

## Overtime Edmonton has won on paper By Dean Goodman

It's Grey Cup time once again. Get the popcorn and settle in for three of the most anticlimactic hours in professional sport. After winning the real Grey Cup last Sunday in Commonwealth Stadium, the Edmonton Eskimos must play one last game before they can claim the championship. While the four Western teams were deciding who is the best in the league, Hamilton obtained their third straight Grey Cup berth as Toronto (surprise, surprise) choked on a 26 point lead. Three straight eastern championships may make Hamilton look good, but don't view it as the sign of a dominant football club. With the worst record of the six playoff teams, the only people Hamilton has been dominating wear Alouette or Roughrider jerseys. Their comeback in the eastern final was impressive but, they were playing the Argos, in a game that meant something. Need I say more?

The Edmonton Eskimos became the third different Western franchise to face the Ti-Cats in the Grey Cup in three years, by beating the B.C. Lions, 41-6. So the Eskimos, the best team in the CFL, enter the championship game while the rest of the best can only watch the game on TV and pray for another change in the playoff format.

Can Hamilton do any better against Edmonton than they did against B.C. or Winnipeg? It's doubtful. They still have one of the best defenses in the league but, with an underdeveloped offense which can only score in spurts, it will spend too much time on the field to be effective for the entire game.

Edmonton, on the other hand, has all the tools to walk away with the Grey Cup. Holding the best record in the CFL, two running quarterbacks who can also pass, and a stingy defense, the Eskimos deserve to be in the Grey Cup. After demolishing the Lions, the team is primed for Sunday's game. Their playoff veterans should keep the younger players from taking Hamilton too lightly, which is the Tiger Cats' only realistic hope, and allow Edmonton to take the Cup, which really should have been awarded last Sunday in Edmonton.

The best that can be hoped for is that Hamilton makes a game of it so we can justify the time spent watching the game. If Edmonton doesn't come up flat, expect to be changing to the NFL sometime in the middle of the second quarter.

**PREDICTION: EDMONTON BY 10.**



Willem Verbeck scores two points for the Tigers, who were defeated 77-64 by St. F.X. in Dal's home opener. Photo by Russ Adams/Dal Photo.

## I.M. involved

In the semi-final women's soccer game, Wanda MacNeil scored both goals for DABS in their 2-0 win over Law. DABS met SAHPER in the final game. SAHPER slid through the mud to a 1-0 victory. Congratulations goes out to SAHPER goalie Paula Syms who only let three goals go by her all season, and to SAHPER's outstanding scorer Virginia Parkinson.

Men's football finals ended with Bangells defeating Law in the "A" division and Dentistry dominating Pharmacy winning 20 to 0 in the "B" division. The residence division had an exciting finish. Cameron was down 7-0 and on the second last play of the game, they scored a touchdown. Then they went for a two-

point running play to win the game and force a second final game with Studley. Cameron dominated the second game 19-0.

Men's soccer also wrapped up. In the "A" division, Law beat Medicine, and in the "B" division, CSA won the second final game by a score of 2-0. In the residence division, Studley was beaten again, but this time by Bronson.

To update Hockey — Royce Rosenspies and Roger Prall scored two goals each in the 7-0 Recreation romp over MBA. Kevin Rushton recorded the shut-out. In the Gallo Brothers vs Pharmacy game, a controversy was settled when it was decided that "He who last forfeits, forfeits last". Figure that one out.

## X-Men dump Tigers

By DEAN GOODMAN

A turnover leading to a fast-break basket, set the tone of the game early, as the St. Francis Xavier X-Men dominated the Dalhousie men's basketball team in the Tigers' home opener on Tuesday. Good play by Willem Verbeck and Paul Riley could not get the Tigers out of the hole they dug themselves in the early going and they were defeated by the X-Men, 77-64.

Unable to break the St. Francis full-court press, the Tigers turned the ball over several times and allowed the X-Men to gain a 13-2 lead. Mike Carson led the X-Men early, with 7 points and four rebounds, but foul trouble forced him to sit out much of the first half. With Carson on the bench

and St. Francis' big man, 6'8" Troy Garner, injured, the Tigers started a comeback. Willem Verbeck had 13 points to hold the Tigers close in the middle minutes. With Mike Gillett finally getting on the scoreboard with under seven minutes left, and Paul Riley igniting the team's offence, the Tigers managed to pull within ten at halftime, trailing 38-28.

Dalhousie started the second half well but could not score, allowing the X-Men to widen their lead to 19 points. With 18 minutes left, Carson picked up his fourth foul and the Tigers' inside game went to work. George Leacock, with three blocked shots and a fastbreak dunk sparked the Tigers. On the strength of Paul Riley's inside

play, the Tigers moved within ten. Unfortunately, that was as close as they could get. With Carson coming back into the game and Andy Ledoux and Chris Ross shooting the lights out, the X-Men managed to hold on for the win, taking the game 77-64.

Paul Riley, with 16 points and 13 rebounds, led the Tigers and was named Dalhousie's Player of the Game. Other high scorers for Dalhousie were Willem Verbeck with 15 and Mike Gillett with nine. St. F.X. was led by Andy Ledoux with 17 points, and player of the game, Chris Ross with 15.

The Tigers do not play again until after Christmas. On January 2 and 3, they host the East Coast Shootout. They play their next league game January 10