

Dal cagers whip UNB

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The Dalhousie women's basketball team easily defeated AUSA opponents Acadia and the University of New Brunswick last weekend. The Tigers' season record is now 13-2, with the two losses coming against teams from other conferences, the No. 1 ranked Victoria and No. 2 ranked Bishop. The CIAU rankings gave Dal a No. 3.

The game against Acadia was played in the Dalplex last Thursday night. To borrow a line from *Apocalypse Now*, the Axettes were "terminated with extreme prejudice", the most interest generated being in whether or not the Tigers would put 100 points on the scoreboard. Dalhousie led at the half 39-21 and started the second half in good form; six minutes into the half Anne Lindsay and Jill Tasker had back to back 3-point plays. The Tigers went on to win 89-37 with Anne Lindsay scoring 26 points and Anna Pendergast 17.

In Saturday's game against U.N.B. in the Dalplex, the Red Bloomers tried to play a slow, control type of basketball, making for a dull game as far as the 200-odd spectators were concerned. The Dalhousie players tried to increase the pace whenever they could, playing in bursts.

Until this game Dal and U.N.B. both had 5-0 league records. The Tigers' tenacious defence was very effective and on most trips down the court the U.N.B. team had to use up most of the 30 seconds on the clock before they could get a shot away. The shooting of both teams was dismal, the Tigers being successful on only 30% of their attempts from the field and the Red Bloomers 19%.

The Dalplex seems to be affecting the basketball teams' shooting—the huge size of it seems to throw off the players' depth perception, since they are used to shooting in smaller gyms. They seem to have particular trouble when rebounding and shooting under the basket. The Dal players



Dal's Anne Lindsay(10) was a major force in game against UNB

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have not yet adjusted to the building, but once they do they should be especially tough at home. In the men's game on Thursday even the great Mike Hazzard of Acadia had problems with his shooting.

Acadia men's coach Dick Hunt said of that game: "Our shooting was just terrible at the start. There is a definite home court advantage here because it takes visiting teams a while to adjust to its spaciousness."

Dalhousie started out using a man-to-man defence and used it for most of the game, but when the U.N.B. squad

started to connect on inside shots the Tigers switched to a zone defence. This shut down the Red Bloomer's offence because their outside shooting was not good in the game. Dalhousie had the edge in rebounds with 40 to U.N.B.'s 25, on the strength of Anna Pendergast's 11, Jill Tasker's 11, and Anne Lindsay's 10 rebounds.

U.N.B. made many opening mistakes, giving the ball away and Dal led by 10 points at the first quarter. Dalhousie's defence was excellent and helped them build a 27-14 lead by halftime. Anne Lindsay made a 3-point play with 2

minutes left in the first half.

In the final quarter the U.N.B. defence showed more aggressiveness and started chanting on 'D' in a curious way that sounded like a cold car engine being turned over. This tactic of trying to distract the Dal players has often worked in the past; when psychological pressure was put on them by U.N.B., they had a dismaying tendency to come undone and lose in the final minutes of games they had been leading.

But this year's team is not easily put off. Chris Buckle coolly sank a jumpshot from the corner and the U.N.B.

engine went silent. Anne Lindsay was having an excellent game and was a dominant force throughout it, scoring 17 points and shooting 47% from the floor.

This year's U.N.B. team is fairly young, with one senior, two juniors, and the rest of the team in their first year with the Red Bloomers, although not necessarily lacking in experience. Some of the U.N.B. players had been on the New Brunswick Canada Games team. In any case, Dal coach Carolyn Savoy said they will be much tougher on their home court and that the score will be much closer in future meetings of the team.

She said the trip west her team made after Christmas gave them the competition and confidence they needed; it showed them they could compete on the national level with the best. Savoy says the team wants very badly to be in the championship game of the nationals in March. "This team has a winning heart. As long as they keep playing with a winning heart they'll keep beating teams around here by big scores."

At present Dal is playing with only eight players—Darcella Upshaw and Andrea Rushton are out of the line-up due to injuries. Upshaw is expected to be able to play in Friday's game against Acadia and it is hoped that Rushton will be in playing condition by the end of February. Karen Goodspeed, who played in a few games early in the season will sit out the rest of the season with a knee injury.

Because of the seeming lack of competition in the AUSA this year (the closest game was a 12-point win over Saint Francis Xavier) there will be some exhibition games scheduled against boys' teams to help the Tigers tune up for the nationals, where the competition is expected to be very tough.

This Friday the Tigers will host Acadia at 6:15 in the Dalplex and on Monday, January 21st at 7:00 Saint Mary's will be the visitor.

Athletes of the Week

January 7-13



RICK MCCALLUM

KARIN MAESSEN—volleyball—Maessen has been a steadying force on the Tigers volleyball squad all season. Last weekend, at the Waterloo Invitational, the Halifax native in third year physical education was named an all-star for her outstanding performance in leading the Tigers to second place. She is a member of Canada's National team.

RICK MCCALLUM—hockey—McCallum had an outstanding game against Saint Mary's in a must-win game for the Tigers. He scored the first four goals including the winner in overtime as Dalhousie won 5-3. Rick is a third year recreation student from Halifax. He leads the Tigers in scoring with 26 points on 12 goals and 14 assists.

Tigers runners-up at Invitational

This past weekend the defending United States small champions the last two seasons, Kellough-Michigan won the 14th annual Waterloo Invitational Women's Volleyball Tournament.

Kellough, demonstrating strong offensive and defence power, defeated Dalhousie Tigers in the final 15-6, 15-13.

Kellough had advanced to the finals with an easy victory over the University of Western Ontario. In the other semifinal, Dal ousted York Yeomen 15-11, 17-19, 15-2. The second game of the Dal-York match was one of the most exciting of the tourney, with the lead flip-flopping back and forth many times before York was finally able to put it away.

In the third game, the Yeomen appeared to fall apart as the game was never close. Following the match, York coach Merv Mosher said Dalhousie seemed to tighten up

and show great desire to win after the emotional drain of losing the all-important second game. Mosher said he was happy with the way his team played but that Dal just was not leaving any opening in their defence and were superb on offence.

With the sixth ranked Tigers capturing the silver and Western (unranked) upsetting York (3rd ranked) for the bronze, the national rankings should be vastly different when they are released next week.

In addition to the Tigers team success, Dal co-captain and former National Team player Karin Maessen was selected to the All-Star team at the tournament.

In other developments, Dal coach Lois MacGregor announced some personnel changes this past weekend. Stephen Laird will replace Bob Gardner as team manager.

Gardner was forced to resign from the position because of business commitments.

On the player side of things, increased academic work load in her 4th year medicine studies has forced Liz Johnson to sit out the remainder of the season. Pam Doig will rejoin the Tigers after spending the first half of the season with the Dal Senior Team. MacGregor says she feels Doig will add defensive strength in the back court. As well Pam possesses excellent setting skills.

This weekend the Tigers take their machine into New Brunswick with a match against Mt. Allison on Friday evening, two matches with UNB on Saturday and a visit to U de Moncton on Sunday afternoon to complete the swing. Presently undefeated in conference play, the Black and Gold hope to extend their string this weekend.