

UNB defeats Dal

FREDERICTON, N.B.—The Dalhousie Tigerettes lost the final game here Saturday afternoon (February 28), to the UNB Red Bloomers, 85-50, in the Atlantic

Universities Amateur Athletic women's basketball playdowns. The Red Bloomers again won the regional championship and an entry into the six-team national championships being played at the University of Guelph, March 5, 6 and 7.

Dal entered the Saturday game against UNB by defeating St. FX Xettes.

The UNB victory—one of a dozen in recent years—was a personal triumph for first-year women's basketball coach Phil Wright. He is a professor in UNB's phys-ed faculty.

The Red Bloomers and the Tigerettes played a point-for-point fast game in the first half with the 20-minute score 37 for UNB and 33 for Dal; in the second and final 20 minutes UNB outclassed the Tigerettes by a wide margin.



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High scores for UNB were co-captain, Kim Hansen with 23 points and Sylvia Blumenfeld with

20; Helen Castonguay was the top point-getter for Dal with 15 points.

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Dal wins three in Boston

by Greg Zed

When the Dalhousie Women's Ice Hockey Team boarded Air Canada Flight 677, February 21st, the immediate concern of its members was to gear up for their upcoming tournament on March 12, 13 and 14th. Both coaches Robert Towner and Mike O'Connor felt that the women needed some outside competition, something they didn't

find too readily here in Halifax. To date the only team that has defeated the Tigerettes was Halifax West. The score in that match was 3-2, however, the Dal squad defeated the Halifax West squad on three previous encounters.

On Saturday, February 21st, the Dal squad faced Shawsheen Squaws in a late encounter which saw the visitors win 5-4. Merle Richardson who was selected M.V.P. last year led the Tigerettes with three goals while "ace-trainer" Allison Quinn and Janet McKenna each tickled the twine once Dal opened the scoring with three quick goals, however, the hometown Squaws tied it up. Then both teams exchanged mid-third period goals. With overtime haunting the two squads, Richardson fired her third goal of the evening to give the Tigerettes their first win.

On Tuesday the well rested Dalhousie team travelled to Boston College to play the Eagles. Once again Merle Richardson led the Dal squad with two goals. Janet McKenna who has certainly been one of the most spirited members of the Halifax squad found the net twice while Allison Quinn potted a single. The Eagles, playing a rather rough game replied twice and the game ended 5-2 for Dal.

Joan Proctor was the team leader Wednesday when the Tigerettes moved on to meet host team Boston University. She fired four goals in the massacre while Merle Richardson had two. Sue Hutchinson,

Allison Quinn, Janet McKenna, Nancy Orr and Beth Skinner rounded out the scoring. Brenda Silver picked up the shut-out for the Dal club.

The final game of the four match series ended on a sour note. The Dal squad were out-hustled, out-shot and out-skated in a rather wide open game in Waltham, Mass. The host team Waltham Angles fired six goals past Gwen Cromwell to post the 6-2 victory. Merle Richardson and Joan Proctor replied for the Tigers.

All in all it was a rather interesting trip for the Dal squad. Never before had a team of women ventured to the United States to play a tournament, however, future competition is anticipated. It must be noted that the team raised money over the past months and supported themselves entirely while in Boston. It certainly makes one sit back and admire the enthusiasm, desire and hard work that the women put into the game of ice hockey.

Next weekend (March 13th & 14th) the Dal squad will play host to a nine team Invitational Tournament. Why not play to attend some of the games.

Tickets for the game are available at the Dalhousie Equipment Centre or at the door.

Cost of the tournament is \$.50 a day or a 2 day pass for \$.75.

Next week GAZETTE will outline the program of events.

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Tiger's season ends

The Dalhousie Varsity Hockey team ended their league play February 21st when they travelled to Wolfville to tangle with Pierre Gagne's Acadia Axemen. For both teams, the game meant very little with regards to playoff standings but it was another game of pride. For the coaches it involved the confrontation of the 1975 coaches, that is to say Gagne was the assistant coach last year and was appointed to the coaching staff of Acadia this season.

Paul Finlay, Mike Gilbert, Rick Roemer and Tom Coolen replied for the Tigers in their 4-3 victory. Once again Melvin Bartlett played a rather solid game - keeping the Axemen off the score board.

Although it was the last game for the 1975-76 version of the Dal hockey squad much praise must be given to those Tigers that stuck it out. It was a long frustrated season filled with injuries and minor problems that made it quite difficult

for the rookie-studded club to get on the right track.

In essence, the Dal pucksters were faced with problems early in the year and it proved fatal to the rather enthusiastic club that remains. Since the Christmas break, and more so since their last defeat against the St. F.X-Men the black and gold squad showed enthusiasm, desire and pride to the final buzzer of the final game. They travelled to Fredericton and edged the Red Devils in a "game of pride" and continued to play their game of pride against the Axemen.

Certainly this club has to be commended for their consistent drive even though it, wasn't good enough for the playoffs. It is back to the "drawing board" for the coaching staff but one must not feel that nothing was gained this year. So while the "recruiting" continues Gazette sends congratulations on a respectable season and the best of luck in the future.