

Men's b'ballers come close

By Chris Murray

The Dal Tigers men's basketball team is much improved over last year. In the first two games of the season they were defeated by PEI and St. Mary's but the coming season still looks hopeful. The loss to PEI was by a 12 point margin but the Tigers were within five points the entire game until they began to gamble in an attempt to pull out victory. The loss to SMU was a heart-breaker, a one point loss with zero seconds left on the clock.

The positive aspect of these two

losses was that Dal used all of its players in both games while opposing teams used only their top players. Bev Greenlaw, coach of the Tigers, says, "We were not competitive at this point last year", but that seems to have changed. "Two years ago", says Greenlaw, "the Tigers were very weak but the rebuilding process began last year." The Tigers were possessors of a sub-par record of seven wins as opposed to 11 losses but most of their wins came at the end of the season as the team began to function as a unit.

For those players returning,

several things have changed from last year's playing conditions. The work ethic on the part of the players has been greatly improved from one year ago.

In analyzing the Tigers, coach Greenlaw says the offence is balanced with no one player being looked to as the key to the team's success. Likewise, on defence he says its strength is the depth of the players involved. The Tigers of last year were one of the smaller teams in the division but they are slightly bigger this year. Greenlaw says the team possesses overall better size. The average height

of the Tigers is about six feet-two inches tall. Two rookies will add to the size of the team. Guard Jim Charters is six-foot-five and starting centre Dean Thibedeau is six-foot-seven. the coach thinks the rookie centre will have a major impact on the team's play. An added plus is the return of Oscar Martens, who played for the Tigers previously but missed last year with an illness. Martens is normally a guard but will be used by the Tigers as a centre.

Despite size factors, Greenlaw stresses that skills and effort are very important factors and the returning players have improved

in these crucial areas. The coach says last year the Tigers could not come within 20 points of the top teams, but that has changed. One reason the coach is reluctant to pick favorites in the division is because of a very balanced field of potential candidates.

One team which looks very strong is St. F.X. This team beat out Dal last year for the final division playoff spot. They have kept many of their previous players as well as made a few key additions. They will play the Tigers at the Dalplex on Nov. 18 at eight pm.

Hockey Tigers end road tour

by Brian Lennox

After a long weekend on the road last week, the Dalhousie Tigers hockey team returned home for two games over the weekend. On Saturday night, the University College of Cape Breton Capers soundly beat the Tigers 7-2. The Tigers bounced back on Sunday

and beat the St. Francis Xavier X-Men 7-4.

With many new players on the roster this year, the team is taking time to jell as a unit. In Saturday's game the youthful Tigers faced an experienced club in Cape Breton. Dalhousie quickly fell behind 3-1 after the first period

and 6-1 after two periods and Cape Breton coasted to a 7-2 win before an estimated 350 fans.

The Tigers being a young squad, one might think they would be down after Saturday night's game. However, on Sunday the Tigers bounced back to beat St. Francis Xavier 7-4. With a 4-3 lead going into the third period, the Tigers came out flying and outscored the X-Men 3-1 and outshot them 25-7. Brad Murrin scored two goals, with singles going to Graham Stanley, Gord Kiley, Craig Morrison, Malcolm Cameron, and Tim MacMillan.

Dalhousie's record now stands at 2-3 as they begin playing some road games next week. The Tigers' next home game is against their cross-town rivals, the Saint Mary's Huskies, on November 17.

Riot police

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given a mandate by 20 member colleges and universities to extend a three-day strike indefinitely. Over 100,000 students at 32 colleges went on strike October 26 to 29 to press demands for reforms to the province's loans and bursaries program.

On November 2, 18 officers prodded and struck picketers as they shoved their way to a door. They then moved into the university subway station, backing 100 demonstrators into the turnstiles and eventually forcing strikers out into the street.

On November 3, police in body armour and riot helmets and carrying metre-long clubs helped UQAM business administration students, who voted against the strike, to enter the university by clearing picketers. Demonstrators — chanting "Non-Violence" — moved away from building entrances and police made no arrests.

Constable Jacques Morrisseau said the police were engaged in "normal work."

Pickers said they were punched in the stomach, had their ribs bruised and were hit in the genitals and in the face. Witnesses said that one student was grabbed by the hair and thrown to the ground.

Administration students who voted against the strike stayed away from the downtown campus on the first day, but on November 3, they came to class. Chanting "We want to go in!" about 30 students charged the picketers in front of one building. As the picketers chanted "No vio-

lence!" the anti-strikers tried to kick and elbow their way past the dozen picketers. Unable to gain entry, the students tried to get through another door and eventually found their way in through a rear entrance. Riot police arrived after the fracas. The picketers moved away from the entrances as the police read the riot act. No arrests were made and no one was seriously injured.

"The university called us in for our assistance to keep the university open," said police chief Yvon Michaud. Michaud said students who did not comply with the injunction would be removed.

"These (the strikebreakers) are the people who are against the strike, even the concept of a strike," arts, literature and social science student association coordinator Charles Benoit said, nursing a bruised forehead he got after a police officer struck him with a baton. "But we're on strike and people should respect that."

Business administration student Stephane Hackett said the 2,000 students who voted for the strike had no right to decide what UQAM's 34,000 students should do.

"We want to go to class," said one business administration student. "What right do they have to tell us we can't have our education?"

The strike has the support of UQAM's three unions. Quebec's three English-language universities are not on strike.


ANEEQ is demanding that education minister Claude Ryan make public his long-promised reform of the province's loans and bursaries system and guarantee improved access to student aid.

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