

SPORTS

Dalhousie team in the swim of things

BY IAN ROBERTSON

The Dalhousie women's swim team drowned the opposition this past weekend, winning nine of eleven events against Mt. Allison and ten of eleven versus the University of New Brunswick. These first place finishes, combined with the Tigers' depth, amounted for lopsided scores of 102-37 and 137-25, respectively.

The men's team was up and down in the pool, easily outdistancing the Mt. A. Mounties 112-20 on Friday, but falling to UNB 12-60 Saturday. The calibre of Saturday's

competition was indicated by new records being set in half of the men's and women's events.

Leading the women on the weekend were multiple winners Lynne Patterson (200 Free, 400 Free, 200 Fly), Katy Laycock (200, 400 IM, 200 Breast), Donna Phelan (100 Back, 50 Free), and Robin MacKay (400, 800 Free). In addition, all four women's relays finished first over the two days. For her efforts Saturday, Phelan was named AUSA Pepsi "Swimmer of the Meet."

Men's team captain Darryl Dutton, in his final year of compe-

tion, led the Tigers with victories in 200 and 400 Free, 100 Fly, and 200 IM, and for his efforts was awarded "Swimmer of the Meet" on Friday. Following Dutton's lead were multiple winners Jason Shannon (400 IM, 200 Backstroke, 100 Free) and Sean Andrews (100 Back, 50 Free).

Andrews made the biggest splash in the pool for the Tigers, and for his efforts was awarded the \$50 first prize in Saturday's Pepsi-sponsored "Splash Competition." By accepting the cash award Andrews signalled his intent to turn to the professional circuit for future splash

competitions.

The women's wins leaves them 5 and 0 on the season, while the men are 2 and 3 this year. Coach Nigel Kemp noted that "Dal has yet to see any of its opposition at full strength, as each meet has lacked at least one key swimmer. The real test will come at AUAs in February.

"The weekend's meets were important in honing racing skills for that meet. It was encouraging to see season bests from a number of swimmers after a tough training camp."

The Christmas training camp

was held in Barbados, where the 21 members attending concentrated on twice-daily, two-hour workouts while enjoying the local weather. Said Kemp, "It was the most successful swim camp Dal has been involved in, with a combination of excellent facilities, hard work, and a positive environment." Among other schools attending Barbados camps were the University of Toronto, Laurentian, Syracuse, and Columbia Universities.

The Tigers' next meet is this weekend at the two day Mount Allison AUSA Invitational, January 25 - 26.

Women Tigers upset Bloomers

BY KEN HWANG

On Saturday, the Dal women's basketball team met the UNB Red Bloomers at Studley gym. The Bloomers arrived from Antigonish, where they had lost to St. F.X., 77-76, on Friday.

While the Bloomers were in second place in AUSA standings, the Tigers were second to last, after losing to Lori Knickle and the Panthers at UPEI the previous week. In an entertaining and fast-paced game, the Tigers upset UNB 65-57.

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At the end of the first half, the Red Bloomers led 33-26. Kara Palmer, UNB's high scorer, did most of the damage in the first half, scoring 16 points. Palmer finished the afternoon with 20 points and 11 rebounds, leading her team in both categories.

The Tigers changed their defensive strategy for the second half, and took control of the game. The switch to zone defense took away UNB's inside game, and created turnovers. The Tigers quickly erased their seven point deficit.

With Jackie Hebert's lay-up in the fifth minute of the half, the Tigers gained the lead and never let it go. Kara Palmer was held to only four points in the second half, all from free-throws. UNB's

Jennifer Hale and Jill Jackson each scored a three-point shot in the last minute of the game, but it was not enough.

Both Angie McLeod and Jackie Hebert scored 17 points for the Tigers, and Jennifer Clark, the AUSA player of the game, scored 16 points and had eight assists. Libby Curry led the team with seven rebounds. The Tigers stayed out of foul trouble, committed only 14 personal fouls in the game.

Since her return, Angie McLeod has been a big factor in the Tigers' success.

"Even if she's not at 100 per cent, the team gains from her experience," said Clark.

"The opposing team has to guard Angie closely, so it takes some attention away from the rest of us," added Hebert.

Both Clark and Tigers coach Carolyn Savoy also had compliments for Tanya Fader. After sitting out the first half, Fader had three assists and scored five points, including a three-pointer.

"Tanya also did an outstanding job on defense. This is what we need from our bench players as well as the starters," said Savoy.

The victory moved the Tigers (2-4) ahead of Cape Breton (0-8) and Memorial (2-5). The Bloomers (6-4) dropped to fourth place in AUSA standings, behind St. F.X., UPEI, and Acadia.

The Tigers will be doing a great deal of travelling before their next home game. After playing at Saint Mary's University on January 21, they will visit Acadia, UNB, and Memorial. The Axettes will then meet the Tigers at Dalplex on February 12 at 7:30 p.m.



The men's volleyball team captured the Bronze medal at the weekend's Dal Classic tournament. The women fared slightly better, earning a silver medal. See story page 18.

Basketball Tigers scare Huskies

BY SATISH PUNNA

The Dalhousie Tigers men's basketball team split two decisions at home this past week, beating the University of New Brunswick, but losing to crosstown rivals Saint Mary's University.

The Saint Mary's game saw the Tigers on the wrong side of a 76 to 74 final score, last Wednesday, in front of a boisterous home crowd. Dal was leading 74 to 73 with just two minutes remaining, but Saint Mary's managed to go up by two on an unfortunate Dalhousie foul. Then, with control of the ball and just 33 seconds on the clock, the Tigers elected to try and run down the clock before going for a three point winner.

The Saint Mary's defense had read the situation and the Dal

shooter was forced to try with three seconds left on the shot clock, three feet from the three point line, with a defender in his face. The shot was off the mark, and the Huskies came away with their second win against the Tigers in two weeks, with both matchups going down to the wire.

Despite the loss, fans have reason to be optimistic for this Dal team. A 76-74 score is as good as any team has been able to do against the Huskies recently.

"The guys are still playing much, much better than before Christmas—we don't have a win, but neither does anybody else," said Dal coach Bev Greenlaw.

Dalhousie will try again on Jan. 21, when they face the Huskies at SMU, and who knows — maybe three times is a charm. The defense is going to have a tough time shutting

down Husky Brian Thompson, but if the offense can get its passing to work under the basket, Dal could come out on top.

On Saturday, the Tigers downed the University of New Brunswick 108 to 97. Paul Riley was high scorer with 24 points, shooting 8 for 12 from the floor and 8 for 12 from the line. Dean Thibodeau also put in a strong performance with 18 points, including 9 rebounds.

With some work on ball movement on offence, the Tigers may still be able to claw their way back into what is a very tough, very entertaining AUSA conference. In addition to the game at SMU on the 21, the Tigers are travelling to Newfoundland this weekend.