

## SPORTS

## Hope fades for men's hoops

BY STEVE MILLS

The men's basketball team's hopes for a playoff berth took a dive Sunday as they lost a crucial game to the St. Francis Xavier X-Men.

The final score of 83-72 in favour of the X-Men was not a totally lopsided one, but is not completely indicative of the Tigers' performance.

In the opening quarter, St. F.X. rallied to acquire a 14 point lead and from then on never looked back. At the halfway mark, the Tigers still found themselves down by 8 points after a controversial basket by Xavier's Richard Bella and two successful freethrows by Danny MacFarland.

In the third quarter, the Tigers were unable to gain any momentum and were outscored 11-2. Coach Bev Greenlaw desperately tried to spark some chemistry by changing all five of his starters, but came up short.

"This is the worst effort we've had

in memory this season" Greenlaw said.

Dalhousie nearly doubled the number of rebounds that St. F.X. got, at 48-27, but shot a disappointing 38 per cent from the field and committed 29 turnovers. In contrast, the X-Men shot 60 per cent and gave away the ball half as many times.

Leading scorers for the winning team were Bella with 18 points, MacFarland with 15 and player of the game Marion Mathis with 17.

Leaders for Dalhousie were Don Chisholm, who had 17 points, and

Dean Thibodeau with 15.

The loss makes playoff hopes doubtful for the Tigers, who have a 7-10 record after Sunday's loss and are presently tied with St. Mary's for fourth place. The problem here is that the Huskies have six games in hand to try to advance while Dal has only three remaining.

These basketball Tigers may soon be concentrating on books rather than balls unless St. Mary's can manage an embarrassing losing streak in their remaining games.



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