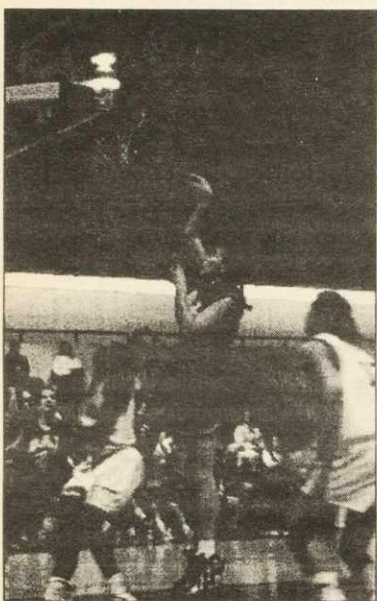


Photo by Ryan Lash

Men's basketball Tigers drop season opener

BY SUMANT KUMAR AND MATT FELTHAM

On Friday night, the men's basketball Tigers travelled to Wolfville where they dropped their regular season opener 67-54 to the Acadia Axemen.

Despite losing their five pre-season contests, Dal's hopes were high due to the return of two-time All-Canadian guard Brian Parker and his backcourt mate, Darryl Baptiste, from early season foot injuries. However, their optimism soon changed to disappointment as the axe fell on their AUA regular season debut.

The first half was marked by sloppy play on the part of the Tigers, with numerous turnovers and easy scoring chances squandered. The traditional smothering defense of the Axemen was highlighted by Jim O'Grady's huge block of what looked to be a sure lay-up

for Dalhousie's Baptiste. This defense combined with tough rebounding and inside scoring gave Acadia a half time lead of 35-28.

An inspired Acadia team continued their strong defense in the second half by opening a 20-point lead on the bewildered Tigers. After a brief comeback led by Parker, disaster struck when newcomer and former European professional Paul

Williscroft was assessed a technical foul for unsportsmanlike conduct, which resulted in Dal coach Tim McGarrigle benching his new star for the remainder of the game. With the absence of Williscroft, the Tigers were forced to go to a smaller lineup which failed to match up with Acadia's powerful duo of Jan Trojanowski and Derek Cotton. The Tigers were never able to get back into the

contest, and the highlighted their uninspired performance occurred with two minutes remaining, when Baptiste missed a dunk and was assessed a technical foul for hanging on the rim.

Leading the way with a solid effort for the Axemen was Trojanowski with 22 points and 12 rebounds. True to form, the Tiger's Parker lead all scorers with 25 points.

This was predicted to be a

game that would be won by the frontcourt, but the Tiger trio of Williscroft, Andrew Mullaly, and former Georgetown Hoya, Mike Sabol combined for a weak 15 points, with Sabol netting only two.

The Tigers' play will have to improve on Tuesday, November 18 when they host the hardworking Saint Mary's Huskies in another edition of this cross town rivalry.

Swim teams take double wins in dual meet

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The Mount Allison Mounties fell victim to the Tigers Sunday night. The Dal men's team defeated Mt.A 67-31 and the women's team won 69-34. The team's victory was enhanced by the number of good swims in off events.

"A lot of swimmers are improving in off events as well as their best events," said men's captain Mike Ritcey, "Everyone is improving overall."

The men's team dominated the Mounties, winning every event. They won the 200m medley relay and set a new

meet record in the process. Stuart Kemp set a new standard in the 200m freestyle (1:56.41) and also won the 100m freestyle (55.21). Chris Stewart won the 50m freestyle (25.46), as well as the 100m breaststroke (1:08.83). Maciek Gawlik won the 400m Individual Medley (5:01.01)

while rookie Scott Sancton won the 800m freestyle (9:46.19). Steve Indig took the top placing in the 100m butterfly (1:00.74), Mike Murray won the 100m backstroke (1:04.88) and Danny French swam a remarkable 400m freestyle (4:30.60).

Sarah Woodworth won the 100m freestyle (1:02.29) and set a meet record in the 400m Individual Medley (5:16.89), taking a substantial amount of time off her previous swim at the Dartmouth Invitational on Friday night. Gail Siepp also took time off her Friday night swim in the same event. Siepp also won the 400m freestyle (4:45.24). Emily Thompson won the 100m backstroke (1:14.65) and Simone Page won the 200m freestyle (2:19.85) with teammate Kristie Childs not far behind (2:19.98).

The Tigers' head coach Nigel Kemp commented that all swimmers performed well at this meet, however, swimmers such as Woodworth, Stewart, and French proved the strength of the team.

"This dual meet was a springboard for the meet next weekend which we know will be very competitive," he said.

The Tigers host the AUA Invitational next weekend at Dalplex.

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