

Dal keeps winning...

by Brent Knightley

Dalhousie men's basketball continued to show their winning form in the new year, first by capturing the Rod Shoveller Memorial Tournament, and second by beating Saint Mary's 82-72 in AUSA action last Friday night at the Tower. Dal squared off against the last place Huskies and in what should have been an easy contest for the Tigers — ranked 10th in the CIAU — instead turned into quite a battle.

Dal found themselves down by one at the half to a much improved Husky team. The score at the half was 48-47 for the Huskies. Saint Mary's wanted to win the crosstown match badly — they threw everything they had at Dalhousie, but the Tigers proved in the end to be too strong. The Tigers stepped up their game in the second half to the level that they are capable of playing and took control.

Jeff Mayo paced the Tigers with a game-high 31 points, with teammates Shawn Plancke and Kevin Bellamy adding 11 and 10 respectively.

The Tigers are showing that they have come together as a team. They have good depth on the bench, as illustrated in Friday's game in which seven players scored 6 or more points. Dalhousie has picked up the slack caused by injuries to Reggie Oblitay (injured foot) and Ted Dongelmans (knee). The team has stepped up

their game and are continuing to win. Dalhousie is firmly holding first place in the AUSA with a 6-0 record, four points ahead of the St. Francis Xavier X-Men, who are 4-3.

The Tigers are fresh from winning the Rod Shoveller Memorial Tournament held at the Dalplex January 6-8. Dalhousie beat the Maine Central Institute in the final on Sunday 80-78, when Jeff Mayo hit a key three-pointer with 14 seconds left to put the Tigers up by two.

The game was a very chippy affair, at times looking like a hockey game with its fair share of clutching, grabbing, elbowing and even a punch and a headbutt thrown in for good measure.

The MCI Huskies — a much younger squad than the Tigers — became noticeably frustrated with the defence of Dal and eventually lost their composure. Jeff Mayo took a knee while he was down on the floor by Maine's Kellie Taylor (not of 90210 fame) and later he took an offensive charge that sent him tumbling to the floor. Mayo and the other Tiger players did not allow this to distract them from their game.

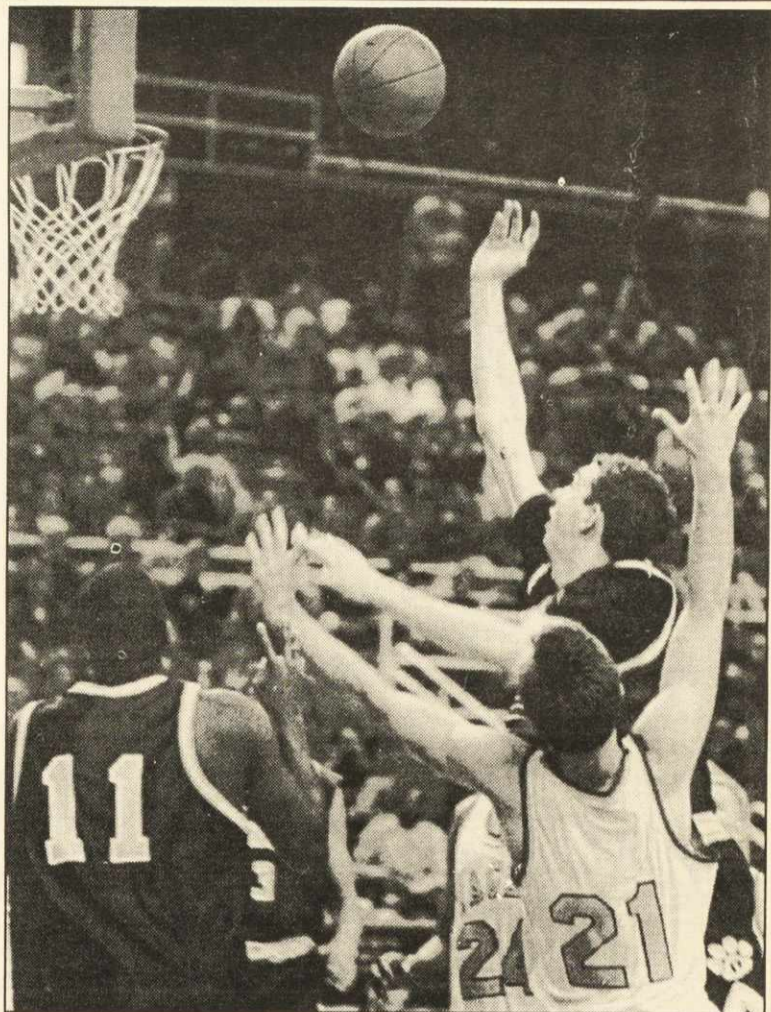
With 50 seconds left in the game and Maine ahead 78-75, Maine's Andy Bedard and Dal's Shawn Plancke collided after the play had been whistled down. In the ensuing skirmish, both teams gathered and had words. Maine's Rahim Johnson sucker-punched Tiger Blair

Pallopson in the back of the head and this resulted in Johnson's ejection. Also, the coinciding technical foul sent Jeff Mayo to the line for two shots. Mayo hit both and the game was now 78-77, but more importantly, Dal kept possession of the ball.

Coach Tim McGarrigle's strategy was for Mayo to look first to the inbound backdoor alley-oop to Plancke. Seeing this blocked, Mayo passed to Kevin Bellamy at the top of the key and then accepted the return pass and looked to drive the lane and lay it in for two. Again, his alley was blocked and with four seconds left on the shot clock, he lofted up a three-point prayer which found nothing but net and put Dal on top 80-78.

Mayo was the tournament MVP and he led the Tigers in the final with a game-high 36 points, including 3 treys and 15 of 16 from the line. Shawn Plancke had 20 points and 13 rebounds to earn player-of-the-game honors and tournament all-star accolades, while Christian Currie had 11 points and eight boards. Kevin Bellamy drained 3 three-pointers as an outside threat.

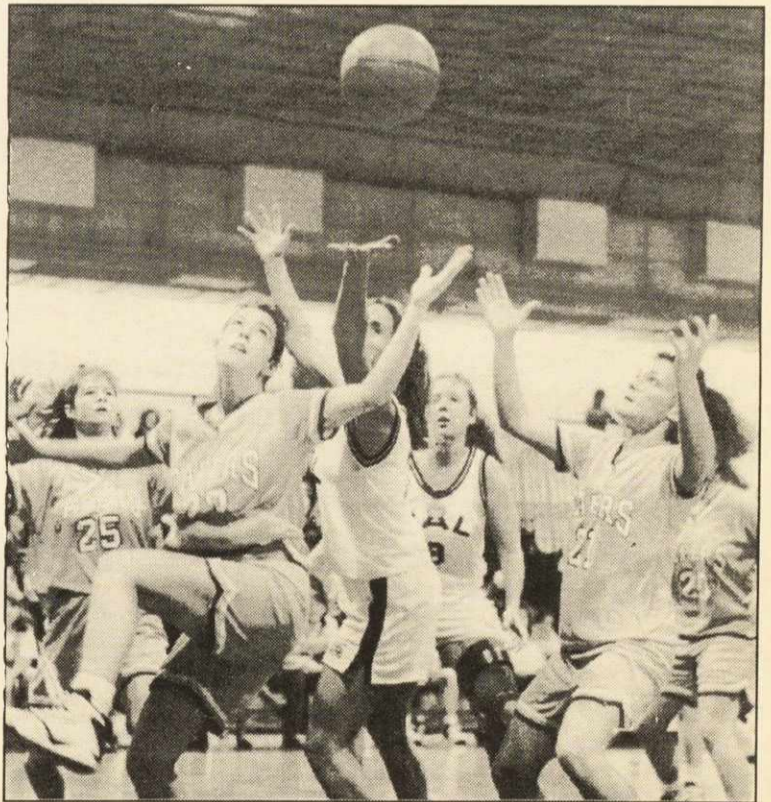
Look for the Tigers at their next game this Saturday, January 21, when Dalhousie will face St. FX at the Metro Centre at 8 p.m. (Dal students with valid ID admitted for free!)



Big man Shawn Plancke displays his soft touch inside.

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...and winning



Jennifer Offman (center) battles for a loose ball against several Lady Capers.

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IN THE CLUBHOUSE



Dalhousie Judo Club in fine form

by Sam McCaig

What do the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers and the Dalhousie Judo Club have in common?

Thankfully, not too much.

The Dalhousie Judo Club was founded in September of 1991 by brown belt David Stocker. Now in its fourth year of existence, it boasts of a membership that is 80 strong, making it the largest club of its kind in Atlantic Canada.

It is a club that meets three nights a week, with 20 to 30 members showing up each night. And when you combine these regular meetings with a registration fee of just \$15, its popularity is understandable.

According to Stocker, the appeal of the club is beyond that of simply learning the various self-defense techniques.

"Fun is the bottom line for a lot of people. Students enjoy learning and practicing how to throw somebody down, or to apply a choke hold or arm lock. It is recreation for our members and also, a way to meet some new people. We're a social club as opposed to a competitive club."

In fact, the club has never been in any competitions, though that is about to change. A provincial tournament is slated for February 11 in Sydney and the Dalhousie Judo Club will be making a much anticipated debut.

"I think we'll do well. We've got some really good fighters," commented Stocker.

Some of those fighters have honed their skills exclusively under Stocker, with some members succeeding enough to attain their blue belt.

Perhaps the highlight of the sea-

son will occur on March 18, when the club has tentatively set the date for its own invitational tournament to be hosted at the Dalplex, where the club practices.

With Stocker unsure of where he will be next year, this tournament represents the culmination of a lot of time and effort on his part.

Besides being the founder, Stocker is also the club's president and instructor. He is aided by assistant James Pfanz, to whom the torch will be passed if Stocker finds himself in another locale next fall.

Stocker was quick to point out that the club's success is largely due to the efforts of the executive, which includes Sarah Simmons as the vice-president, Brian Coolen as the treasurer, and Al Pollett as the tournament co-ordinator.

by Jamie MacQueen

VHS or beta?

That's how the defensive clinic put on by Jennifer Offman should be marketed by the school as the Dalhousie Lady Tigers stopped the Saint Mary's Lady Huskies 73-57 Friday night at the Tower.

Offman, a third-year forward from Halifax, shut down high scoring SMU guard Jad Crnogorac, holding her to a mere bucket in the second half. Crnogorac had 15 before the intermission.

Second year post players Carolyn Wares and Kathie Sanderson combined for nearly half of Dal's points, totalling 35 between them. Wares and Sanderson, with 21 and 14 points respectively, also pulled down 14 boards.

Other top scorers for the Lady Tigers were point guard Jennifer Clark with 13 and Offman with 11. High scorers for the Lady Huskies

were Crnogorac with 17, Norma MacIntyre with 14, and 12 from Lori Messer.

The contest remained tight until near the end of the first half, when a 20-7 run by the Lady Tigers in the final eight minutes created a 42-29 halftime lead. Thanks to the defensive show put on by the 5'10" Offman, the Lady Huskies could get no closer than nine points in the second half.

The nationally ranked Lady Tigers now sport a 7-0 record, and are allowing only 51.6 points per game, easily best in the AUBC.

Dal's next action will be at the Metro Centre against St. Francis Xavier on January 21 at 2 p.m. (Dal students with valid ID admitted for free!) The next Dalplex action slated for the 24th versus crosstown rival SMU. Game time is 6 p.m.

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