

# SPORTS

## Women hoop Tigers looking strong

by Mark de Pencier

The women's basketball season is in full swing and the Tigers have shown over the past week and a half that they can play with the best. With outstanding team chemistry and a tantalizing defence, the women find themselves in a fourth place tie with Acadia and Memorial. Although they have a lot of work ahead of them, their confidence level remains high.

A couple of Tuesdays ago the women met a struggling team from SMU, and made no mistake as they cruised to a 57-35 win. The defence, which is second in points against in the AUAA, was unbeatable as they

held the cross town rivals to a measly 13 points in the first half. Ivana Fruhwaldove came off the bench, and was hot from three point land finishing with 14 points and player of the game honours.

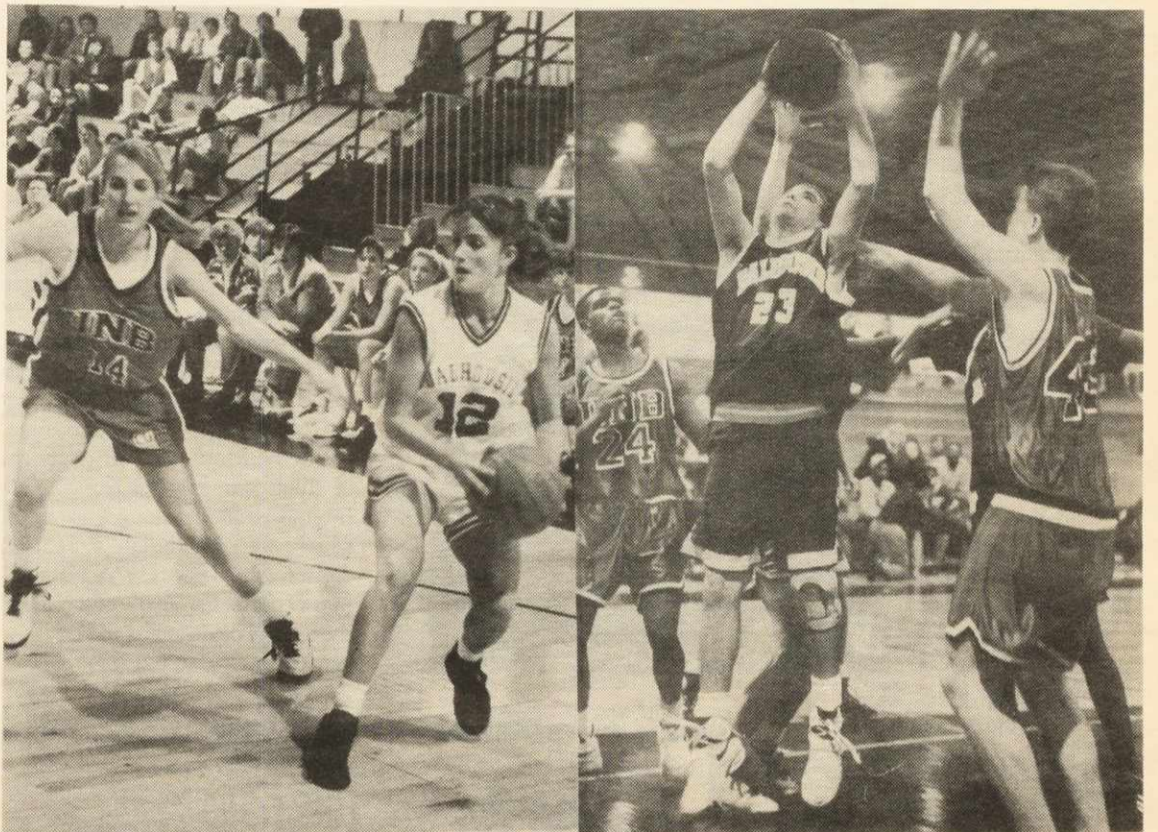
On Friday it was back to the Dalplex for a battle with number one UNB. The Tigers showed that they could play with the best as they came out with a 66-57 victory. Down by ten at half time, the women fought back in this physical affair, once again spurred on by their aggressive "D". Angie McLeod, who has been consistent all season, took player of the game, and the team demonstrated their depth with strong games off the bench by Tanya Fader and Deanna

Lynn McMullen. Overall good foul shooting and team play won the game.

On Sunday the team travelled to PEI to take on the Panthers and lost a close one 63-60. Coach Carolyn Savoy noted that the tigers "were not

crashing the boards and therefore were out rebounded by 11." The Coach also stated that "the defence played well and defence is what wins ball games." In the end, Angie McLeod's 18 points and Jennifer

Clark's 10 points were not enough to pull out the victory. The rematch will be played at Dal on Feb. 13, so get out there and support our team. They also play SMU at SMU on Feb. 9.



## Tigers in playoff hunt

by Toby Jones

The Dalhousie Tigers men's basketball team played great basketball this week. The Tigers defeated UNB and UPEI this weekend 93-60 and 82-59 respectively. The Tigers find themselves in fourth place only 4 points out of first place.

In Friday night's game the Tigers dominated UNB from the outset, never relinquishing their lead. The Tigers once again had strong games from their bigmen Dean Thibodeau and Shawn Plancke. Plancke's game registered a 10 on the dunk-o-meter, as he threw down 6 or 7 jams, seemingly owning the paint. As the Tigers pulled away, the second string continued to play fine basketball, and continued to augment their lead. The Tigers showed they could dominate against a much weaker opponent.

In Sunday night's contest the Tigers would meet a much tougher opponent in UPEI, but manhandled them anyway. Prince Edward Island native and All-Canadian Dean Thibodeau played amazingly, scoring 35 points while collecting 14 rebounds. Shawn Plancke played well, scoring 9 points and playing strong defence. Plancke adds a flexible dimension to Dal's offense, his quick and strong leaping ability blends nicely with Thibodeau's physical post roles.

Chris Cain is playing with a great deal of concentration and confidence, scoring 19 points, with a strong defensive effort. All the Dal guards played strong defence, limiting the potent UPEI offense to 49 points. Dal has a good shot at making the playoffs and seem to be peaking at the right time.

WOMEN					MEN						
	W	L	F	A	P		W	L	F	A	P
UNB	10	3	922	764	20	St. FX	8	3	843	771	22
St. FX	8	3	746	683	16	Acadia	7	4	824	687	22
Acadia	6	4	572	543	12	Cape Breton	6	4	796	755	20
Dalhousie	6	5	694	598	12	Dalhousie	6	5	794	789	18
Memorial	6	5	618	601	12	UPEI	7	3	897	759	16
St. Mary's	2	11	718	826	4	St. Mary's	5	6	861	870	16
Cape Breton	0	12	481	861	0	Memorial	3	7	726	821	10
						UNB	1	11	710	899	2

### Women's CIAU Rankings

- 1 Winnipeg (1)
- 2 Victoria (2)
- 3 Laurentian (3)
- 4 Toronto (4)
- 5 McGill (5)
- 6 Lethbridge (8)
- 7 Lakehead (7)
- 8 Western (6)
- 9 Manitoba (9)
- 10 UPEI (n.r.)

### Men's CIAU Rankings

- 1 Winnipeg (1)
- 2 Concordia (2)
- 3 Saskatchewan (5)
- 4 McMaster (7)
- 5 Guelph (3)
- 6 St. FX (8)
- 7 Brock (4)
- 8 Calgary (6)
- 9 Acadia (9)
- 10 Alberta (n.r.)

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