

Sports

Tough contest sees Dal victors

by Ken Burke

For the players, there was no opportunity for laziness in last Thursday's Dal-Saint Mary's women's basketball game at the SMU gym. The Tigers eventually bested the charged-up SMU Belles 67-57.

The underdog Saint Mary's team didn't let up on the Tigers for a minute of the contest, although the Belles seemed to rely more on individual efforts from its best players than a coherent attack or defence. Throughout the game it was clear Dalhousie was playing as a unit, and this eventually paid off with the victory.

Dal led through the first quarter of play, with both teams attempting fast breaks time after time. As SMU favoured their inside game with players like Lisa James and 6-foot Sandra Mumford going for rebounds and close shots, the game then became quite physical.

The Tigers soon found themselves in foul trouble because of action around the net and the combination of SMU foul shots and a less-than-effective Dal full-court press made the Tigers fall behind. Saint Mary's offensive coordinator Annelie Vandenburg provided some of the game's best action with her slashing breaks up court, handling the ball expertly.

Despite this, the Tigers' game plan was apparent throughout. Coach Carolyn Savoy kept a steady flow of fresh players on the court to rest her starting five, while the Belles only made one substitution during the tiring first half. While the Belles exploited the defensive holes of the Tigers - Mumford scored 14 points in the first half for SMU, on her way to 21 points - the Tigers kept within four points by its disciplined attack.

The picture began to change after Savoy switched the Tigers to man-on-man coverage late in the half. The first 30 minutes of play ended with the Dal women charging strongly, tying the match at 31 points apiece.

From the opening tip-off Dalhousie was in control and playing their game during the second half. Saint Mary's never gave up, but the Tigers' man-on-man seemed to be the needed formula for victory. The Belles offered up many errors and give-aways due to the pressure. They seemed their own worst enemies at times, as several cross-court passes near the Dal basket turned into Dal points after a Tiger steal and fast break.

At one time out in front by 13, the Tigers skillfully worked the ball outside the Belles' defence, led by the control of offensive leader Angela Colley. According to Tigers' high scorer Anna Pendergast, "They were double- and triple-teaming me inside, so I worked a lot from outside." The Belles seemed frustrated at times by the Tigers' ability to shoot from outside and began racking up fouls in response - though never playing 'dirty'.

The balance of the Dal attack was evidenced by all five starters scoring in double figures, with Anna Pendergast and Shelley Slater leading the way with 17 and 16 points respectively. Both Slater and Pendergast fouled out of the game, as did Karen McKeller for the SMU Belles.

Coach Savoy noted that at the game's close, four rookies were on the court for Dal. "Without those players, we wouldn't have been able to do it," she said. Pendergast agreed, adding "I was pleased with our discipline."



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Score board tells it all. Tigers annihilated the Beothuks in women's basketball action at the Dalplex last Saturday.

Tigers sweep series against Beothuks

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The women's basketball Tigers had a big weekend, taking two straight games from Memorial University Beothuks at the Dalplex.

In Saturday's game, the Tigers destroyed MUN 80-25. This is perhaps a reflection of Memorial's last place standing in the AUAA. High scorers for the Tigers in Saturday's game were Heather Maclean and Anna Pendergast. Dalhousie played a fast first half and worked on bringing the ball up court

quickly. In the second half they settled down to a tougher defensive game and allowed MUN only two baskets.

Sunday's game was another walk-over as the Tigers came away with an easy 90-44 victory. The first half saw Dal use effective full-court pressure to cause MUN turnovers, enabling Dal to command play and take a 54-24 lead into the second half.

In the second half, the Tigers pulled back into a more conven-

tional man-on-man defense but still outscored the Beothuks 36-20.

Anna Pendergast netted 23 points in Dal's attack, earning game-star honours, followed by Debbie Claringbold with 14.

Karen Baggs and Karen Cotter tallied 15 and 11 respectively for the Beothuks. The weekend win brings the Tigers to 4 and 1 for the season.

The Tigers' next games are on December 2nd at the York Invitational in Toronto.

Women's volleyball Tigers dump Mt A and UNB

by Andrew Lorimer

Dalhousie women's volleyball team decimated the competition this weekend in tournaments at Moncton and Sackville. The Tigers were undefeated against U de Moncton, Mount A and UPEI.

Saturday saw U de M go down to defeat 3 games straight - 15-8, 15-3 and 15-5. Outstanding players

were Janet Rhymes (15 serving points, 4 aces), Brenda Turner (14 kills, 3 aces) and rookie Cathy Blight (64 per cent service reception and excellent defence).

The U de Moncton match was also exciting for the pre-game ceremony in which Moncton coach Danny O'Carroll presented Dal coach Lois MacGregor with a plaque for being the first AUAA coach to win a National Championship in volleyball. The plaque was a string art representation of 'La Sanguine', an Acadian folk-hero.

On Sunday, Dal was in Sackville playing matches against Mount A and UPEI. They beat the Mount Allison squad 3 games straight, by scores of 15-8, 15-6 and 15-5. Middle blocker Brenda Turner had 9 kills and Nicole Young served 7 points, 3 of which were aces.

Dal then took 3 games straight once more as they met and defeated UPEI 15-7, 15-10 and 15-12. Terry Blanchard had 8 kills and 6 aces, Brenda Turner had 8 kills.

Tigers' coach Lois MacGregor was pleased that her team had come home undefeated but expressed concern about upcoming games against UNB. "To do well against UNB we must work on defence and service reception," noted MacGregor. These games will be held at the Dalplex on Friday the 26th at 8:00 and Saturday the 27th at 1:00.

Dalhousie is currently 5 and 1 in AUAA competition.



Cathy Blight



Brenda Turner

The Fraser and Naugler show continues in volleyball action over the weekend

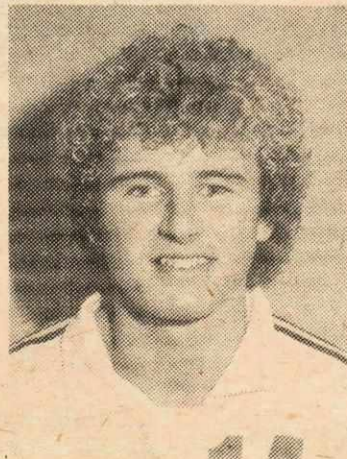
by Bruce Galloway

The men's volleyball Tigers strengthened their hold on first place in the AUAA over the weekend by sweeping a four game series against New Brunswick universities.

On Friday and Sunday the Tigers beat U de Moncton by identical 3-0 scores while on Saturday Dal dumped UNB 3-1 and 3-0 in a doubleheader played in Fredericton.

Although the Tigers dropped their first single game of the AUAA season against UNB on Saturday, the toughest match of the weekend was on Sunday against a rapidly improving U de M squad. Fired up by a home town crowd the Blue Eagles played well, forcing the middle game of the match to a 15-13 score. However, the experience and hitting power of the Tigers proved too much for Moncton and Dal went on to sweep the match 3-0.

As they have done all season, co-captains Jamie Fraser and Jamie Naugler led the Tigers statistically. In Sunday's match against Moncton Fraser had 18 kills on 22



Chris Macaulay

attempts, posting an amazing kill rate of 82 per cent. Orville Dunn had another big weekend for Dal leading the team in blocks with 18.

Coach Al Scott was pleased with the performance of his charges, particularly rookie Chris MacAulay. MacAulay, a graduate of Saint John High, earned his first start of the season and responded big with a team high of 18 digs along with 14 kills and 5 ace serves.

Next weekend the Tigers face their toughest challenge of the season when they travel to Sherbrooke, Quebec to play in the Université de Sherbrooke *Omnium Vert et Or* tournament. Dal will play against Laval, Quebec and YMCA and their hosts Sherbrooke in the preliminary round robin section of the tournament. Dal's next home game is not until January 14 when they will host the Memorial Beothuks.