

Vball Tigers net another AUAA crown

by Carmen Tam

The expression "better late than never" did not apply to the Memorial University Seahawks who were late in arriving for their bout with the Dalhousie Tigers. Memorial was approximately an hour late, about the same time it took the Tigers to claim their 15th AUAA men's title under head

coach Al Scott's 16-year reign.

The Tigers' tradition of domination continued as they opened the best-of-three series last Friday night in AUAA men's volleyball championships by sweeping Memorial 15-7, 15-5 and 15-3 at the Dalplex.

Leading the Tigers were fourth-year veterans Chris Schwarz and Eric Villeneuve with 15 and 13 kills, re-

spectively. Not to be out done, rookie Terry Martin chipped in with 12 kills and 8 blocks.

Dalhousie did not let the Seahawks entertain the notion of tying things up to force a third match as it took the Tigers only 67 minutes to down the Seahawks 3-0 Saturday. Game scores were 15-6, 15-9 and 15-0 in the third set, where it was

vintage Tigers as they shut down their AUAA opponents.

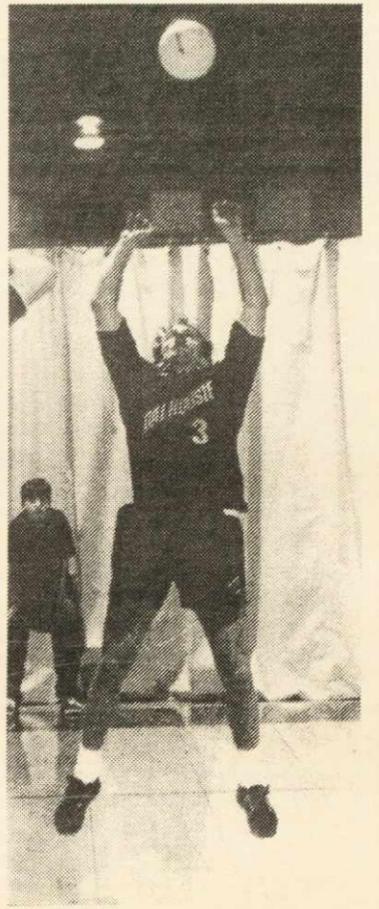
Schwarz and Villeneuve lead the attack again with 14 kills each, while John Hobin contributed 9 kills and 11 blocks. Clay Reimer collected 9 kills and 2 blocks for Memorial.

Dalhousie dominated the court as well as the AUAA all-star awards. Chris Schwarz was named the playoff MVP, Eric Villeneuve was recognized with a third all-star appearance, Terry Martin captured rookie of the year, Scott Bagnell was deemed the conference's most valuable player and coach of the year honours went to Al Scott.

Memorial's Clay Reimer and Jonathan King and UNB's Doug Eagle and Chris Johnston rounded out the all-star team.

The Tigers finished 10-0 for the regular season, their 11th undefeated record in 15 years. In addition to AUAA play, the Tigers competed in several major volleyball tournaments throughout the year, taking home a bronze at the Guelph tournament and a second consecutive gold medal at the Dal Classic in January. The Tigers have lost only two sets this term.

The nationals will mark the last stop for five graduating Tigers including Villeneuve, Schwarz, Bagnell, Rob Ager and Anton Potvin. The teammates will conclude their varsity careers and will be heading along their respective paths after



the nationals.

Potvin, who is graduating with a kinesiology degree notes, "It's our last year and that will have a significant impact in our approach this weekend."

The Tigers should not have any problems as there is a lot of depth in the Dal beach. The team is looking towards captain Scott Bagnell — a 1991 first team all-Canadian — for leadership.

"Bagnell is a very intense player whose intensity is spread throughout the team. His play elevates our own," said Potvin.

The Tigers, currently ranked fourth in the CIAU, left for Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario yesterday to try to improve on their bronze medal performance from last year. The Tigers have improved steadily at the nationals, moving up from 8th and 6th to 3rd last year.

Eight of the top teams in the country will be attending the 1995 CIAU awards banquet including Dalhousie, Laval, top ranked Manitoba, Waterloo, Toronto, Alberta, Saskatchewan and host Laurentian.

Dalhousie meets the wildcard Saskatchewan Huskies (ranked fifth) in first-round action Friday at 6 p.m. Dalhousie has not played Saskatchewan this season and does not really know what to expect from the Huskies. However, Villeneuve knows what to expect from the Black and Gold, saying, "We have to take care of our own side of the net first and worry about our own game. Nothing will be easy since there is a lot of parity. It comes down to who is on top of their game over the course of the weekend."

A strong team at the beginning of the year, the Tigers have improved with more playing time for Terry Martin and Potvin, both coming back from injuries. Potvin was last year's top blocker at the CIAUs. With a strong season behind them, the Tigers have earned their berth to represent the maritime's best. Dalhousie will continue another tradition this weekend, a tradition of excellence.

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Your 1995 AUAA champions (above) and Scott Bagnell (at right) are set for the Nationals PHOTOS: BILL JENSEN

Swim Tigers end drought



Your 1994-95 AUAA Men's swimming champions

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by Katharine Dunn

The Tiger men cut it very close but managed to come out on top, beating University of New Brunswick (UNB) by 16 points.

Individual award winners were Steve MacDonald, AUAA Rookie of the Year, and Ian Jackson, AUAA Male Swimmer of the Year. It was through the hard effort of all the men that they managed to win.

Leading the way was third-year veteran Ian Jackson, who dominated all three breaststroke events. His fast times place him 3rd in the 100m and 6th in the 200m breaststroke in the CIAU rankings.

Fifth-year veteran Sean Andrews won the 200m butterfly and placed second in both the 50m & 100m fly.

Graduating Tiger Greg Rasmussen put it all together in this, his last AUAA Championship, by winning the 1500m freestyle by a 30 second margin. His time of 16:24.55 is 10 seconds under the CIAU standard. Greg also won a silver in the 400m freestyle.

Rookie Steve MacDonald had an exceptional meet, winning silver medals in the 100m & 200m backstroke and the 400m IM. He also beat the CIAU standard in the 100m back by half a second. Shawn Dupuis won the 400m freestyle and placed second in the 200m and 1500m free events. All five men will be competing at CIAUs this weekend at Laval University.

The other men's point winners include Kurt Punched (6th 200m free, 4th 50m & 100m breaststroke, 3rd

200m breast); Ed Stewart (3rd 50m & 200m backstroke, 4th 100m back, 5th 200m IM); co-captain John Yip (5th 100m breaststroke); Dave LeBlanc (3rd 50m, 100m & 200m butterfly and 1500m freestyle); Steve Indig (4th 50m & 100m butterfly and 100m freestyle, 3rd 50m free); PJ Cowan (3rd 400m IM, 6th 200m breaststroke and 200m IM, 5th 50m breast); Sebastian Stachowiak (5th 400m IM and 1500m freestyle, 6th 400m free); Andrew Kirby (2nd 50m freestyle, 5th 100m free, 6th 50m butterfly); Mark DeJong (6th 200m butterfly).

There were of course other Tiger swimmers who swam well and got best personal times for their efforts. Congratulations to everyone and good luck to those at the CIAUs!

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