

sports

Editor struggles to get on the ball

It's a bit tough starting a new job in a new place and it's even worse when you can't add.

Hi, I'm Frank MacEachern and I've been the sports editor here since, oh about a month. In that time I've managed to miss about every second sporting event at Dal while making stupid mistakes.

The adding part was a bit embarrassing. After an exhibition match between the women's volleyball team and the Ottawa Gee Gees, clutching my program, I went up to coach Leslie Irie and asked if she was going to keep

her roster at 15. She quickly answered there were only 13 women on the team. Confused and a little bit embarrassed I looked down at the program. Yeah, there was a number one on the sheet and there was a number 15 but there wasn't a number 3 or 13. It was one of those lessons of not checking your facts and being prepared for an interview.

And I'm the sports editor.

Something else that I've missed is the men's rugby season which ended on Saturday for both the I and II teams. Sorry about that. I'll try to do better

next time. But the first-year women's team is still in it and are playing in the semi-finals this weekend.

Editor's notebook

Tiger tidbits:

It's a traveling week for varsity sports at Dalhousie.

Every team is either on the road or enjoying a break in the schedule.

Highlighting this coming week is the AUAA cross country champion-

ships on Saturday. The championships are hosted by St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish.

The men's volleyball team is on the road this weekend as they participate in the Manitoba NY Life Invitational from Thursday to Saturday. The women were scheduled to go to a tournament at the University of New Brunswick but that was cancelled. The women kick off their regular season on Wednesday, November 3, as they host Acadia. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

The women's basketball team travel to Wolfville for the Acadia Tip-Off

Tournament that starts this Friday and ends Sunday while the men travel to Antigonish for a basketball tournament this weekend. They play 6:30 Friday night and then will play at either 6:30 or 8:30 Saturday depending on how they do the previous evening.

That is about it for this week. If you have any sports stories, scores or information leave a message for Frank at the Gazette, 494-2507 or my home number 422-4469. As far as calling me at home, good luck, but do try.

Men's volleyball team on the winning track in pre-season

by Graham F. Shaw

The 1993-94 version of the Dalhousie Tigers Men's Volleyball team took to the court this past weekend against the Université de Montréal. The visit by the Carabins, last year's silver medallists at the CIAU National Championships, gave the Tigers a chance to gauge their readiness for their upcoming defense of last year's AUAA championship season.

The three-match series between the two teams began on Thursday night at Dalplex, continued on Friday in Bridgewater, and finished on Saturday with a match in Canso. This is the tenth year that pre-season matches have been scheduled with teams from central Canada and played in various locations in order to promote volleyball throughout the Maritimes and also to give the Tigers some early season competition.

On the first night of the series Dalhousie rose to the occasion and downed the Carabins three games to one. Dal won the first game 15-11, scoring the winning point courtesy of back-to-back blocks by veterans Chris Schwarz and Kirk Yanofsky. In the second game the visitors calmed down and started to play a little more consistently, winning the game 15-8. Game three saw the Tigers play with controlled defensive play and a relentless offence en route to a 15-10 win. In the fourth and final game of the evening the Tigers were helped by a very boisterous crowd who cheered their team on to a 15-13 victory. The winning kill, hammered down by Rob Ager, came after two amazing digs by rookies Scott Brake and Jonathan MacInnis.

The player of the match was fifth-year veteran Kirk Yanofsky who hammered down 10 kills and blocked 14. Eric

Villeneuve also played well with 17 kills and 2 blocks, while Chris Schwarz had 14 kills, 8 blocks, and 6 digs.

The second night of the series saw the Carabins bounce back to win three games to one: 15-6, 15-9, 11-15, 15-11, while the third and final match of the series, which took place in Canso, saw the Tigers dominate winning three games to none: 15-8, 15-10, 16-14.

This year the Tigers are hoping to do especially well as they will be hosting the CIAU National Championships this March. Coach Al Scott has

assembled what looks to be a very competitive team this year. Centred around veteran players Kirk Yanofsky (1992 and '93 AUAA All-Star), Chris Schwarz ('93 AUAA All-Star), Eric Villeneuve ('93 AUAA Playoff MVP), Anton Potvin, David St. Helene, and Rob Ager, a fourth-year transfer from the University of Western Ontario, the Tigers seem ready to repeat as AUAA champs. Joining this core of experienced players are sophomores Jamie Mallon and Thane MacKay, and freshmen Scott Brake, John Hobin,

Jonathan MacInnis, and Brad Williams. This season promises to be a very exciting one for the Tigers and this weekend was just the beginning.

The Tigers are playing in the Manitoba NY Life Invitational Tournament in Winnipeg this weekend and then are off to Sherbrooke November 12-14 to play in the Sherbrooke Omnium Vert Et Or Tournament. November 27-28 they will be in St John's to take on Memorial University, before returning to Dalplex to face the University of New Brunswick December 4-5.

Dalhousie Athletes of the Week

* ERIC VILLENEUVE *



3rd year captain Eric Villeneuve led the Dalhousie Men's Volleyball Team to their second match victory over Université de Montreal Carabins. Both teams had won one match each and the Tigers prevailed with a 3-0 victory in Canso, NS on Saturday. Over the 3 matches, Eric had 48 kills, 7 stuff blocks and 9 service aces. Eric is from Gloucester, ON.

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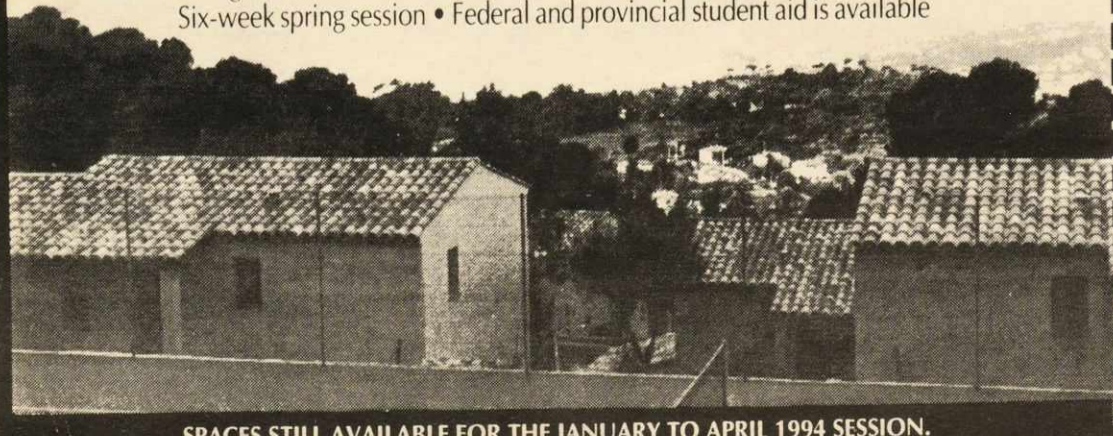
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