

## The Hidden Game of Baseball



Overtime  
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FOR THOSE FANS WHO simply can't wait for baseball season to start and need and quick and thorough fix, *The Hidden Game of Baseball* (published by Doubleday and Co. for \$14.95) by John Thorn and Peter Palmer is for you.

*The Hidden Game* maps out a revolutionary approach to baseball and its statistics. It plainly shows the average reader that there is much more to baseball than they probably know; this book will open their eyes to new aspects of the game.

"Statistics are not instruments of vivisection, taking the life out of the thing in order to examine it; rather, statistics are themselves the vital part of baseball, the only tangible and imperishable remains of games played yesterday or a hundred years ago."

As the above excerpt from chapter one states, Thorn and Palmer have not written the book to take the life out of baseball by dissecting its every move, but are out to breathe new and bright life into the old statistics we all know so well.

The book has sparked, and will

## Basketball team wins on the road

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS men's basketball team improved its conference-leading record to 12-3 over the weekend with victories over Mount Allison and UNB.

On Saturday, the Tigers dropped Mount Allison 66-55, while on Sunday the black and gold defeated UNB 78-57.

In Saturday's game, Dalhousie's top scorers were George Leacock and Bo Malott with 12 points apiece.

On Sunday, Mike Gillett led the Tigers with 16 points.

## Volleyball team in top spot

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS men's volleyball team stretched its AUAA conference record to 13-0 over the weekend with a pair of victories over Memorial University in St. John's Newfoundland.

The Tigers are in top spot in the AUAA and are only five wins away from their fifth undefeated season in the last six campaigns. Dalhousie is also riding a 40-match AUAA regular season winning streak and a 44-match winning streak including AUAA playoffs.

On Friday, the Tigers downed Memorial 15-6, 15-4, 15-8, while

continue to spark arguments between baseball fans about all-time bests, but in a sense that's what longitudinal statistics are all about.

With this book, and its new ideas about statistics, the baseball fan can find out once and for all the best players of all time: how would Babe Ruth do today? what would have happened had Joe Dimaggio played in Fenway Park and Ted Williams in Yankee Stadium? and many more questions like these.

The book has to be read in order. It is set up somewhat like a textbook, with one chapter relying on information and theories sketched out in the previous chapters.

One criticism of the book has to be that at times it is too heavy and forces the reader to keep abstract equations in memory if they are not taking notes. It is at times a book to be studied and not just read.

On a scale of one to ten, *The Hidden Game of Baseball* rates an 8½.

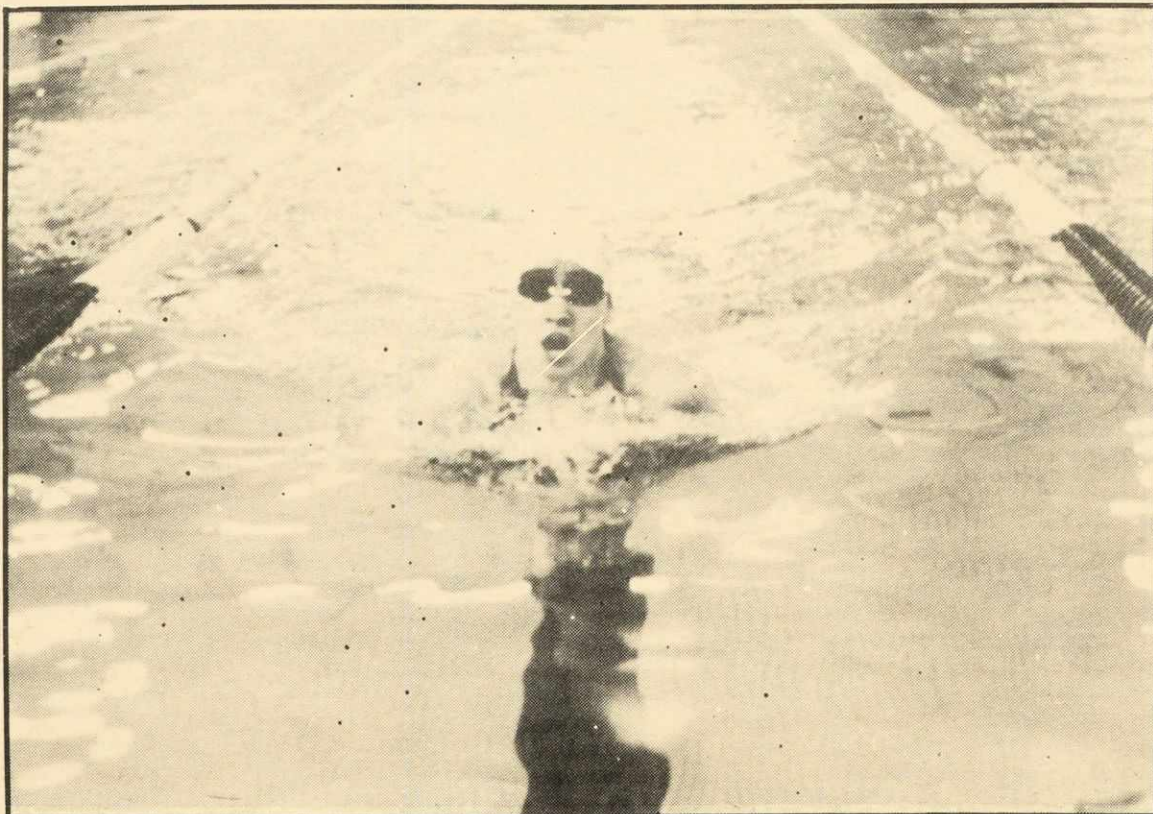
The Tigers, who have only three games remaining in the regular season, will host Acadia Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Dalplex. The Acadia contest has been designated CJCH/Forty Winks Waterbed Day with one lucky spectator receiving a free waterbed courtesy of CJCH and Forty Winks.

In addition, the Grawood will open at 4:30 p.m. and hot dogs will be served for those fans who also wish to attend the Hockey Tigers' 7:30 p.m. game against Moncton. Another waterbed will be awarded at the hockey game.

on Saturday Dalhousie needed four games to overtake the Beothucks, 15-7, 16-14, 7-15, 15-7.

Leading the way for the Tigers was Steve Noseworthy, who collected 26 kills in the two matches. Other Tigers standouts were Brian Rourke with 18 kills and 13 blocking points, and Ron MacGillivray with 18 kills, four ace serves and three blocking points. Greg Marquis played exceptionally well at middle blocker.

The Tigers next see action Feb. 15 when they travel to Moncton to compete in an AUAA league tournament.



The Dalhousie swimming team made major waves in the AUAA this past weekend by winning a Double Meet at Dalplex. Photo by Sean Forbes, Dal Photo.

## Swimmers make waves

By MARK ALBERSTAT

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS men's and women's swim teams downed Mount Allison and Memorial in an AUAA Double Meet at the Dalplex pool on Saturday. As a result, both of the Dalhousie squads completed the season with perfect 8-0 records in AUAA Dual Meet competition.

The men's squad defeated Memorial 50-44 and Mount Allison 63-32 while the Dalhousie women outscored Mount Allison 67-24 and were credited with an 86-0 win over the Memorial women's team, who did not make the trip to Halifax.

Dalhousie swimming coach Nigel Kemp said, "The men's match against Memorial was closer than it should have been, but they've been coming on strong recently."

The Memorial men defeated Mount Allison 51-43.

Marie Moore led the women Tigers by placing first in the 200 and 800m Freestyle events and the 800m Backstroke. Moore's time of 9:04.64 in the 800m Free makes her the top-ranked CIAU swimmer in that event. She is also ranked number one in the country in the 400m Freestyle.

Dalhousie's Heather Kaulback was a double winner. Kaulback was the first to hit the touch pads in the 50m Freestyle and the 100m Breast Stroke. Other Dalhousie winners were Mary Mowbray in the 100m Butterfly, Jennifer Davidson in the 100m Freestyle and Monique Deveau in the 400m Freestyle. The Tiger women also captured the 400m Medley Relay.

Mount Allison's Manon Tardif won the 400m IM and the Mount Allison women won the 400m IM.

In the men's meet, Tigers' Darryl Dutton set a varsity pool record with a time of 4:44.76 in the 400m IM. Dutton also won

the 400m Freestyle. Other Dalhousie winners were Chris Petrie in the 50m Freestyle and John MacIsaac in the 800m Freestyle. Dalhousie also captured the 400m Medley Relay.

Mark Thoms led Memorial by winning the 200 and 400m Freestyle races. Memorial's Marc Campbell and Mike Tuck won the 100m Butterfly and the 100m Backstroke respectively. Memorial placed first in the 800m Freestyle Relay.

February 20-22 will see Dalhousie host the AUAA Championships at Dalplex. Kemp sees this year's championships being one of the better ones in recent years.

"The AUAA's will be very competitive. Memorial (men) have a strong contingent of waterpolo talent and they may be able to pull them out and have them compete in the AUAA's and that would really help their team."

The CIAU's will be held this year at Laval on March 7-9. Dalhousie should be well represented.

"We have six women qualified for the CIAU's and one man. We definitely have the ability and capacity to double that number. If we do that will be one of our largest teams at the CIAU's," said Kemp.

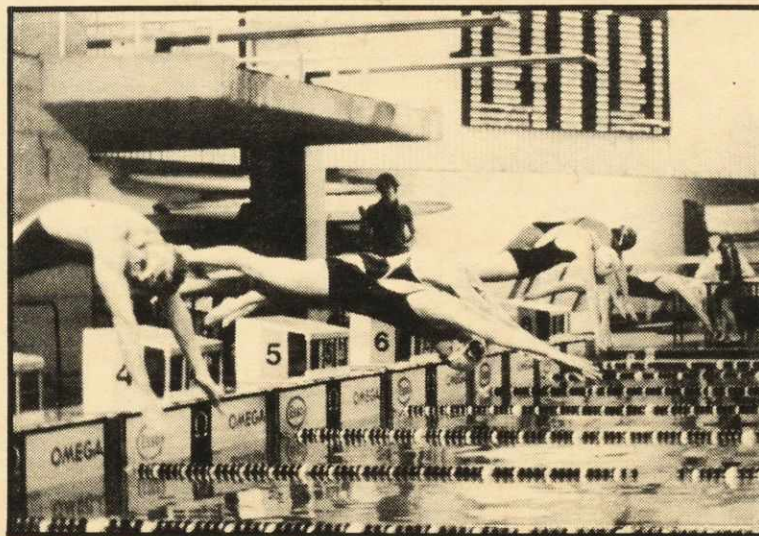


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## Tigers sports this week

Date	Sport	Against	Place	Time
Feb. 7	Basketball (W)	MUN	Away	6 pm
Feb. 8	Basketball (W)	MUN	Away	Noon
Feb. 8	Basketball (M)	Acadiad	Home	3 pm
Feb. 8	Hockey	UdeM	Home	7:30 pm
Feb. 8	Volleyball (W)	Mt. A.	Home	8 pm
Feb. 9	Volleyball (W)	Mt. A.	Home	1 pm
Feb. 11	Basketball (W)	Acadia	Away	6 pm
Feb. 11	Basketball (M)	Acadia	Away	8 pm
Feb. 12	Hockey	St. F.X.	Home	7:30 pm