

Dal has impressive finish

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The women's basketball team at Dalhousie played what was probably its biggest game of the year. The Tigers managed to win a see-saw battle with the visiting UNB Red Bloomers on Friday night at the Dalplex.

The game got off to a close start. The two teams traded the lead twelve times in the opening half. New Brunswick did manage to pull away slightly towards the end of the first half to take a 37-32 lead into the dressing room.

The difference for the Tigers in

the second half was their superior defensive play and their rebounding. Dalhousie seemed to make the fewer mistakes on the court. By tying up the UNB defenders, the Tigers were able to narrow the gap to a basket, 43-45, by the 9:53 mark. The Red Bloomers got into foul trouble with four minutes to go. With 1:04 left in the game, Kathy MacCormack shot from the line to secure a 54-51 victory for the Tigers.

On Tuesday night at the Dalplex, the Tigers hosted their across town rivals from St. Mary's in their last regular season con-

test. Dalhousie rolled by the Huskies by a score of 75-35.

The Tigers dominated the play from the opening tip-off. By the ten minute mark of the first half, Dalhousie held a commanding 20-8 lead. By halftime, the Tiger women had increased their lead to 39-15.

In the second half of the game, the Tigers continued to dominate all aspects of the game, especially where they did a good job of guarding the Huskies. The Tigers had a 41 point lead halfway through the second half.

Men cop tournament

The men's volleyball team completed a perfect 18-0 season over the weekend at the AUAU men's volleyball invitational at the University of Moncton. It also meant that the 'Tigers' secured their 7th consecutive AUAU regular season title.

On Friday, Dalhousie topped the host Moncton squad by scores of 15-8, 9-15, 15-10, 15-3. Brian Johnstone led the Tiger cause with 16 kills, two ace serves and six blocks.

The following day, Dalhousie beat UNB three games to two: 5-15, 15-11, 11-15, 15-13, 15-7. The Tigers had a much easier time with the Memorial team from Newfoundland, beating them in three straight games. The scores were 15-13, 15-11, 15-3. Brian Johnstone was again a key per-

former for Dalhousie. His totals for those two games were: 27 kills, two blocks, and seven ace serves.

Dalhousie coach Al Scott was forced to shuffle his lineup a bit because the Tigers were without the services of Jody Holden, who has since joined the New Brunswick Canada Games Team and is expected to be playing without any pain for the AUAU championships. Scott played Bruce Caddell and Sean Hiscott is taking his place. The two rookies did a good job of filling in.

"It could have been a problem for us when Jody broke his finger in the second game of the Moncton match. However, we were able to re-group. We had to change our basic lineup but the starters were able to adapt well," said Scott.

Moncton and UNB played well and showed improvement since the last time the Tigers have played them. Al Scott feels that this should make the AUAU championships, which Dalhousie is hosting in two weeks time, an interesting event. Scott is looking forward to the prospect of reclaiming the AUAU title, which the Tigers lost to the U de M last year.

"It should be interesting but the other teams will have to play up to us", said Scott.

Though the Tigers are favoured to win the crown, Al Scott has been stressing the importance of not becoming too overconfident. However, expect the Dalhousie squad to be raring to go in two weeks time.

Playoff berth looks bleak

The men's basketball team did not fare as well as its female counterparts did on Friday night at the Dalplex. Despite having a 50-45 lead at halftime, Dalhousie lost to UNB by a score of 95-85.

Dalhousie coach Doc Ryan blamed his team's loss on a lack of steady defence. The Tigers led in the match until about half way through the second half when the UNB squad took a 72-71 lead. They went on from that point as the Tigers seemed to become discouraged at the deficit.

The Tigers were paced by Willem Verbeek with 23 points and Colin Charles with 11 points. UNB's top performer was Andy Hayward with 30 points.

The win was a big one for the UNB team since the game between the two provinces was worth 4 points. The Tigers' record dropped to 2-12, all but eliminating them from the AUAU playoff picture.

The Tiger men played SMU in the nightcap on Tuesday in front of a good-sized crowd at the Dalplex. Unfortunately, the Dalhousie squad continued to get tied up under the basket by the Huskies. The result was a final score of 79-61 in favour of St. Mary's.

The game started off a close one. The problem began when Dalhousie's defence failed to click and the Tigers ran into foul trouble with eight minutes left in the first half. The Huskies were able to maintain a six point lead for most of the first twenty minutes of play. The closest the Tigers were able to get was 25-27 with 1:35 remaining when Al Abbass

netted a basket. St. Mary's was quickly able to capitalize on Tiger errors to run up a nine point lead, 26-35, at the half.

In the second half, SMU continued to shut down the Tigers' offense with their tough defensive play. Dalhousie could not get any closer than nine points. By the 12

minute mark, the Huskies had run up a 19 point lead. They went on to win the game 79-61.

St. Mary's was paced by Mike Williams with 25 points. Willem Verbeek had 13 for Dalhousie.

The Tigers' final home contest of the seasons will be on Saturday when they entertain Acadia.

AUAU STANDINGS

Men's volleyball

	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	P
Dalhousie	18	18	0	54	11	36
New Brunswick	17	9	8	35	31	18
U.P.E.I.	17	8	9	32	31	16
Memorial	18	0	18	6	54	0

Women's Volleyball

	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	P
UDM Moncton	14	12	2	37	11	24
Mt. Allison	14	11	3	36	15	22
Dalhousie	13	10	3	31	13	20
New Brunswick	12	7	5	27	15	14
St. F.X.	13	4	9	16	31	6
Acadia	13	3	10	14	31	6
U.P.E.I.	13	3	10	13	34	6
Memorial	12	2	10	8	32	4

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