

Primed for playoffs

by Jefferson Rappell

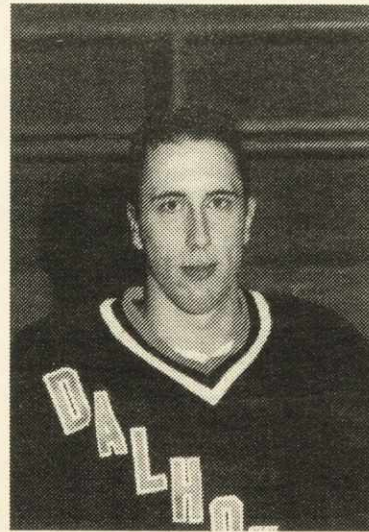
This is when it counts. While many students will be travelling to warm climates, taking a ski vacation, or actually catching up on reading, a hearty group of student athletes affectionately known as the Dalhousie hockey Tigers will be putting their season on the line in this year's Kelly Division playoffs.

Clinching second place in the Kelly Division and sixth spot in the country, Dal is taking on a pesky SMU team who are much dirtier than they are talented. Lead by chief goon (and head coach) Paul Boutilier, the Huskies rely on their own brand of Slapshot-style hockey.

The key for Dal success will be to somehow not get drawn into penalties. It won't be as easy as it sounds as you can be sure everyone from Boutilier to the stick boy will be egging Dal on.

Gaining home ice advantage by virtue of their 18-7-1 record, Dal hosts SMU this weekend on Saturday and again on Sunday, if necessary.

In other action, the Acadia Axemen, currently the top team in the country, will battle St. F.X. in what should prove to be a rather lopsided first round action.



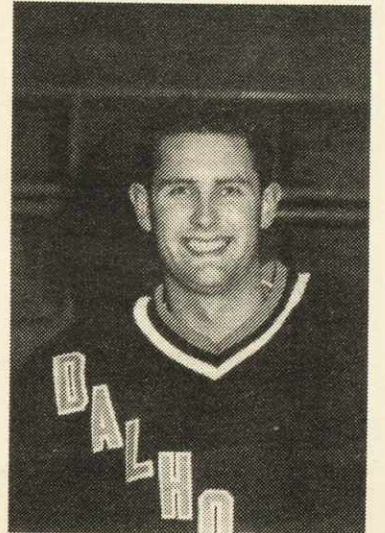
Danny Bousquet

In other AUHC news, a coaches poll was released earlier this week allowing each Kelly Division coach to choose players, apart from those on their respective teams, in different categories.

Of note for Dal, rugged defenceman Brian King was the recipient of the most votes for Most Sportsmanlike Player. Also gaining attention in the voting were Keifer House with a vote for Most Improved Player, Stephen Maltby and Dany Bousquet each with a vote for Fastest Skater,

Malty with a vote for Best Goal Scorer, Corey MacIntyre with a vote for Best on Face-offs, and Kevin Meisner with a vote for Best Offensive Defenceman.

If you happen to be here over the break, don't miss any of the action. The Kelly Division finals could be the best games in the country this year.



Ulrik Bengtsson

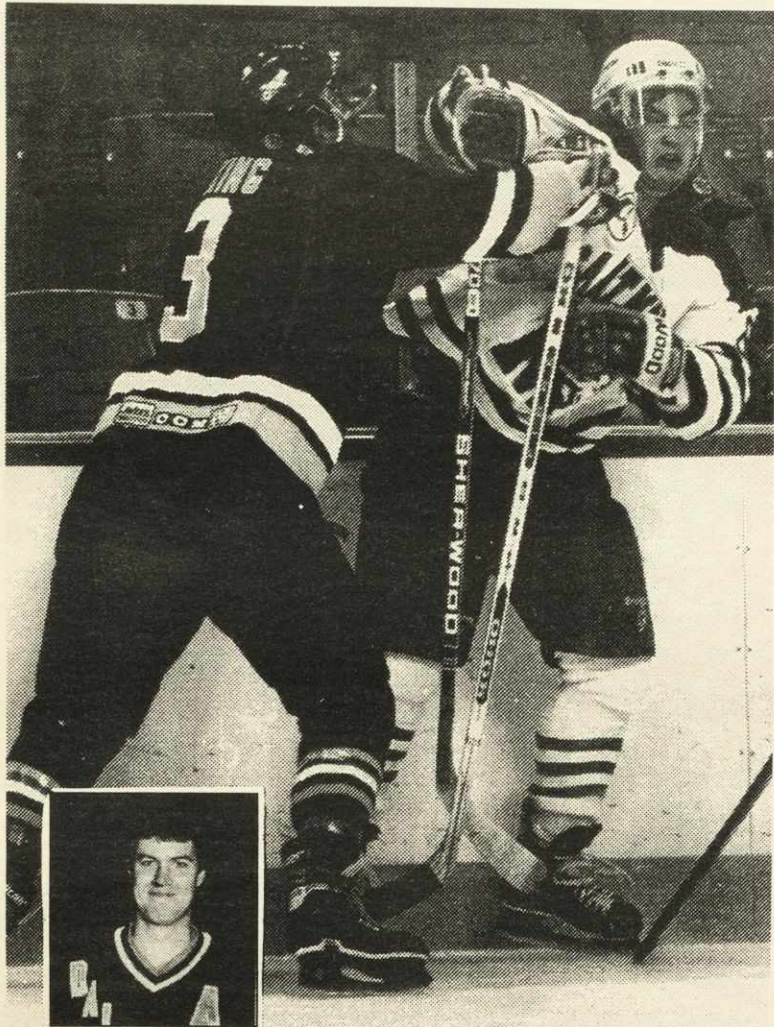


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Brian King (for smile, see inset) responds to accusations that he's the AUAA's most sportsmanlike player

Swim Tigers see red (Varsity red)

by Carmen Tam

Dalplex will be the site of the 1995 AUAA Swim Championships this weekend. The women's team will be eyeing their 12th title in 15th years while on the men's side, the Tigers will be chasing the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds who has edged Dal for first place in the past two years for first place.

Early this month, Dalhousie got a taste of their main competition when

they meet AUAA rivals UNB where the Tigers women's team beat the Varsity Reds and the men's team was nipped by 4.5 points.

Four AUAA teams will be competing this weekend in 38 events. The Tigers will be competing against UNB, Mount Allison and Memorial University.

Last season Dalhousie sent a record 14 athletes for the CIAU Championships and placed 9th in the country.



Ian Jackson

The Tigers hope to make a trip to Quebec City where the Rouge et Or will host the CIAU championships at Université Laval. So far, Dalhousie has 5 athletes that qualified for CIAU including Sara Woodsworth, Sean Andrews, Sean Dupuis, rookie Kristen Taberner and Ian Jackson.

Co-captain of the men's team John Yip notes: "We hope to take double titles... we worked as a team too hard all year not to win it all."

Start spring break by coming out

and support your Dalhousie Tigers this weekend. Heats start tomorrow and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. with the finals at 6:30 p.m. On Sunday the heats will start at 10 a.m. and finals are at 4 p.m.



Dalhousie Athletes of the Week

Corey Ennis - Basketball

Terry Martin - Volleyball

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*scored 14 points and had 7 rebounds in Dal's 63-54 victory over Acadia.

*had 10 Kills, 15 Blocks, 6 Digs in two matches over the week-end.



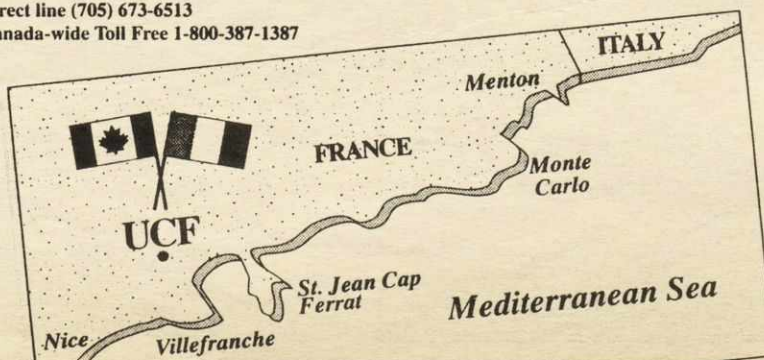
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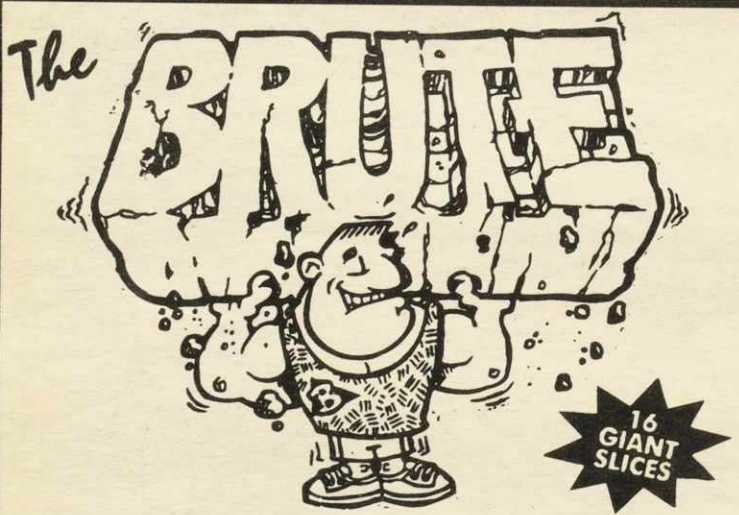
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