

Women Tigers ranked third in nation

by F.A. MacLeod

The strongest impression made on the women's basketball team during their post-Christmas tournaments in Saskatchewan was of the tremendous support that the University of Saskatchewan received from its fans. It was estimated that 800-1000 fans turned out to support their team in the semi-final of the University of Saskatchewan Huskiette Invitational tournament.

The home court advantage was an important factor in the Dalhousie vs. Saskatchewan game. Despite being unranked nationally, the Saskatchewan squad hung tough against the third ranked Dal team and were only behind 34-42 at the half. After a Dalhousie surge, the Huskiettes were down by 18 points six minutes into the second half.

But the support of the audience had a powerful effect

on Saskatchewan—during one time-out the fans stood and applauded the team's efforts which picked them up immediately. The Dal players were rattled by the fans and were forced into mistakes. The crowd tried to distract the Tigers when they were shooting and booed them at times, something they had never run into before. Dalhousie hung on to win 70-67.

Carol Rosenthal, a Dal all-star in the Saskatchewan tournament, said, "It would be great if we could receive that kind of support here." Carolyn Savoy, the Tigers' coach, agreed; she said the home court advantage that Dal will have at the CIAU's (March 6-8 at the Dalplex) could be very significant. "I think the Dal fans could do for us what Saskatchewan's fans did for their team. We'll need that kind of help."

The CIAU rankings released

just prior to the team's trip west were as follows:

- 1) Victoria
- 2) Bishop's
- 3) Dalhousie
- 4) Calgary
- 5) Guelph
- 6) Alberta
- 7) Regina
- 8) Winnipeg
- 9) Brandon
- 10) McGill

The Queen's City Classic was held in Regina December 28 and 29. Dalhousie defeated Calgary 65-60 and Regina 84-39 to advance to the final against the University of Victoria, ranked No. 1 in the country. Also competing in this tournament were Alberta, Lethbridge, Guelph, and Saskatchewan.

In the final the Tigers let themselves be psyched out by Victoria's No. 1 label and were intimidated from the start. The Victoria team was tall, had great bench strength and

were good shooters, particularly from long range. Two national team and three junior national players helped make it a smooth, experienced team, shooting 66% in the first half and playing a man-to-man defence which resulted in 12 steals to Dal's 2.

Victoria led 47-24 at the half and went on to win 70-50. Jill Tasker had 16 points for Dalhousie, and was also Dal's high scorer in the tournament. Patti Langille was named to the all-star team. The high scorer for Victoria with 21 points was Carol Turney-Loos (she is married to Billy Loos of S.M.U. basketball fame or infamy), a high scoring star forward with Saint Mary's about four years ago. Turney-Loos shot 64% from the field and made 7 of 10 foul shots.

The University of Saskatchewan Invitational tournament took place in Saskatoon January 3-5. Dalhousie

whipped Lethbridge 89-45, narrowly defeated Saskatchewan 70-67 in the game mentioned above, and went on to win the final 59-56 against Simon Fraser.

Due to injuries, only 8 Dalhousie players dressed for each game in the tournaments, but at least 7 played in every game. Dal's record is now 11-2, with the 2 losses coming against Bishop's and Victoria.

The Tigers' next games will be against Acadia today (Thursday) at 6:15 in the Dalplex and they will host the always exciting U.N.B. squad on Saturday at 1:00 in the Dalplex. This is their first meeting of the season and the U.N.B. team will only play here at Dal once more before the AUA championship. This is your chance to see great women's basketball action and the team would really appreciate your support.

Barbados training camp a success

After months of anticipation, hard work, organisation and fund raising, 24 Dalhousie varsity swimmers left Halifax

International Airport December 26 headed for the Barbados. This represented the fourth time in the past eight

years that the team has headed south for its bi-annual Christmas training camp.

After previous camps at

Fort Lauderdale Hall of Fame Pool; University of Miami and Indian River Community College, this year's team headed further south for sun and training. The site of the camp was the Ursuline Convent Pool in Bridgetown, Barbados, where the swimmers worked out for two hours—twice each day.

The early morning workout started at six A.M. and the late afternoon workout at four. The team stayed at the Sunset Crest Resort in rented villas and in between eating, sleeping, swimming, and travelling, found time for some jet surfing, tanning, and paragliding, together with an island tour.

The team accomplished some significant work and further solidified its team building process. The Tigers

arrived back in Halifax January 3rd and are now furthering their preparation for the upcoming AUA championship, February 15-17 at U.N.B. and the CIAU's in Quebec City March 7-9.

The team wishes to express its sincere thanks to all those who helped make this trip possible, in particular the Dalhousie University Division of Athletics, Speedo Canada Limited, and all those of the university community who supported our Swim-a-thon and other fund raising activities.

The team resumes its dual meet schedule this Saturday when they host Acadia University, the defending AUA women's champions, in the Dalplex pool at 1:00 p.m. Drop by and see the fastest teams in the conference!

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

JILL TASKER—basketball—had a marvellous six game swing with the women's team in Regina and Saskatoon. She scored 91 points in six games and was instrumental in two wins over Calgary with 23 and 20 points. The defense of the third year physiotherapy student from Pictou was prominent in the Saskatchewan championship performance as she shut down the Simon Fraser center in the second half of the three point win.

JAN PRSALA JR.—volleyball—was outstanding in Dalhousie's consolation winning performance at the York Excalibur Classic in Toronto. A member of Canada's national team from Halifax, Jan is a third year science student. At York, he had 48 kills in the consolation championship game against Waterloo and was strong in other Dal games during the tournament.

Sport and activity class

Winter programs in Dalplex Sport and Activity Schools at Dalplex are filling rapidly, but openings are still available in many classes.

In the aquatic area, there are openings in adult life saving, Red Cross swimming instruction, synchronized swimming, scuba diving, adult

diving, and aquatic fitness. Dance and ballet courses have some vacancies, as do courses in modern rhythmic gymnastics and pre-competitive gymnastics.

For further information please contact Dalplex Information at 424-2152.

Crack a pack of Colts along with the beer.

Rum flavoured. Wine dipped.