



Two Axe murders over weekend

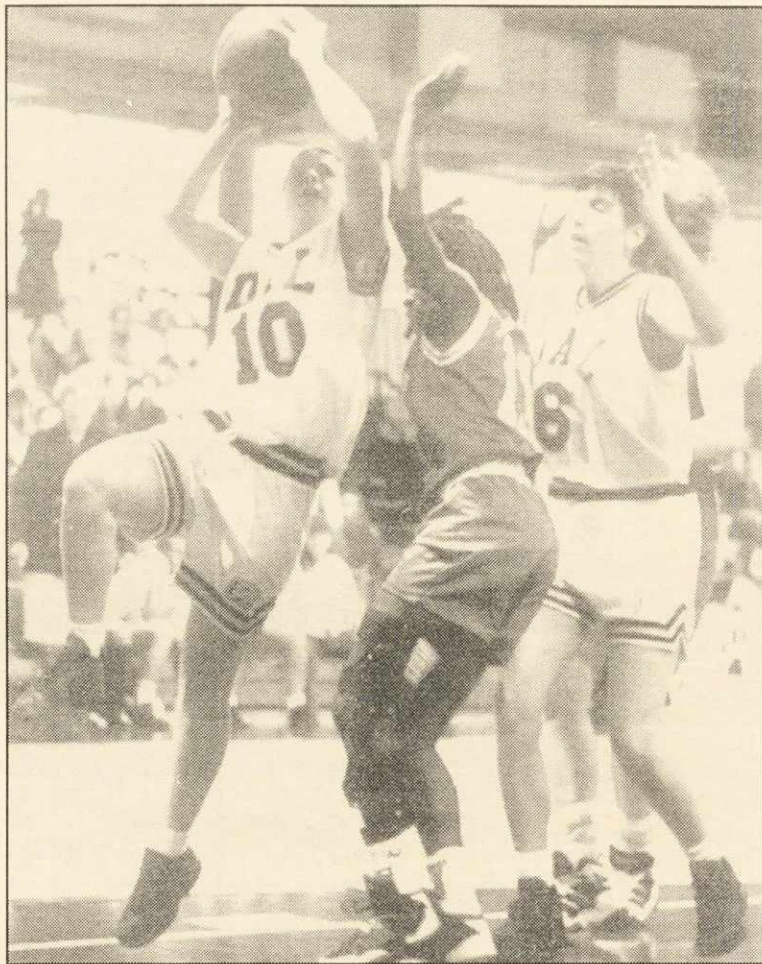
by Jamie MacQueen

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

That was the story last Friday night as the Dalhousie Lady Tigers took on the Acadia Axettes in AUSA women's basketball action at the Dalplex. With a lineup boasting six first-year players and two transfers, Coach Carolyn Savoy's Lady Tigers continued their dominance over their foes from the Valley by taking a 59-40 win to open regular season play. The Lady Tigers swept the Axettes in all four of their meetings last season.

The Lady Tigers forced the play early. A tenacious full court press led to many easy baskets early on. Eager to run, Dal kept fresh legs on the court as Coach Savoy substituted often. The Lady Tigers ran at every opportunity, especially after made baskets. Numerous trips to the free throw line helped Dal jump out to a 14-5 lead in the first half. From there, it was strong defense, with the help of some sloppy ballhandling by the Axettes, that kept Dal ahead. Post player Carolyn Wares pumped in 11 points in the first half, but Acadia's Heather O'Grady kept it close, cutting Dal's lead to just 5 with 2 minutes left. At the half, the score was 23-20 for the home team.

The second half read much like the first. Dal continued to pressure Acadia's ball handlers, and B.C. native Dani Moe's 3-pointer, Dal's first of the night, pushed the Lady Tigers ahead 29-22. Acadia stayed within striking distance, mainly due to O'Grady and high scorer Amber Andrews, who paced the visitors with 18. With under 10 minutes left, it became the Jen and Jen show, with Jennifer's Clark and Offman pouring in 11 straight Dal points, helping the Lady Tigers outscore Acadia 22-9 in



Fifth-year Tiger Jennifer Clark drives the lane en route to a 59-40 victory over Acadia.

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that span. Wares finished with 15 points before fouling out with 4:44 remaining. P.E.I.'s Kathie Sanderson owned the boards, hauling down an amazing 19 rebounds.

Player of the game was Dal's fifth-year point guard Jennifer Clark, who registered a unique triple-double with 21 points, 11 assists, and 10 steals.

The highlight for Acadia may have come in the second half when, after a made free throw, one of the Acadia women tried to inbound the ball to score again. Maybe with a few more of plays like this, they could

have pulled this one out.

All in all, a good first effort from the Lady Tigers. One down side for Dal may have been their 3-point shooting, hitting only 25% of the treys they attempted (2 for 8). Starting guard Dani Moe went down with a bad ankle in the last minute of the game, and her status is uncertain.

Coach Savoy's Lady Tigers travel to Fredericton this Friday for a rematch of last year's AUSA Conference final against UNB. Action resumes at the Dalplex on December 2 when the Lady Capers from UCCB come to town. Game time is at 6 p.m.

by Brent Knightley

The crack of the hardwood could once again be heard echoing through the Dalplex as the Dalhousie men's basketball team took to the court on Friday in their season opener against the Acadia Axmen.

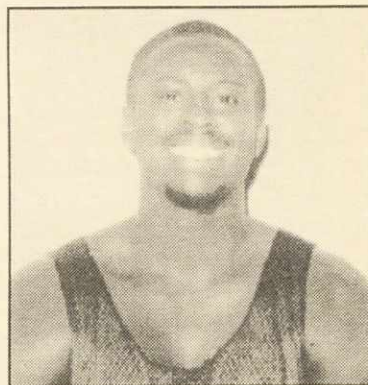
In front of more than 2000 fans, the Tigers team won their first game of the season 63-60. The feeling was electric, the energy surrounding the game was so high one would not think it was the first game of the AUSA season but rather the final game.

Reggie Oblitey continued to shine as he did in exhibition play, leading the Tigers with 18 points in this come-from-behind victory. The first half left something to be desired as Dal came out flat and fell behind early. If not for some key defensive plays such as some huge blocks by Christian Currie, Dal could have been even farther behind. Acadia led the game 38-28 at the half.

Tiger coach Tim McGarrigle must have said something inspiring in the intermission because when they retook the court there was a new found energy. Oblitey led the attack in the second half, scoring 12 of his 18 points on the way to the Tiger victory.

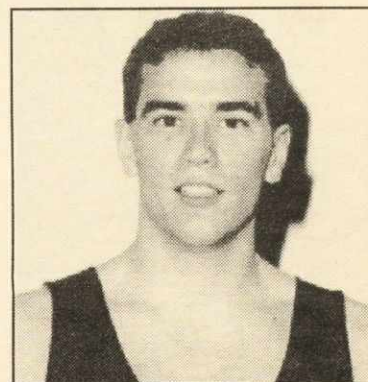
The game became quite close in the last few minutes with both sides trading the lead back and forth. After a time-out with about 20 seconds left, Acadia had two three point attempts to tie the game but were unsuccessful on both as the Tiger defence would not allow them to set up. Acadia just couldn't get the ball into their shooters' hands.

It was a very physical basketball game. Bodychecks were being thrown; instead of picks being set there was lots of clutching and grabbing and



Reggie Oblitey

Acadia seemed to like to play the game that way. First year guard Dwayne Hopkinson played a good defensive game, using his speed and agility to make life difficult for the Acadia guards. It seemed whenever he was on he was getting a hand or a foot on the ball and really throwing off their rhythm.



Jeff Mayo

Jeff Mayo had 15 points in the game, most of which came in the first half as he was a big part of why Dal was still in the game at the half. Shawn Plancke added another 12 points. Plancke, who had 2 points at the half really stepped up his game in the second.

Dalhousie's next game is on Friday the 25th, when they travel to UNB to play the Red Devils.

Hockey tigers #2 in CIAU

by Jefferson Rappell

The best offense is a good defense, especially when the defense allows only a goal a game.

Sophomore goalie Greg Dreveny led the Tigers on Saturday with a stellar performance over the Fredericton's St. Thomas Tommies, holding the visitors to only two goals on 29 shots.

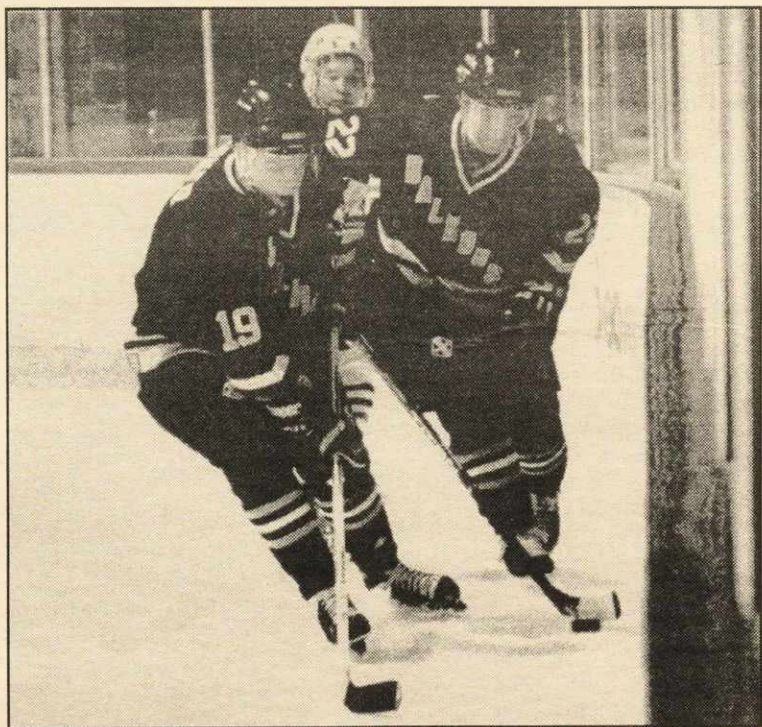
Dal opened up a 4-0 lead in the first period on goals by Tim Hill, Dany Bousquet, Dan Holmes and Mark Myles.

Dal relaxed a bit in the next two frames allowing the Tommies a couple of goals before Keifer House finished off the scoring late in the third to cap the 5-2 victory.

On Sunday, Dal faced the Université de Moncton Blue Eagles in a fast-paced match-up of skill on skill.

The first period was a close battle with the Kevin Meisner netting the only score.

The second was a more defensive display as Dal held the visitors to a meager five shots, but were held off the scoreboard themselves on all 13 of their own attempts.



Marc Warner (#19) and Tim Hill (#22) team up to win a battle along the boards.

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In the final frame, Dal showed that they had really worn away what little flight was left in the Blue Eagles by netting four unanswered goals. Myles, House and Hill each contributed on the drive, and in perhaps one of the sweetest goals of the year, Corey MacIntyre netted a shorthanded goal from his knees while warding off a defender.

Dreveny came out to play again, blanking the visitors on all 18 shots and securing the Player of the Game honors for the second game in a row.

The Tigers found out this week that they are ranked number two in the country behind only the University of Regina. The Tigers put their ranking on the line this weekend in a tournament in Ottawa.

V-ball fall to NB squads



by Danny MacLeod

The Dalhousie women's volleyball team did not fare well, taking two losses to two New Brunswick teams last weekend.

On Saturday the Tigers, after easily taking the second and third games against Moncton, lost the next two to give the Blue Eagles the win. Game scores were 13-15, 15-6, 15-7, 2-15, and 8-15. First year middle blocker Sherri Campbell of Kensington, P.E.I. performed well with 11 kills and 3 stuff blocks.

Sunday afternoon at Dalplex, the women lost another extremely close match in five games to the Mount Allison Mounties. Game scores were 15-12, 14-16, 15-12, 12-15, and 11-15. The Tigers jumped out again and again to commanding leads but were unable to put away a tenacious and stubborn Mounties' squad. The biggest margin of win in any one game was a mere four points which illustrates the closeness of the entire match. Second year middle Jenn Parks of Sydney had a big game with 18 kills while Campbell had another strong match with 5 aces.

The Tigers are on the road this weekend, travelling to the Université de Moncton for a tournament.



Sherri Campbell

The team is currently tied for fourth in the league with a 3-3 record. Dalhousie's next home games will be on the weekend of December 3-4 against the top ranked University of New Brunswick who are undefeated in league play. Game times are 7 p.m. and 1 p.m. respectively.

