

Dalhousie fan apathy

The American Heritage Dictionary's definition of *apathy* is 1. *Lack of emotion or feeling* 2. *Lack of interest in things generally found interesting, or moving; indifference.* Some compatible words are *doldrums*,



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inertia, stupor, torpidity, oscitancy.

Dalhousie sports fans are by definition apathetic. When they do show up at games, which is not all that often, they are as exciting and make as much noise as two-week-old jello. I can make these conclusions from fact, not speculation. Take last week's men's basketball game, for example. The few fans from UPEI made more noise for their team than did everyone else in the stands who were presumably out to see the Tigers.

"I always follow the Panthers teams, when I can. After all it is my university and I am sure the teams like the cheering," commented one particularly vocal UPEI fan.

Without a doubt UPEI fans are the most vocal and most supportive fans in the AUAA.

The psychological support of the fans is undeniable. "The UPEI fans really got behind the team and helped spark them to a rally," said Craig Munro, assistant sports information officer, after a women's basketball game Dalhousie hosted on February fifth.

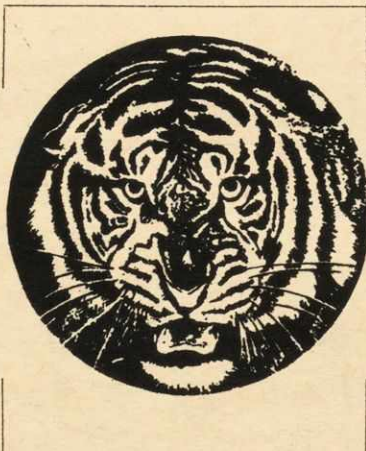
Some other factors could come into play when discussing fan support. Maybe the fans just come out to watch a good game of basketball, or some other sport, and not to scream and cheer. Maybe the atmosphere of Dalplex has something to do with it. It could be that Dalhousie students are not sports-oriented. (Sure, that's why we have ten different varsity teams).

"We're trying to create a fun atmosphere here," said Pat Curren, Director of Sports Information with Dalhousie. She went on to say that "even when we had the stands full we weren't making the noise we should have. We're the quietest fans on any campus I've seen."

Dalhousie has the two best volleyball teams in the AUAA and we are ranked in the top ten in Canada, and yet the fans still don't come out. This illustrates that it is not the quality of play the fans are looking for, but something else.

The Tigers hockey team, granted, are not the best in the league, but always draw big crowds. This is great, but why not the other teams?

I feel Tigers goalie Darren Cossar said it nicely when, after their upset win over Universite de Moncton, he commented that it was a "nice crowd—it really pumps you up, you want to win it for them."



Darren Cossar, Dalhousie netminder and CIAU Athlete of the Week, saw more rubber than the Michelin man last weekend in a pair of AUAA games. Cossar faced 101 shots, allowing only three goals against U de M, then league leaders. Photo: Sean Forbes, Dal Photo.

Tigers upset U de M

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IN ONE OF THE BEST-PLAYED games this season the Dalhousie Tigers hockey team upset the league-leading Moncton Blue Eagles 4-3 in a Saturday night matchup. The contest left Dalhousie with a 10-9-2 record and U de M 17-4-1, and also gave Dal a playoff berth.

Previous outings in which these two teams had clashed had seen Moncton winning twice with scores of 9-3 and 11-2.

Tiger goalie and player of the game Darren Cossar said "I just wanted to win", going on to say that after getting the lead they "didn't want it to slip away."

In the first period, before any penalties were given to either team the Tigers scored. Two minutes fifteen seconds had expired when Dalhousie found themselves in front of the

Moncton net and the puck inside. Gerald Delany scored the goal with assists going to Steve Johnson and Robert Jerome.

About six minutes later the Tigers had another good scoring opportunity but the puck was cleared to the other end of the rink where Moncton's Benoit Doucet was assisted by Boudreau and Leblanc for the visitors' first goal.

Moncton got the next goal, this one also from Benoit Doucet, unassisted and short-handed.

Dalhousie evened the score when, with a minute and a half left to play on a power play, defenseman Peter Woodford put the puck past the Moncton netminder to send the teams to the dressing rooms in a 2-2 tie.

The second period saw the Tigers rack up three consecutive penalties, all of the two-minute

variety, in the first seven and a half minutes of play.

With 10:07 gone in the third period, Tigers Mike Degenais scored from the right side of the net, assisted by Paul Herron and Nea Megannety.

Dalhousie scored again this frame, when forward Royce Baker popped the puck past the Moncton goalie when Baker was right in front of the net. He was assisted by Terry Crowe and Kevin Quartermain, scoring the fourth and final goal of the game.

The third period was the fastest of the three as only three penalties were handed out, two to Dalhousie and one to Moncton. Before this, however, Moncton got their third goal of the game from Daniel Cote, assisted by LaForest and Vilgrain, at the 4:36 mark.

Swimmers to compete in AUAA's

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS men's and women's swim teams will be at the University of New Brunswick this weekend to compete in the AUAA Championships.

The meet is set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14, 15, and 16.

The women Tigers will be seeking their fifth straight AUAA title, while the men Tigers will be hoping to dethrone the Memorial Beothucks. The Tigers have placed second to the Beothucks

the last two seasons.

The Dal women were 8-1 in AUAA dual meets this year, losing their opening meet of the season to UNB. Since then they have won eight in a row and are 50-1 in their last 51 AUAA dual meets.

The men's squad were 7-2 this year, losing only to Memorial.

The Tigers have qualified seven swimmers so far for the CIAU Championships at Brock University at the end of February. Tiger coach Nigel Kemp said that that total could double at the AUAA Championships.

Tiger sports this week

Feb. 14	Swimming	AUAA Champ.	Away	
Feb. 14	Womens Volleyball	Exhibition	Home	8:30
Feb. 15	Mens Volleyball	UNB	Home	8:30 pm
Feb. 15	Womens Basketball	SMU	Home	8:30 pm
Feb. 15	Swimming	AUAA Champ.	Away	
Feb. 15	Mens Basketball	Mt. Allison	Away	
Feb. 16	Hockey	UNB	Away	
Feb. 16	Womens Volleyball	U de M	Home	2 pm
Feb. 16	Womens Basketball	St. F. X.	Away	
Feb. 16	Swimming	AUAA Champ.	Away	
Feb. 16	Mens Basketball	St. Mary's	Home	
Feb. 16	Mens Volleyball	UNB	Home	12 noon
Feb. 17	Hockey	St. Mary's	Away	