

Fall season triumphant for Dal Tigers

The Dal Tigers won all six of their home games over the weekend. Dal racked up victories in swimming, hoockey, men's and women's basketball and a two match win in men's volley ball. This weekend marked the end of the fall schedule for the Tigers and boosted their ratings in the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association (AUAA) pre-Christmas standings.

The Varsity Tigers started their winning weekend with a splash!

The men's and women's swim teams posted a 67-26 and 62-32 win over the Acadia Axemen. This showing secures their first place position as they remain unbeaten in AUAA standings heading into the new year.

In hockey action the Dal Tiers got an early Christmas present as they bumped Acadia out of their first place standing in the AUAA Kelly (N.S.) Division by upsetting the Axemen 3-1. The victory

was a turning point for the team as it evened their record to 6-6 and put them in a 3rd place standing for first term play.

The men's and women's basketball teams captured both games against the University of New Brunswick in a double header before an enthusiastic crowd of 500 at Dalplex on Saturday. The men glided to an easy 92-66 victory while the women edged out the University of N.B. Red Bloomers 82-80. On Sunday night the men's basketball squad

bombing the St. Mary's Huskies 103-65. This now puts the men's team in 3rd place in AUAA Basketball with a 3-1 record. The women's team ended its pre-Christmas schedule with a 2-1 record and 4th position in the standing.

The men's volleyball Tigers retained their unbeaten AUAA status by winning a pair of matches from the University of Moncton Blue Eagles, 3-1 and 3-0. They finish their first term schedule with an impressive 7-0

record. In fact, the team's 13-15 loss in Saturday's first game against the Blue Eagles, was the only loss for the Volleyball Tigers this year.

The Tiger's 1989 varsity home game schedule kicks off with Coca-Cola Beaver Foods Classic Men's Basketball Tournament January 5-7. Drop over to Dalplex and follow the Tigers in the new year. The teams offer some of the best varsity action on the east coast.

Undefeated swim

season

by Susan Hall

The men's and women's swim teams wrapped up the first half of the season undefeated, with dual meet wins over Acadia on Friday at Dalplex. Tiger event winners were Dee Dee MacKenzie 200, 400 and 800 free, Sarah Hall 100 free, Kellie Andrews 50 free, Laure Wallace 200 fly, Kathy Josey 200 IM, D'Arcy Byrne 400 and 800 free, Erik Kerasiotis 50 free, John Duncan 200 fly, Carl Ballard 200 back, and Todd Durling 200 IM. The Swim Tigers have a busy Christmas break ahead. From Dec. 15 to 23, they will be running Operation Rednose, a volunteer chauffeur service to drive partygoers and their cars home safely. On Dec. 27, the Tigers head off to Quebec City for week-long training camp at Laval University.

Red Noses

In support of the Province's initiatives to stop drinking drivers over the Holiday Season, Dalhousie University's Men's & Women's Varsity Swim Teams are pleased to announce the establishment of a Christmas Holiday Drive-You-Home program.

The program is called Operation Red Nose. "Nez Rouge" or Operation Red Nose was designed at Laval University.

This year the Dalhousie Varsity Swim Team's, in conjunction with Radio Station C100 and the Halifax Herald Limited, will introduce Operation Red Nose to the Halifax-Dartmouth community from December 15th to December 23rd. The hours of operation will be from 6:00 pm to 2:00 am.

The program works like this: someone seeking a safe ride home places a call to Operation Red Nose headquarters, and a car is dispatched to the caller's location. The dispatched auto contains three people, the intended driver of the caller's vehicle, a security assistant to travel along with them, and the driver of the dispatched car who will follow the caller's automobile to its destination to pick up and return his colleagues to headquarters.

Scholarships steal Canada's best

Brian Lennox

In recent years Canadian university athletics have debated the issue of athletic scholarships. Currently, Canadian universities are permitted to offer a maximum of \$1,000 to a student-athlete. The issue of scholarships was in the past rejected as not part of the Canadian system, the issue today is very controversial that really has not fully been endorsed by Canadian universities.

In four sports we have witnessed the best Canadian athletes leave for the United States. Ice hockey, football, men's basketball, and in track and field for both men and women are the four sports where Canadian universities lose the best athletes to American institutions. All these sports are played at the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union but with the best leaving Canada it certainly affects the level of play.

There is concern that offering

athletic scholarships could create some of the problems that American institutions have faced. The athletic departments of American universities, especially at the division 1 level have in some cases used illegal tactics in order to recruit athletes. What inevitably happens is that the athletic department becomes so powerful that it cannot be controlled and that there is too great an emphasis on winning.

There are those who are opposed to scholarships in Canada. Professor Donald MacIntosh, of Queen's University, is concerned that scholarships in Canada will move closer to the U.S. model which he does not want. MacIntosh believes that Canadian schools will get into the business of athletes first and students second.

However, there are a great many who are in favour on athletic scholarships. Former sport minister, Otto Jelinek, believes Canadian schools must implement scholarships to stem the tide of

some 500 athletes heading south annually. At the annual CIAU meeting in June of 1987 Jelinek suggested that Canadians cannot ignore the exodus of promising Canadian athletes. The Sport Canada Director General, Abby Hoffman is very supportive of scholarships. Hoffman believes the commitment to both academics and athletics is very difficult and student-athletes should receive some form of scholarship.

The majority of young Canadian athletes who follow university sport know the NCAA much better than the CIAU. Scholarships would help the image of Canadian university sport and appeal to more young athletes. The American institutions have provided numerous examples of cheating and Canadian university athletic departments should know how to avoid them. Many coaches at the CIAU believe scholarships would have kept many of their recruits at home.

Ken Shields basketball coach at the University of Victoria has had

some excellent recruits go to the United States. Two players in particular, David Turcotte and David Lodgins went to the United States. In Turcotte's last two years at Colorado State he was an all-conference selection and a member of Canada's National team. When trying to recruit Lodgins, Shields had to compete against the University of Wyoming. Wyoming could offer free tuition, room, board, and books while Shields could offer only \$1,000. Shields believes that Canadians should not be paranoid about offering scholarships because of what has occurred in America.

Canadians should not be intimidated by athletic scholarships, especially since athletic departments in Canada have committed themselves to avoiding the problems that the NCAA has had to deal with. We do not have to offer full scholarships but at least we should support university athletes better than we have been.

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Jan. 5-7 — Dal Men's Basketball Invitational

Jan. 10 — Women's Volleyball exhibition TBA

Jan. 13 — Men's Volleyball UNB at Dal 8:00pm

Jan. 14 — Men's Volleyball UNB at Dal 2:00pm

Jan. 14 — Hockey UDM at Dal 7:30pm

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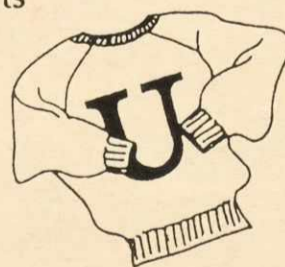
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