

SMU dumps Tigers

Since we last heard from the Varsity Basketball Tigers they have played two games against two strong teams and came up on the short end of both scores.

On Monday night in the Dalplex the Tigers hosted the Athletes in Action Canada team, the strongest competition that the Tigers will face this year. The Dal squad failed, however, to rise to the occasion losing 91-40 and in the process coming up with their worst effort of the still young year.

AIA Canada consists of former all-Americans, pro-draft picks and other members of the cream of the NCAA crop. That does not excuse the dismal performance of the Tigers.

The Dal Squad were respectable in the first half although not really in the game, trailing 42-28 at the half. In the second half what engineers and PR people have been assuring us would not happen, did—the roof fell in.

The Tigers were outscored 49-12 in the second half, managing only 2 points in the last 15 minutes of play, both from the free throw line. It was a dark day for Dalhousie.

AIA, who beat SMU 109-97 and X 91-66, ran a clinic. They

ran the offence to perfection, boxed out on the boards and shot the eyes out of the hoop. AIA shot 62% from the floor while the Tigers shooting percentage was so low that a ten digit calculator with negative numbers could not have recorded it.

But despair not tiger fans, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. The game featured the return to action (briefly) of Larry (the flying freshman/Frenchman) Gaudet, the great hope of the 79-80 Tiger squad.

Roger Jones was the only man for the tigers to hit double figures with 10. Jeff Fuhrman led the AIA offensive with 31 while Harry Sheehy added 16.

On Tuesday night the tigers entered the Metro Centre to take on the 2 time defending National Champions St. Mary's Huskies. For a while it looked like a repeat of the previous nights performance as SMU took a 11-0 lead 3 minutes into the game and managed to build a 19 point halftime lead 46-27. The Tigers appeared headed for their second blowout defeat in two nights. Coach Doc Ryan did some quick switching and started Gaudet and Pat Slawter in the backcourt for the second half.

The immediate results were that the Tigers traded hoops with the Huskies for the first five minutes of the second half. Then, led by Gaudet and Phil Howlett, they began to claw and scratch away at the Huskie lead until finally with 4 minutes to go in the game the Tigers only trailed by 10. More hoops were traded until Ron Blommers finally iced the game for the Huskies by converting a three point play. Final score SMU 94 Dal 78.

The game was important for the Tigers even in defeat because they showed that they have the potential to play with the best in the league, and win. The Dal squad beat the Huskies in the second half, and that was mainly due to the players realizing their own potential. Phil Howlett was high scorer for the Tigers with 20, while Larry Gaudet added 17 and Alastair MacDonald 12. Ron Blommers was high scorer for SMU with 22.

The Tigers next home game is Sunday night in the Dalplex against Boston University, game time is 8:00. On Tuesday night the Tigers travel to Acadia to play the Axemen (upset material). In the meantime come out and support your Tigers. Have you hugged your Tiger today?



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Mem. downs Dal in volley ball...

After a successful tournament last weekend at the Quebec Open, the Dal Women's Volleyball team returned home to host a tournament of their own, the Dal / Acadia Invitational.

In the round robin play, the Tigers continued to enjoy success as they went undefeated in five starts. The host

club defeated Mt. Allison 15-4 and 15-7 and then Memorial 15-7, 15-7 on Friday evening. Saturday Dal continued their domination as they ousted Fredericton Volleyball Club 15-7, 15-9, and Nova Scotia Teachers' College 15-3 and 15-1. The Tigers then met arch rivals Université de Moncton in one semi-final, while UNB

and Memorial squared off in the other. While MUN was forced to five games before eliminating UNB, the Tigers had a one-sided affair, disposing of U de M by scores of 15-4, 15-4 and 15-5.

In the finals, Dal demolished Memorial 15-3 in the first game and looked as if they would have little trouble

in winning in three straight games. However, MUN roared back to win the second game 15-10. The next two games also went to Memorial by scores of 17-15 and 15-8 as they took full advantage of numerous offensive and defensive mistakes by the host club.

In the bronze medal match, UNB defeated Moncton 3 games to 2.

After the tournament, Dal coach Lois MacGregor extended her congratulations to the Newfoundland team but said she was wholly unsatisfied with her charges' performance. "Except for the exceptional play of Karen Fraser, I felt the effort shown by the team was less than

satisfactory as they made numerous unwarranted mistakes late in games." MacGregor went on to say that she will have her team better prepared when the two teams meet again, in two weeks at the Moncton Open.

The play of Karen Fraser, that MacGregor referred to, was almost flawless as her power hitting often left her opponents in bewilderment. Combined with her outstanding serving, Fraser was responsible for many of Dal's points.

This weekend the Tigers host Mt. Allison at 1 p.m. on Sunday at the Dalplex. This match will be the Dal team's first home league match of the season.

...men win

by Greg Dennis

The men's varsity volleyball team continues to play inspired and exciting under coach Al Scott as they took top honors in the Dal/Acadia Tournament staged last Friday and Saturday at DALPLEX.

In the finals, Dal was matched up with the Sunbury Volleyball Club, a tough senior AA team from Oromocto, N.B.

Fittingly it was a most exciting climax to the tourney with the Tigers winning in the maximum five games; the scores being 15-10, 15-8, 12-15, 11-15 and finally 15-8 in the deciding game. Dal earned its berth into the finals with a 15-7, 16-14, 15-7 sweep victory over the Fredericton Junction Volleyball Club in the semis.

The Tigers displayed fine team-work and 100% effort was given from all members.

Particularly outstanding were Jan Prsala with 18 kills, Phil Perrin with 17 kills and 7 blocking points and Jeff Gray, 11 kills and 4 blocks. Coach Scott was pleased with his club's performance and was especially happy about wins against rival AUSA teams in the preliminaries. Scores were Dal over 3rd place U. de M. 15-12, 9-15, 15-7; over St. F.X. 15-7, 15-6; over UNB 15-7, 15-5 (second straight week that Dal has beaten the defending AUSA champs handily); and over the Dartmouth Lakers 15-7, 1-15, 15-7.

On Sunday, the Tigers travel to Antigonish to visit the X-Men, who placed 10th in last weekend's ten team tourney. Then its back to the DALPLEX on Wednesday (28th) to host the Acadia Axemen at 7:00 p.m.

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