

Tigers improving

The Basketball Tigers pleasantly surprised many of their fans last week with three strong performances against experienced opposition.

In the first half of the game one team appeared in awe of the Budget Sr. A team that features such stars as Lee Thomas, John Cassidy, Mickey Fox and Brian Heaney. In the second half, however the young Dalhousie team battled this all-star aggregation on even terms with outstanding performances coming from Don Robertson, Bob Fagan and rookie point Peter Fougere.

On the weekend the team journeyed to Wolfville to participate in the Acadia tip-off tournament. In the first game they drew Acadia and competed on even terms through three quarters of the game until Bob Fagan, Don Robertson and Gary Montle fouled out. Offensive production was seriously lacking after the loss of Fagan and Acadia dominated the final ten minutes. Dalhousie led at one point in the second half 56-55 but succumbed 95-79 in a crowd pleasing game.

In the consolation final on Saturday afternoon, the Tigers met Wilfred Laurier Hawks from Waterloo, last year's OUAA west winners. Dal was on top 37-36 after a see-saw first half. In the second half Laurier gradually built an eleven point edge that appeared insurmountable to some. The Tigers, who were brilliantly led by rookie guard Peter Fougere all weekend, completely turned the tide with a determined full court man to man press. Gord McCartney, completely shut off the Hawks six seven center Koepke who is averaging over twenty points per game. The clutch shooting was handled by Fagan, Fougere, and Doug Ryan, who came out of a two game slump when the pressure was on.

Dal showed a capability, too often

Water polo wins

Strong defence led Dalhousie to its second water polo victory in as many tries in the Metro Senior Men's League. Goalie Rob Tremaine kept his goals against average at a spectacular 2.00 as Dalhousie overcame the Bullets, 4-2. Peter Dodge and Mike Connolly anchored the defence as the team killed off three penalties without allowing a goal.

Although only four goals were scored, the forward line, consisting of Peter March, Brian Lane, and Richard Hall-Jones, played very well together and just missed filling the net. Hall-Jones led the way with two goals including the game winner. The other goals were scored by Lane and Evan Kipnis. Scoring for the Bullets were Richard Gilbert and Tim Prince. Making their debut for Dalhousie were David Armstrong and Stephen Hastings.

Defensive strength also played a prominent role in the Women's League game last Sunday. Led by goaltender Jocelyn Howell and Dal's Anne Galbraith, the Beavers, Rays, and Sharks triumphed over the Barracudas, Dolphins, and Pikes by a score of 8-4. Tenacious checking by all members of the winning team put them in firm control most of the way.

Cindy Creeper scored four times for the winners while two Dalhousie club members, Anne Campbell and Megan Gowans, tallied singles for the losers. After three games the Rays and the Sharks lead the league with five points apiece on two wins and a tie.

lacking in recent years, to produce when it counts most. The entire team played superb defense in the stretch and the ball handling magic of Fougere created scoring opportunities that were rarely missed by perennial all-star Bob Fagan who ended with a game high of twenty-nine points. Fougere himself contributed sixteen points with hot shooting from the corner and a sixteen point swing in ten minutes put the Tigers on top at the end 69-64. The Dalhousians showed they had class and determination and that they will be a factor in the ever improving Atlantic Conference. Basketball fans are in for an exciting year.

The Gazette sport coverage in spite of having plenty of material available has been inconsistent, and non-existent in a basketball sense, for a number of reasons not necessary to elucidate here, and is still a problem as a regular basketball writer has not yet appeared. This position is open to novice or pro. If interested, please contact coach Al Yarr at the Dal Gym.

The Tigers first conference game will be against nationally ranked St. F.X. on Nov. 24 in Antigonish. What may prove to be one of the year's highlights is a game against Australia in the Dal gym in the only remaining home game before Christmas. It is on Friday, November 26 at 8:00 p.m. The team journeys to Sudbury for a tournament with Laurentian, Winnipeg and McMaster, Dec. 3rd and 4th. The first two are ranked 3rd and 9th nationally on preseason ratings.

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