



Men's basketball finally break losing streak

BY MATT FELTHAM AND SUMANT KUMAR

After five consecutive losses, the Tigers finally changed their losing ways with a convincing 82-64 win over the over-matched UPEI Panthers.

Dal was in control from the opening tip and led from start to finish. In five minutes of play, the Tigers built a 10-point lead, which widened as the half continued. By mid-game, the Tigers were in complete command with a 42-25 lead.

In the second half, Dal coasted but never let the Panthers back into the contest. Strong play by Brian Parker and a solid effort from Paul Willisicroft allowed the Tigers to dominate the game and gave them hope for a strong drive leading up to the playoffs at the Metro Centre

in March.

Parker led the Tigers with 28 points, shooting 10-19 with 8 rebounds and 6 steals. Willisicroft was named Player of the Game as he hit for 10 points, 9 rebounds, 7 assists, 5 steals and 3 blocks in a mere 23 minutes of playing time. For the Panthers, who shot a horrible 29 per cent from the field, Greg Lucas led the way with 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Early in the week, Dal was lit up for the second straight game by SMU rookie Nathan Anderson. In the Huskies' 84-75 win, the 5'5" guard dominated the game, finishing with a triple double (20 points, 14 rebounds, 10 assists). Parker finished with 22 points to lead the Tigers.

Once again, the SMU Tower was packed to capacity with about 2000 screaming Huskies fans. On the

other hand, Sunday's game at Dalplex was viewed by only 369 lifeless fans. This measly turnout does absolutely nothing to improve Dalhousie's growing reputation as having some of the worst sports fans in the country. With rumours of cheap beer at Dalplex, it is hoped that crowds will increase for future basketball events.

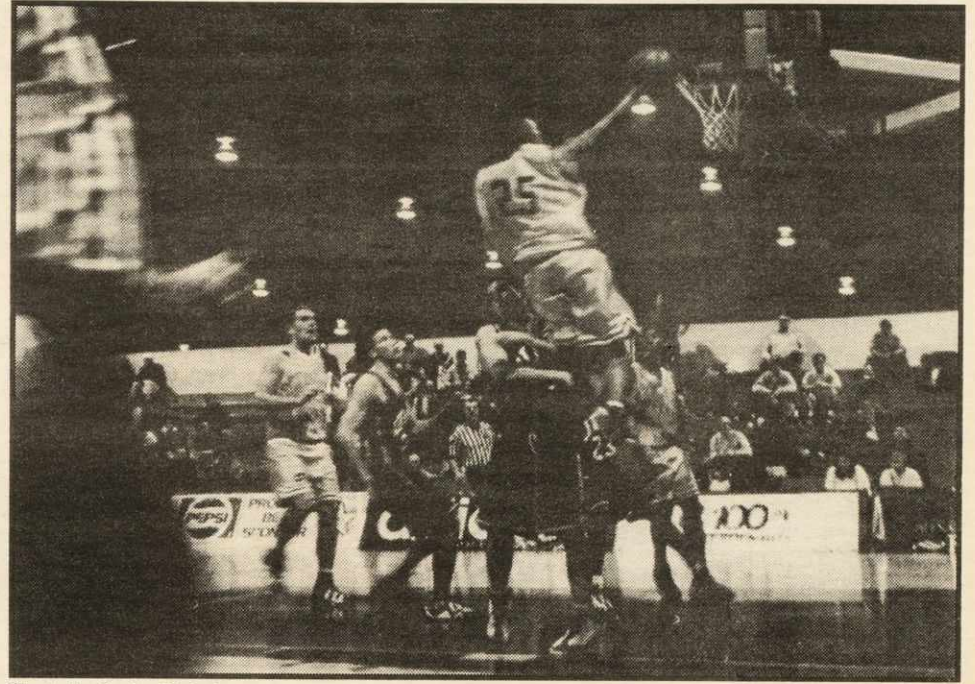


Photo by Luke Dobek

Dal wrestling ready to upset the competition

BY KATHLEEN MATTHEWS

The AUAAs have arrived and Dal wrestling is ready. This Valentine's Day, the Dal Wrestling Club won't have love on their minds — they will be competing in the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association (AUAA) Wrestling championships at the University of New Brunswick in

Fredericton.

There will be four teams trying to qualify for twenty spots in ten weight classes for the national championship, which will be held at Brock University in March. The competition includes Memorial University, Concordia and defending champions UNB.

If past performance is any indication, Dal should certainly show well. Last

year, Dal finished third overall as a team, with many excellent individual performances including a first-place finish from veteran coach Scott Aldridge in the heavyweight class, and third place from Logan Ward at 57kg. This year, Aldridge will return to defend his third AUAA title, having won in 1988, 1996 and 1997, in hopes of adding a fourth at 90kg. Ward, who placed third at 57kg last year, is also favoured to take first-place honours at 52kg.

"There will be other potential

qualifiers as well," Aldridge said.

Other competitors expected to do well include Andrew Moebus at 68kg, Gavin Tweedie at 72kg, Scott Malcolm at 82kg, Jason Schonberg at 76kg, and Paul Murchison at heavyweight.

Out of ten different weight classes, the athletes placing in the top two positions of each weight class will go on to CIAUs. When asked about his predictions for the AUAAs, Aldridge says he expects Dal to be the outside favourite as they may be the team to

upset UNB in their strongest classes, giving Memorial the edge for the win.

"We are definitely going to be the spoilers," says Aldridge. "If we can win three or four weight classes, we even have a chance to win it all [overall team]."

There should be no question that, at the end of it all, Dal will have representation on March 7 at the CIAU Wrestling Championships at Brock University.

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UPEI FALLS TO DAL BASKETBALL

On Sunday, the Dalhousie women's basketball team took on the UPEI Panthers at the Dalplex. The Tigers took the game 71-63. The Tigers played well throughout and led 36-34 at the half. They stepped up their defence in the second, led by Jillian MacDonald who had 6 blocks and 7 offensive rebounds for a total of 12. Carrie-Lynn Fair had a total of 11 rebounds, while Janice King had 10 and 8 points. Tiger Janet Wells took Player of the Game honours for another solid effort as she recorded 15 points and 8 rebounds. Angelia Crealock had 11 points, 7 turnovers, 5 assists and 4 steals. Jennifer Johnston led the way for the Huskies with 15 points, 7 assists and 7 steals.

VOLLEYBALL DROPS UPEI

The women's volleyball team swept the UPEI Panthers in two matches over the weekend. The Tigers defeated their opposition by game scores of 15-1, 15-9 and 15-8 on Saturday, and 15-1, 15-4 and 15-4 on Sunday. Dal captain Jen Parkes took Player of the Game honours on Saturday for 9 kills and 7 digs while teammate Melanie Hansen contributed 8 kills and 8 digs. Setter Michelle Aucoin was Sunday's Player of the Game. Cara MacKenzie had 8 kills, 2 blocks, 7 digs and 1 service ace, Parkes had 5 kills and middle blocker Denise Chapman added 6 kills, 4 blocks and 1 ace. The Tigers extended their winning streak to 13 and are currently in second place with a 14-1 record. Memorial remain first in conference standings at 15-1 while the Panthers are in ninth place in the ten-team conference at 2-14.

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