



## Tigers lose their growl

by Brian Lennox

Except for the Dalhousie men's volleyball team, last weekend was not a good one for varsity teams.

Four Tiger varsity teams had their season come to an abrupt halt. On Saturday, the women's volleyball, men's hockey, and women's basketball teams lost in AUSA playoff action. Then, on Sunday, the carnage continued as the Dalhousie Tigers men's basketball team lost to Saint Mary's, eliminating the Tigers from playoff action.

The women's volleyball team lost in the AUSA semi-final to the Mount Allison Mounties. Mount Allison defeated the Tigers in a five-game match, 3-2. This was a heartbreaking loss for the volleyball squad, as they had been playing at their best in the last three weeks. Five-year veteran

and AUSA all-star Sandra Rice finished her career on Saturday, as did four-year veterans Lori Welch and Cathy Bill.

In the first game of the Dal Tigers' hockey semi-final, the Tigers not only suffered a tough 5-4 loss to the Moncton Blue Eagles, they also had their locker room broken into between the second and third periods. Their best-of-three series ended Saturday night as Moncton beat Dal 7-0 in Moncton.

For the women's basketball team, the season ended in the AUSA championship game as UNB beat Dal 62-46. A win would have put Dal into the CIAU championships. Two Tigers were named to the AUSA all-conference teams. Angie MacLeod was named to the first team, while Kim Empey was selected to the second team.

Disappointing is the word to

describe the Dal Tigers men's basketball team's season. On Sunday their playoff aspirations ended as SMU beat them 84-76. The Tigers certainly had their chances to eliminate the Huskies, but could not do it. Once again Dalhousie's shooting was their downfall as they hit only 35 per cent of their shots. The Tigers have the nucleus for a very good team, though.

The only happy story is the men's volleyball team, who won the AUSA championship. The Tigers have owned the AUSA for the past decade, but UNB put up a tough battle on Saturday. With the victory, Dal now prepares for the CIAU championships, to be held in Winnipeg March 16-18. The Tigers will probably be seeded seventh in the tournament.

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