

Tigers leave UNB in the distance

BY DAN HENNIGAR

The Tigers knew what they had to do. In the last AUSA women's cross country meet, Dalhousie

almost lost after the University of New Brunswick (UNB) Varsity Reds took control of the early part of the race. This time, the team left nothing to chance.

Men's x-country team back on track

BY JESSICA FRASER

Dalhousie's men's team had been patiently awaiting this race since Memorial's clean sweep victory on the AUSA course in Moncton 14 days earlier. Although competitors from the Rock could not make it over to the mainland this time, the Tigers were nonetheless out to prove themselves.

Coach Al Yarr had some new strategies, the men were excited, and the sun made an unexpected appearance on the Saturday morning 11:45 a.m. start at O'Dell Park in Fredericton.

However, the air was tense because Dal's top two runners were not occupying positions on the start line. Chris Halfyard was once again fighting illness, while Dan Hennigar's role of the meet was as an official photographer, as he was taking a weekend off after four weeks of consecutive racing. The men also knew that only five of the talented eight Tigers racing would go home with secure spots on the competing AUSA and CIAU teams.

When the whistle sounded (high tech and intimidating as it

was), aggression replaced all anxieties. Tony Roache, Christian Murray, Oliver Janson, and Trevor Boudreau immediately formed a strong black and gold pack. The men stayed tough together throughout the entire challenging 8.6 kilometre course, playing leap frog among themselves, and gradually reeling in other competitors.

Boudreau put in his most solid performance all season, finishing in fifth place, and in doing so, earned himself Dal's Athlete of the Week. Boudreau was followed closely by Murray (6th), Roache (7th), and Janson (9th). Rounding out Dalhousie's field were Andrew Earnst (11th), Tim Lindsay (12th), Gary Newell (17th) and Lindsay Pucholt (18th).

The men travelled home triumphantly, feeling confident with their 41 points, a seven point win over the University of New Brunswick. The showdown, however, will be at Université de Moncton on November 4 when Dalhousie's top seven men will meet Memorial's top seven at the AUSA championships.

During the UNB Open on October 21, the first 200 meters of the race saw a wave of black and gold surging to the front of the main pack. As the race progressed, their UNB counterparts could only watch helplessly as the tiger heads adorning the back of Dalhousie's singlets became smaller and smaller in the distance.

In what seems to be something almost akin to a game a musical chairs, each race this year has

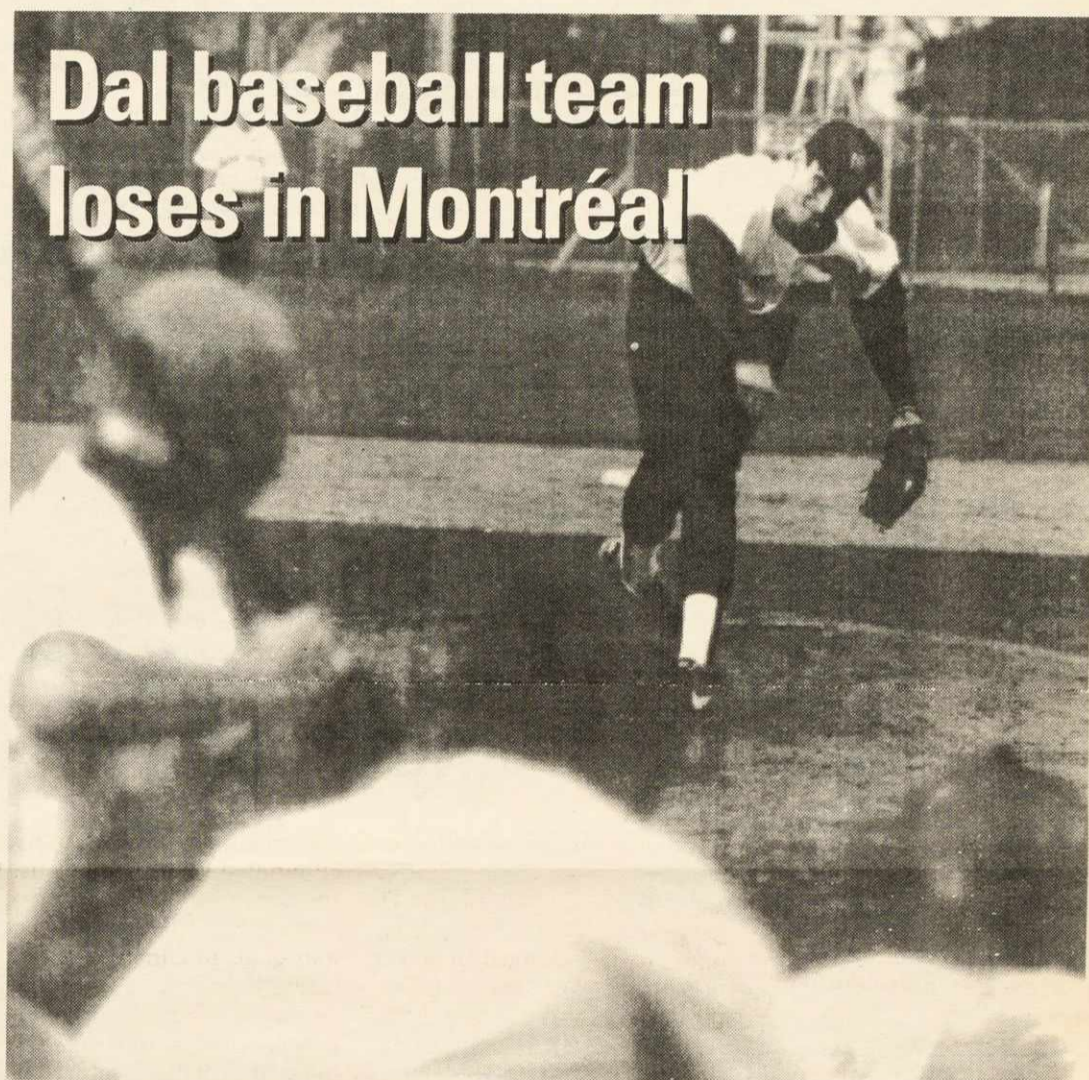
seen different Dalhousie members take the top team positions. This time it was Paula Peters and Margie Jenkins heading the pack.

Just past the halfway mark, Jenkins moved into fourth spot overall and opened a considerable lead over the rest of the Dalhousie runners. Not to be outdone, Peters began picking up the pace in the latter stages of the race and, despite falling once with only 150 meters left to the finish line, managed to sprint in

for the top Dal spot and fourth overall. Jenkins finished just six seconds behind in fifth position.

Jessica Fraser crossed the line in seventh and Krista Wuerr, in her best race so far this season, finished eighth. Rounding out the Dalhousie squad were Cindy Toner (11th), Rebecca Steen (15th), and Sarah McNeill (23rd).

The team's next race is the AUSA championships on the Université de Moncton campus on November 4.



Dal baseball team loses in Montréal

A Dalhousie hurler lets go with a high, hard one against Acadia in regular season play. The Tigers finished their inaugural season by placing second in the league, good enough to earn a berth in the Canadian Intercollegiate Baseball Association championships last weekend in Montréal. Despite only managing a pair of losses, the squad is confident that next year holds bigger and better things. For the full story, see next week's *Gazette*.



Dal rowers go to Boston

Dal rower Tim Church, just before the men's singles event at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston on Oct. 21. He finished 26th out of 37 in a three mile race.

Dal women finished 31st out of 48 in the club fours event. Men's club four finished 21st out of 57.

The Regatta is the largest single-day rowing event in the world. This year, 4500 rowers competed.

Dalhousie women leave UNB in their wake

BY TROY BROWN

Sit down Mike Tyson, because this titanic match-up had no holds barred and no punches pulled.

Finally, after long weeks of arduous training, the Dal Tigers swim team saw action against their arch-rivals, the University of New Brunswick (UNB) Varsity Reds. Head coach Nigel Kemp was eager to pit his team against their long-time competitors from UNB.

On the women's side, the Varsity Reds were tutored as Dal outclassed them in nearly every event. The swimmers were led by rookie Lesley Smyth, who won the 100m backstroke by narrowly touching out teammate Katharine Dunn, and in doing so became the first Dalhousie swimmer to qualify for CIAUs.

Smyth was backed by the powerful efforts of Sarah Woodworth, Amy Woodworth and Gail Seipp, who placed 1-2-3 respectively in the 100m breaststroke event.

Smyth, Dunn and Amy Woodworth joined with Allison Sullivan in taking the top four places in the 200m backstroke. Not to be outdone by their teammates, Kirsten Taberner, Erin Malone, Sarah Woodworth, Cindy Parker, and Stacey Connick swept positions second through sixth in the 100m butterfly.

Freestylers Christine Bourne and Kristy Childs aided in the thrashing of UNB by placing third and fourth in the 800m freestyle and the 400m freestyle, respectively.

Dalhousie swept the relay events en route to a 242

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to 114 point team victory over UNB.

The defending AUSA men's team champions were hard pressed to duplicate last years efforts in lieu of a more powerful UNB team.

This year, Dal started off on the right foot as Oscar Stachowiak won the 1500m freestyle, followed closely by B.W. Wildsmith who finished third. Following the winning trend, Mike Ritcey took second place honors in both the 200m and 100m breaststroke. John Tomlin, Adam Widdis, and Courtney Adams took top honors by sweeping the 200m Fly.

Tomlin was joined by companions Steven Indig and Andrew Kirby in racking up a few more points for the team in the 100m freestyle event. Once again, Tomlin had a date with the podium stand for his third-place finish in the 100m Fly. Also placing fourth and fifth, respectively, were Mark DeJong and Kevin Taylor.

Seamus Byrne had the team on their toes as he knocked six seconds off of his 100m butterfly time be-

tween heats and consolation finals. The men's 50m freestyle consolation final was dominated by Dalhousie as Roger Nelson, Stachowiak, Greg Ferraro, Troy Brown and Stuart Kemp took all but first place.

Ed Stewart and C. Adams placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 100m backstroke race. They were heavily supported by teammates Jarrette Doucette, A. Kirby, Ben Alles and Andrew Haley, who swept the top four places in the consolation final.

In the end, the valiant effort of the men's team, was not enough to stop UNB, and Dal was narrowly defeated. Team veteran Lisa Hughes expressed her awe at the amount of team spirit she witnessed throughout the weekend.

"The team spirit this year has reached new heights and the results were a reflection of the team spirit," she said.

"Generally, the team is competing and racing better, at this point in the season, than (we were) last year," said coach Kemp. "We are trying not to centre on the outcome of this meet but keep our sights focused on our main goal, that being AUSA Championships. The weekend was a real bonding experience."

Unfortunately, due to an error in last week's *Gazette*, the list of the women's swim team was cut short. Freestylers Kristie Saunders and Lisa Hughes are also members of the 1995-96 swim team. Maryellen Stephens and Sarah Nelson are the team trainers.