

Basketball Tigers claim pair of victories over SMU

BY DAVID FINLAYSON

Last week, the Dalhousie Tigers basketball teams enjoyed two victories over cross-town rivals, the Saint Mary's Huskies (SMU). The women powered their way to a 83-63 decision, while the men came back from 15 points down to win 70-66.

In women's action, the Tigers shut down the Huskies' offence and dominated the rebounding department. Only two players from SMU reached double digits as the Tigers played stifling defence.

Carolyn Wares was in good form, contributing 23 points and 12 boards in the post, while Kathie Sanderson put down 19 points and hauled in 18 rebounds.

The Tigers capitalized on numerous turnovers by SMU, and their post players were just too dominant for the Huskies to accomplish anything. With the constant threat of Jackie Fleiger on the perimeter, defences are going to be stretched to the max trying to shut down these Tigers.

The Tigers dominance is also demonstrated by the fact that they occupy four out of ten starting positions on the AUSA all-star team. Carolyn Wares, Kathie Sanderson, Jackie Fleiger, and Claire Polomark all made the team.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Dal men started a little slower, with the team getting off to a poor shooting start. Kevin Bellamy started 0-4 from the perimeter and Shawn Plancke committed two early fouls. Although the Tigers were patient on offence, they really seemed like they couldn't finish any of their plays. Luckily for the Tigers, SMU also shot rather poorly in the first half.

The highlight of the half was when centre Christian Currie blocked a shot on defence, and then a SMU defender returned the favour by blocking Tim Elliot. Late in the half, a scary incident occurred when Reggie Oblitey fell awkwardly on his leg. He got up, but it was the sign of things to come for the Tigers.

Brian Parker kept the Tigers in the game early in the second half with two baseline jumpers. Dal

DAL vs SMU

Women 83-63

Men 70-66

played sloppy at the beginning of the half, and SMU jumped out to a fifteen point lead.

The resurgence started at the ten minute mark of the half. All-star, Plancke, went down with what is believed to be a torn anterior cruciate ligament. This will keep him out until just after Christmas. Jeff Mayo came off the bench and showed the leadership the Tigers needed.

He scored on a crucial drive and was fouled for a three-point play. Oblitey then managed to score four foul shots and nine points in a 16-1 run. Mayo chipped in four, and Brian Parker three.

The Tigers moved the ball well and grabbed the clutch rebounds inside. Parker grabbed a board on his own miss and when the ball was swung back to him, he drilled a three-pointer to draw cheers from the crowd.

Constant substitutions by the Tigers enabled them to employ a full court press, which confused SMU. Tigers' Blair Pollopson played some quality minutes in the absence of Dallas Shannon.

With the score tied at 64, Mayo received the ball on the outside and, chronic back problems and all, drained a three, just like he did all last year. He then made a crucial dive on a ball and was fouled. He hit the foul shots and Dal had its second win of the campaign.

It was not the greatest showing from the number two ranked team in the country, but the last ten minutes showed us what they are capable of, and we can only hope that the team steps up, like they did during Plancke's absence.

The Tigers return to action at home against the University of Cape Breton Capers on Saturday with the women tipping off first at 6 p.m. and the men playing at 8 p.m.

Trio of medals for Dalhousie's wrestling club

BY GAZETTE STAFF

Dalhousie's Atlantic Wrestling Club captured three medals at the Eastern Canadian Wrestling championships held at the University of New Brunswick last weekend.

Two athletes became Eastern Canadian gold medalists as Teri Rose went undefeated in the 68 kilogram class of the tournament and Scott Aldridge defeated his competition in the men's 90-kilogram event.

Sheila Phippen placed second in the 73-kilogram women's division with fourth place finishes awarded to Jason Cooksey (heavyweight) and Gavin Tweedie (68 kg).

Both Paul Bistack and Mike McNutt also had very strong performances but didn't place in two very competitive classes.

Some members of this club are hoping to reach the National Championships in Vancouver, B.C. in May and ultimately the World Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria next September.

Dalhousie had a varsity wrestling team up until 1981 and this group is making a case with the Advisory Council on Athletics to re-enter the varsity scene. Only Concordia, Memorial University, and the University of New Brunswick have varsity squads among the schools east of Montreal.

From a meow to a roar

Hockey team loses to Acadia, beats SMU

BY JIM STROWBRIDGE & SCOTT HEPDITCH

In front of a sold-out crowd in Wolfville on Friday evening, Dalhousie's streak of losses to Acadia continued, but with grit and determination our Tigers motivated themselves to face Saint Mary's the following night.

The first game of the doubleheader weekend began with the traditional three-goal lead by Acadia in the first period. The margin held up to provide Axemen with a 5-2 victory.

After a dismal period of hockey, the game resumed following the intermission amid chants of "Darell! Darell!" to see a team who had begun to find something missing.

There were your usual 'tough-guys' but others like Tigers' Marc Alexander, James Bugden, and rookie Joe Pineau showed their usual consistency by throwing their bodies around and by giving 110% every shift. This hard work actually found Alexander in the middle of a Battle Royal at 13:21 of the second period. Acadia's Mike Dawson was throwing uppercuts at him that looked like he was bending down to pick up snow each time he threw.

After the dust settled, Bugden was given a 10-minute misconduct penalty along with the Axemen's Dawson and even their back-up goaltender Greg Scott. Dawson was allotted an extra four minutes, giving Dal a power play. The Tigers capitalized on the opportunity at 15:57 on a point shot by Martin LaPointe. The goal began on a great play by Martin to break up a two-on-one rush.

THIS was short-lived however. Twenty seconds later, a bad choice during a break-out put a pass on Acadia's Wade Whitten's stick and he had no problem back-handing the puck off of the post for a goal. The period ended early at the 16:59 mark of the second when Acadia's Jeff Mercer slammed his stick against the glass and smashed it, sending a shower of glass all over the fans and ice. After a long delay, the referee chose to tack the time left onto the third and the boys headed to the dressing rooms.

Coach Young must have delivered some inspiring words during the break because the guys came back onto the ice with determination that would make any Dalhousie fan very proud. The eager guys found themselves dealing with a bad referee, however, putting them down a man at 4:22. They were able to kill all but nine seconds of it at which point an Axeman was left standing alone in front of the net. Dreveny was left wondering where the rest of his team went.

At 8:34, just five seconds into a penalty, Dalhousie's Tim Hill banged one past a sprawled out Axeman goaltender, Trevor Amundrud. Gord Dickie and Martin LaPointe added helpers.

At 18:24 it was thought that the problem with Axeman Mike Dawson was finally solved. His antics kept Stephen Maltby and others off their game and unable to put the puck in the net. David



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Haynes, a Wolfville native, grabbed Dawson and was about to school him when Dawson dropped to his knees and turtled.

Greg Clancy added another late in the game on Acadia's 40th shot. The deficit turned out to be too much to overcome. It ended 5-2, in a game that only really started in the second period.

AFTER a hard-fought loss in Wolfville, the boys took the ice for another 'road' game Saturday night against their cross-town rivals from St. Mary's at the Metro Centre.

In the first period it seemed as if the team was still shaking off the cobwebs from the night before as SMU jumped out to a 1-0 lead that stood up until the end of the period. Not only did SMU have the lead, but they also fired 13 shots at Tigers starter Steve Pottie to Dal's six.

The second period looked as much like the first as chalk looks like cheese.

Dal came out fired up and put on a real offensive display, showing the fans that this team is a lot better than they have been playing over the last two weeks.

The onslaught started when Martin Lapointe pinched in on the play and then proceeded to pull the SMU goalie out of position. He then put a beautiful pass on the stick of Steve Maltby, who put it home to tie the game at one. The other assist on the goal went to Marc Warner.

Dal took the lead a couple of minutes later as Dan Holmes scored his first of the year on a low, hard blast. It looked as if Holmes wanted to pass the puck but nobody was open so he just shot it at the net. Hopefully, this play will show the other Tigers what can happen when you just shoot the puck. Assists went to Ujarvy and Warner.

The Tiger's third goal came off of a shot from the point as Gord Dickie won the face-off back to Ujarvy who put in a hard, low shot that got through the crowd and then the goalie to give Dal a 3-1 advantage. The scoring continued as Shane Gibbs collected his own rebound and scored to put Dal up by three.

After this goal, the play turned physical with SMU hoping to draw Dal into taking stupid penalties, but the boys kept their heads and avoided bad penalties. SMU did manage to cut into Dal's lead as

they broke in on a two-on-one with only Ujarvy back. Ujarvy made a perfect play as he cut off the pass, but SMU got lucky as the pass went right back to the SMU player who then put it past Pottie to cut the lead to 4-2.

It did not take Dal long to regain its three-goal lead as James Bugden put a shot behind the SMU goalie off of a pass from Ulrik Bengtsson. Dal did not give up here though, as Keifer House took a pass from Lapointe, who was on his own goal line. After picking up the pass on the blue line, House broke in alone and buried it to give Dal a 6-2 lead. This goal should help House break out of his mini-slump.

SMU coach Paul Boutlier must not have wanted to kill his starting goalie's confidence as he switched goalies for the third period. It didn't really matter to Dal as they just kept coming at SMU.

THE first goal of the third period was scored by Marc Warner who collected a fat rebound and put it home. Assists went to Maltby and Gibbs. With about ten minutes left, a little fight broke out and it saw Dal lose David Haynes and Shane Gibbs, who both got 10-minute misconducts with 10:20 to play.

Although Dal had a five-goal lead, it seemed that on this night they could not get enough. House got his second of the night on the power play as he one-timed a Corey MacIntyre pass by the SMU goalie. The boys then went up by seven as Warner collected his second of the night. He was in the right spot at the right time to collect a pass from Lapointe (3rd assist of the night) and put it into a wide open net.

Dal reached double digits as Warner took a pass as soon as he got out of the penalty box and put a shot past the goalie with 2.6 seconds left. This goal put the icing on the cake for Warner, who had five points on the night and also his first university hockey hat trick.

Although the offence stole the show Dal's goalie, Steve Pottie, played a strong game and made the saves when he was called upon.

The Tigers will be on the road this weekend as they travel to Moncton and Fredericton for two important games, so if you're in either one of these areas over the weekend, make sure to drop in to catch some exciting hockey.