

# Hockey team slipping

BY SCOTT HEPDITCH & JIM STROWBRIDGE

Hello, hockey fans.

The Dalhousie Tigers started off the 1996 portion of their season on January 6 in PEI when they took on the hometown Panthers. The game ended up being the fourth straight loss for Dal as the Panthers downed the visitors 5-1.

Dal saw its next action last Thursday as they "travelled" to the Metro Centre to take on crosstown rivals Saint Mary's University (SMU). Dal looked to continue their dominance over the Huskies this year and early on it looked as if this would be the case as Dal jumped out to a 2-0 lead. This lead was short-lived though, as SMU managed to tie the game by the end of the first. SMU then took the lead and never looked back as they went on to win 6-3. This loss extended the Tiger's losing streak to five games and dropped Dal into fourth place in the Kelly Division.

The Tigers next took the ice on Saturday, hoping to end their slump and it looked like this would be very possible as Kelly Division basement dwellers Cape Breton were in town. The game opened with the Keifer House show, as he was able to score early and often in the first frame. House opened the scoring 39 seconds in, and then scored again at 4:29, 10:13,



Tigers split pair of weekend games against Cape Breton and St. Francis-Xavier

and 10:22. House provided all of the offense that Dal would need this day as the Tigers went on to beat the Capers 9-1 to snap their losing streak.

Other scorers for Dal were David Haynes with a pair, while Marc Warner, Pat Russell, and Rick Findlay all chipped in with singles. The lone goal scorer for Cape Breton was G. Hunter, who broke Greg Dreveny's shutout bid at 11:31 of the second period.

Dal's dominance was reflected in the shot totals, as they held Cape Breton to 21 shots while peppering 53 shots at Jamie Shea and Colin Guilbault.

The Tigers looked to carry this offensive momentum into Sunday's game as the St. Francis Xavier (St. FX) X-men came to town. The first period was tightly contested with both teams having many chances to score but strong play from Dal's Steve Pottie and St. FX's Steve Silver kept both teams off the scoreboard in the opening frame.

In the second period, the X-Men scored four unanswered goals on only six shots to build a 4-0 lead. On three of the goals, Pottie had very little chance — on X's second goal, there was what looked to be goaltender in-

terference, the third goal was scored on a perfectly executed 2-on-1, and the fourth was deflected past Pottie by his own defenceman.

Even though the Tigers were down 4-0 entering the third period, they came out hard and looked to cut into X's lead. A point shot by James Bugden clearly went into the net, but the referee (who was out of place) thought that it hit the post because it came out so fast. Dal finally solved Silver 12 minutes into the third period as scoring machine Keifer House notched his fifth goal in two games to cut X's lead to 4-1. House then cut the deficit to two goals 17 seconds later on a pretty feed from Steve Maltby. Dal kept pressing and got X's lead down to one when Maltby scored at 17:06 of the third. In the last three minutes, Dal had their chances but Silver was there like he was all night to shut the door. Final score was 4-3 in favour of the X-Men.

Three of Dal's biggest hockey names this year, Greg Dreveny, Martin LaPointe, and Keifer House, found out last week that they were selected by the media to play in the Tim Horton's Cup (AUSA All Star Game) next month at the Metro Centre. It should be a very entertaining game so all hockey fans should make plans to go out and support our guys and see some good hockey.

Dal also found out last week that Brian King and Ulrik Bengtsson will not be returning to the team. King has signed on with Truro of the Nova Scotia Senior League, while we are not sure of Ulrik's hockey plans at this time.

# Volleyball Tigers go for three

BY CARMEN TAM & SHANNON MORRISON

The Tigers look to make it three in a row as they are set to defend their gold medals from the last two seasons in the 17th annual Lawton's Volleyball Classic this weekend at Dalplex. The Classic attracts top teams in the nation and this season has proved to be no exception as Dal welcomes, among others, top-ranked Laval and seventh-ranked York.

The Tigers are fresh from winning two games against the Memorial Sea-Hawks last weekend and are looking forward to the tournament. They won Saturday's game with a 3-0 sweep, posting scores of 15-8, 15-10, and 15-7.

Player of the game honours went to second-year player Jason Trepanier, who had 16 kills and seven digs.

Dal captain Jamie Mallon came off an injury to contribute 13 kills and 10 digs while teammate Terry Martin chipped in nine kills and four stuff blocks.

Former Tigers player Deon Goulding responded with 17 kills and eight blocks for Memorial.

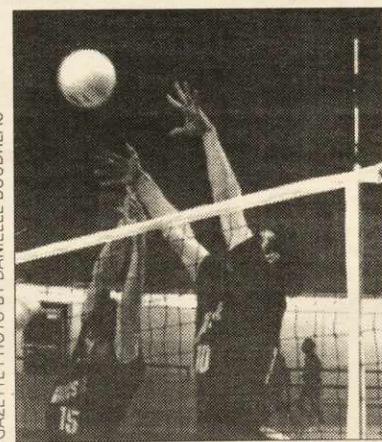
"It was one of the best matches we've played all year," said Martin.

The next afternoon, the Tigers had a tougher time with the Sea-Hawks but managed to prevail with a 3-1 win. The game scores were 15-6, 16-14, 14-16, and 15-13.

AUSA all-star Martin had 14 kills, nine blocks, and six digs to be named player of the match.

Mallon paced the Tigers with 20 kills and 15 digs while Ontario native Trepanier had 16 kills and 9 digs.

Rookie Matt Hartlen shone for



Dalhousie by adding 17 kills and five digs.

Goulding was once again the offensive force for MUN with 16 kills and five digs.

"We slipped back into our old way of thinking [about MUN]," said Martin. "We weren't as mentally strong at first."

Dal now holds a 5-1 record to lead the conference.

The Memorial Sea-Hawks will be back this weekend for the Classic along with the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds to represent the AUSA.

The Classic will be the men's last home games until late February. Dalhousie begins round-robin play against York at 12 p.m. on Friday. The Tigers will then battle Université de Sherbrooke, who is ranked sixth in the CIAUs, that evening at 9 p.m.

### Women's team remains perfect

Dalhousie improved their record to 11 wins and no losses after defeating the University of New Brunswick (UNB) in two matches this past weekend.

On Saturday, the Tigers swept

the Varsity Reds in three straight games, 15-12, 15-5, and 15-9. The following day, Dalhousie won by scores of 15-11, 17-15, and 15-8.

Alicia MacFarlane led the passers in the first match with a 2.80 serve reception rating along with a 41% kill efficiency. Jen Parkes contributed four stuff blocks and converted 43% of her hits. Setter Michelle Aucoin delivered 36 assists in the victory.

In the second contest, Kim Hilchey came up with four service aces and a 36% kill efficiency while Parkes was again a force with 40% kill efficiency. MacFarlane continued her accurate passing with a 2.85 rating and added a 41% hitting efficiency.

The Tigers hope to carry their winning ways into this weekend's Classic tournament but it will be a tough task as some of the top teams in Canada will be there to battle it out for the title.

"To do well at this tournament, we'll have to play better than we ever have this year and for longer periods of time," noted Dalhousie coach Leslie Irie. "It will be a good barometer to see where we are against the rest of the country."

The importance of this tournament has increased the intensity of this squad as they prepare for the weekend.

"It is always a special time for us, playing and hosting this tournament," commented Irie. "We're really looking forward to this weekend."

Dal kicks off the tournament at 2:30 p.m. on Friday against Moncton, while their second match is at 7 p.m. against Sherbrooke.

# The intramural beat

BY GEOFF STEWART

While most people were at the Grawood on Thursday night enjoying their fine and exquisite taste in music, another band of individuals could be found in various athletic venues around the Dalhousie campus. These are not the varsity athletes we see on campus, but participants of sport in a league all their own. The intramural athletes.

In the Dalplex, volleyball action had the Medicine Man's A team square off against the Law Team in what was a stunning defeat of the Legal Eagles. Meanwhile, on the other court, two Res Men's B teams collided in a match which saw Studley/Eliza flet the Killer Cod. Special note should go to the officials of the evening, Carolyn Cashin and Corey Kieth

Moving across the street to the Studley Gymnasium, Co-Ed B Basketball was in the house, with "officionado" Bret Leech running the show. The 8:30 game between the O.T. Dodgers and Bronson/Smith was briefly interrupted when Smith resolutely underwent an ACL realignment. We're all hoping you're okay, Cathi, and will be back soon. The unfortunate loss of Sabiston must have played on the residence's mind as they lost to the Dodgers 30-11. The second game of the evening saw my favourites, the Glengarry Gazpachos, take on the Pharmacy team. The game ended in a 42-12 blowout in favour of the pharmacists. Next week I'll be pushing for urine tests.

Finally, downstairs in the Studley Athletic Complex, a rink sport matched in grace and beauty only by synchronised swimming for nonswimmers could be found. I'm not talking figure skating, I'm talking about broomball. Game one saw Chemistry collect their first win of the season, upsetting the Law team 3-0. Game two saw broomball at its best. The two top teams in the league, the Pacemakers and Law-de-Da faced off in one intense game of broomball. The scales were tipped one way, and then back the other, in a game decided not by who was the better team, but by the team with the lead at the end of regulation time. On Thursday January 11, it was the Pacemakers. Jeff Watson should get much credit for his job making the calls in the rink that night.

Next week's intramural schedules are printed on page 14.

## athletes of the week

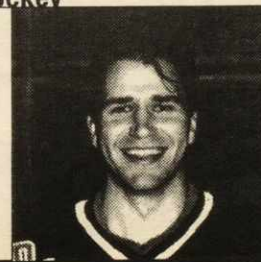
### Sarah Woodworth, Swimming



Sarah won four events this past weekend as the Tigers whipped UNB and Mt. Allison. Sarah is a fourth year swimmer from Halifax.

### Keifer House, Hockey

Keifer scored four goals against UCCB and managed two goals and an assist against St. FX. You can catch Keifer in action in the Tim Horton's Cup AUSA All-Star game Feb. 2.



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