

Tigers respectable in Waterloo

The Dalhousie Varsity Tigers journeyed to Waterloo this past weekend to the Naismith Classic. They caused the biggest upset of the tournament when they defeated Lakehead in the first round 79-75. Lakehead, with 7'11" national team centre Jim Zoet, were national finalists last year and are currently ranked seventh nationally. The story of the game was a superb team effort that brought the Tigers back from a 27-6 deficit.

Early in the game point guard Peter Fougere sprained an ankle with the score at 6-4. Without Fougere, the team lost its offensive rhythm and quickly fell back, seemingly out of contention. Extreme man to man defensive

pressure by Al MacDonald and Ken Fells turned the momentum back to Dal. Fougere was reinserted and re-established offensive flow. The reliable scoring of Bob Fagan contributed to bringing back the score to 39-33 at the half.

In the second half the Tigers would not be denied. Mike Donaldson, dwarfed by the much taller Zoet, effectively reduced Zoet's inside scoring holding him to two points for the half. Fagan, Phil Howlett and MacDonald scored shot after shot under pressure. The Dal man to man press destroyed any semblance of team offense by Lakehead. Ken Fells was outstanding in this role and MacDonald was all over the court making steals.

With three minutes to go, the Dalhousians went into the lead for the first time on foul shots by MacDonald and held the lead for what Coach Al Yarr describes as "the best Dal game in five years". Fagan topped all scorers with 27, MacDonald had 21 and Howlett added 14, ten in the second half. Fagan and Donaldson had eleven rebounds each and Howlett contributed ten.

The victory demonstrated that when their starters are healthy, Dal can play with anyone in the country.

In the semi-final against St. Mary's, the loss of Peter Fougere to injury proved how important he is to offensive cohesion. The offense sputtered from the start and the Dal

quintet fell back by twenty early in the game. Defensive pressure did not rattle the poised and deep SMU team. The outcome was a 93-63 loss.

High scorers for the game were Fagan and MacDonald with 18 each. Ken Fells added 16 and played a strong defensive game. The tournament was won by Laurentian over SMU in a thriller 69-66. The Voyageurs travel to Dal for a Jan. 8th encounter. They have three imported players from the U.S.A. that are one step out of the NBA; an exciting three man team.

A tired and injured team played a Sunday afternoon game at Western in London. Again Fougere did not dress. The Tigers led 45-39 at the half but when MacDonald fouled out in the second half, the lack of a floor general proved fatal. The outcome was a 94-83 loss to a hustling and deserving UWO team. The highlight for Dal was the return to form of frosh Murray Steeves, who led all scorers with 22 points.

Dal plays its last pre-Christmas game against sixth ranked St. F.X. at the Dal gym Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 8:00 p.m.

Dal water polo

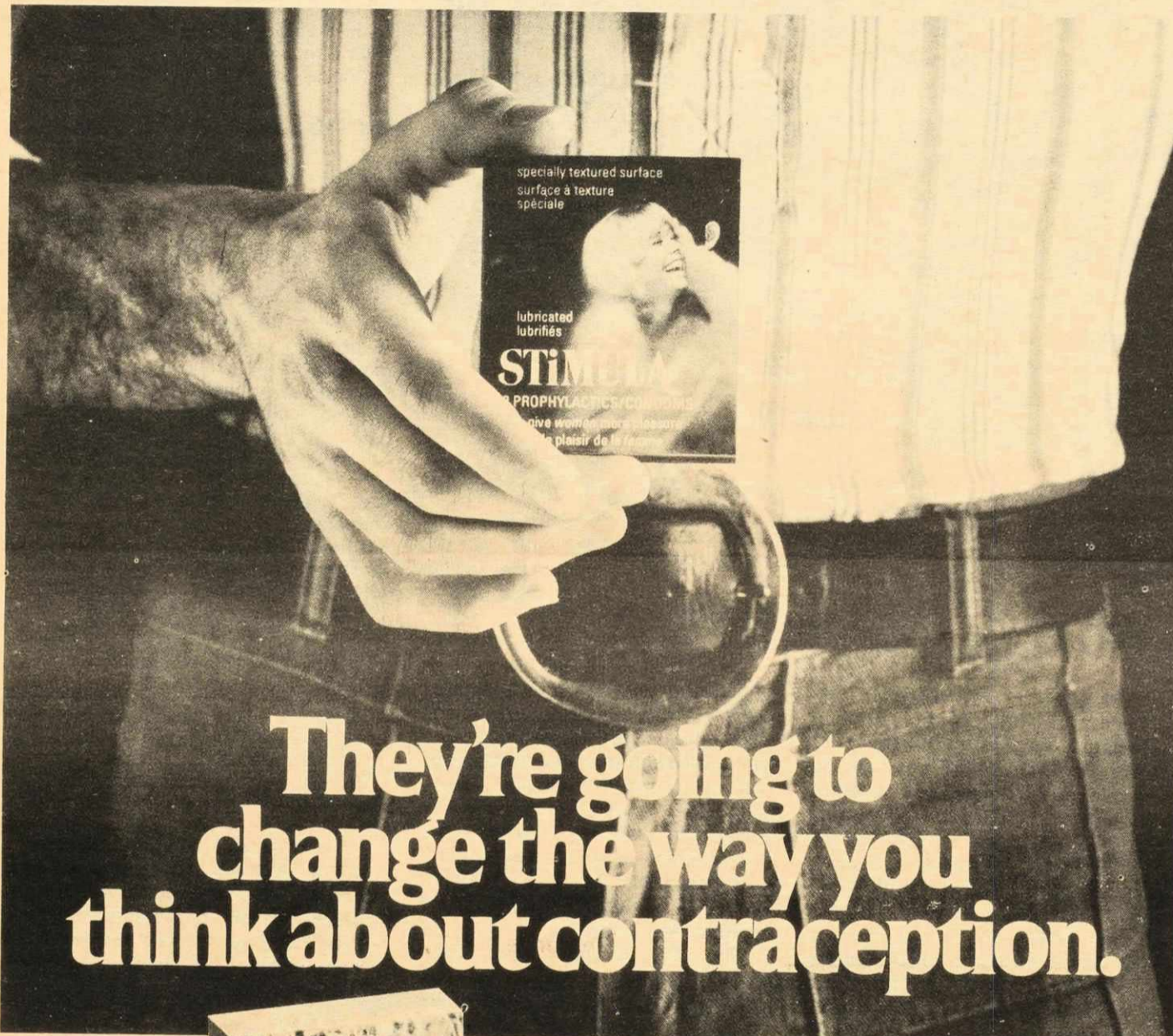
In the last three weeks a total of twelve games have been played in the Halifax-Metro Senior Waterpolo League with both the Dal Lions and the Dal Panthers competing in six games each. The Panthers were the most successful with a record of four wins and two losses for the six game total.

The Panthers losses came about from a 9-5 win by the Lions and a defaulted game to the Halifax Trojans team. Unfortunately, the Panthers have encountered problems getting a full team out to the games and have suffered a number of defeats by default. They played the Dartmouth Lakers twice and were victorious in both games, with scores of 8-3 and 9-5. Mark Cann was the top scorer in the 9-5 victory with four goals to his credit, while Greg Clarke was the big scorer in the 8-3 win with a hat trick.

The Panthers other two wins came about from a 5-3 victory over the Lions and a 7-6 win over the Halifax Trojans. The Halifax Trojans v.s. Dal Panthers game turned out to be very controversial and as a result caused a few tempers to flare. The score was very close throughout the whole game but Cann managed to score a tie breaking goal in the last minute of play to give the Panthers the win.

The Dal Lions finished their six games breaking even, with three wins and three losses. As well as the two game split with the Panthers, the team suffered an 8-6 loss to the Halifax Trojans and a defaulted game to the Dartmouth Lakers.

The Lions wins were obtained from a 12-9 victory over the Trojans and a 8-7 victory over the Lakers. The Lions vs. Lakers game was a narrow victory for the Dal club and it proved to be one of the most exciting games played so far this year. The Lions big gunner Gordie MacDonald was expelled from the game early in the fourth quarter with three major fouls and without substitutes the Lions were forced to play a man short for the remainder of the game. With the score a 5-5 tie it looked like the Lakers had a sure win, however, the Lions were able to hold on, and as a result of Ralph Simpson's contribution of four goals throughout the game they were able to edge the Dartmouth squad 8-7.



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