

Women defend swim title

BY JENNIFER MACISAAC

The Dalhousie women's swim team successfully defended their AUA title this past weekend at the Dalplex after three days of intense competition.

The last race of the competition for the women was the decider as the Tigers finished the 4x100m relay medley only 9 tenths of a second ahead of the UNB Reds with a time of 4:35.50s. Up until this relay the Tigers were only four points ahead of the Reds with a score of 190. The team needed to get first place to win the AUA Championship and they pulled through with a score of 204 over the Reds who placed second in the meet with a score of 196. The Dalhousie men finished second to the defending champion UNB Reds with a score of 151.

Dalhousie coach Nigel Kemp expressed that the whole team really worked hard to contribute at this meet as "over ninety per

cent of the team had lifetime best times in most of their events."

Team co-captains Stuart Kemp and Ed Stewart had solid performances that helped to bolster the men's score. Ed Stewart won the 100m backstroke event with a lifetime best of 1:00.64s and a 2nd and 3rd placement in the 200m backstroke and 50m backstroke respectively. Stuart Kemp placed 1st in the 400m free and knocked 40 seconds off his personal best time to come in 2nd in the 1500m free event.

There were six competitors from Dalhousie that qualified for the CIAUs, which are being held from February 28th to March 2nd at Brock University in St. Catherine's, Ontario. Lindsay Eller placed 4th in the 100m Free with a time of 1:00.66s and Stacey Connick placed 2nd in the 50m Free with a time of 27.89s to qualify. Aimee Woodworth placed 1st in two events and 2nd in two events, all of which were qualifying times for the CIAUs. Gail Seipp

also had a strong showing with wins in the 400m and 800m Free and CIAU qualifying times in three events.

Rookie Angela McAlpine won three of her events (50m and 200m backstroke, and 100m fly). She also qualified for the CIAUs in the 100m fly and 200m backstroke with lifetime best times of 1:05.72s and 2:23.18s respectively. McAlpine was filling in for a teammate when she swam some of the backstroke events; she beat her former lifetime best in the 200m backstroke by 2 whole seconds. Steve Indig was also a standout for the Dal team by qualifying for the CIAUs in the 50m free with a time of 23.94s.

UNB's Michelle MacWhirter placed first in the 50m, 100m, and 200m free and 100m back; all under the CIAU qualifying times. Her time of 27.14s in the 50m free event was the only AUA record broken during the meet. The fastest time was formerly 27.3s and was set by Dal's



Dal's Aimee Woodworth helped Dal's women swimmers retain their AUA title. She won two events and finished 2nd in two others; qualifying for CIAUs in all four.

Susan Duncan in 1983.

UNB rookie Adam MacPherson helped his team to win the men's title by winning the 1500m Free with 18 seconds between him and his competitors. He also won the 400m IM and placed 3rd in the 400m Free. The UNB men won a total of 16 events and held onto their AUA title with a total of 225 points.

Mount Allison University was well represented by Krista Bowser

who won the 200m fly and placed 2nd in the 100m free. Memorial University also snagged a win with Jonathan Hare who placed 1st in the 200m fly.

Judging by the number of top performances by Dal and UNB swimmers, it was a close race throughout the weekend. Dal Coach Nigel Kemp was especially pleased with the efforts of the Tigers and the contributions they all made as a team.

Tigers dine on Capers

BY AARON BLEASDALE

The Cape Breton Capers wandered into Dalplex last weekend and got thumped by the Dal women's basketball team, 71-47.

The Capers seemed unable to fill the void left by the departure of their leading scorer and offensive centrepiece Janice Moseychuck (averaging 20 points per game). She'd been booted off the team for having a bad attitude and being a disruptive influence. UCCB simply could not generate a consistent attack against Dal's tight man-to-man defense.

Patti Hutchinson played like a woman possessed. She bounded through the Capers' offensive game plan like an eight-year old at Christmas time, snatching 10 steals and scoring 16 points. Carolyn Wares helped shut down UCCB's remaining offensive threat, Heidi MacNeil. MacNeil had been averaging 15 points per game, but could muster only 8 against the Tigers. For her part, Wares scored 30 and grabbed 16 rebounds on her way to being named Player of the Game.

Offensively, Dal got a chance to work against a zone defense. Their last game against Acadia saw the Axettes employ a man-to-man defense almost exclusively. Against the Capers, the Tigers hit the seams between the zones to draw double-teams and kicked the ball out to find open spaces.

Danny Moe had a great day finding these spaces, but a lousy day from the field. The usually sharp-shooting guard set up for 14 shots, but hit on only one of them. She missed her only free throw, too, although Moe's the first to point out that, "there are other parts of the game, you know." To be fair, she did play tenacious defense.

"I'll shoot better next game," promises Moe.

Dal's shooting, on the whole, was pretty mediocre. The Tigers marked an unspectacular 37.7% for the game, but their free throw percentages were great.



The Capers were in tough against the Tigers last weekend. Last place UCCB was overwhelmed 71-47 by a Dal team that currently leads the AUA points standings.

"Oh, it's excellent," coos head coach Carolyn Savoy regarding Dal's 17 for 21 from the line. "Our rebounding has always been strong, but our defense and free throws have really improved."

With four starters in their fourth or fifth year of eligibility it's hard for younger players to get in the game, but with five minutes left and a 27 point lead, Savoy started subbing in players that don't usually see the floor. It was a joy to watch players like Alana Coffin, Nancy Chaisson, MacLean MacIsaac and Christine Cunliffe come out and show what they could do. Their lack of cohesive-

ness in the face of an aggressive Caper press kept them from scoring a basket, but they showed potential.

"They held their own," insists Savoy. "They play in practice all the time, but they're not used to games and the tendency is to get nervous."

This weekend showed what can happen when the league's last place team goes into action against the league's first place team. While it's hard not to root for an underdog, one has to admire the efficiency with which the Tigers dismantled their opposition.

Wrestler makes CIAUs

BY PAUL LEWANDOWSKI

"Rectum? Damn near killed 'em!" said one spectator in regards to Dal's great showing at the AUA wrestling championships. The tournament was held last Saturday at the University of New Brunswick, and boasted the best freestyle wrestlers from all over Quebec, the Maritime provinces and Newfoundland.

Dalhousie coach Scott Aldridge had the best showing, winning gold in the heavyweight division. Aldridge has been the AUA Champion two years in a row, and will be competing at the CIAU championships held at McMaster on February 26th.

Among the Dal team's top finishers was Gavin "the Newf" Tweedie, who placed third in the 72 kg division, arguably the most stacked division. Despite taking a startling early lead against a nationally-ranked opponent, Tweedie was narrowly defeated late in the match, falling just short of the CIAUs. Tweedie, a second year engineering student, had a successful year on the wrestling circuit, placing second at the Nova Scotia Championships and enjoying many victories.

Brett Leblanc, Dal's "strong as an ox" 90 kg entry, placed third. Leblanc is a first year music student from Halifax, and has managed to wrestle through a knee injury lingering from his high school days. LeBlanc came first at the Nova Scotia Championships in the

junior division and placed second at the Greenwood Open.

Logan Ward, a.k.a. "The Handsome one", captured a third place finish in the 57 kg category. Ward, a first year science student from Ottawa, wrestled well through an injury-plagued season, obtaining several medals against more seasoned wrestlers, including a gold at the Greenwood Open tournament.

In the 61 kg division, Paul Lewandowski managed a bronze medal. This freshman, also from Ottawa, had a good year. Lewandowski came third at the Greenwood Open, second at the Dal Open and won Gold at the Nova Scotia Championships.

Aldridge was pleased with the results of the tournament. He admits, however, that it's difficult to compete against teams with the resources of varsity status. Dal's wrestlers currently have class "A" club status.

"It's a second year team with a lot of first year wrestlers. I'm glad that there's dedication — these boys have got grit!" said the coach.

So does Aldridge. He went the entire 1996/97 wrestling season with only two losses in twenty-two matches.

Aldridge has big plans for the wrestling team in the years to come. The team, which also operates as a club, has a membership of twenty-five and is still growing. Dalhousie hosts the AUAs in 1999, and the team hopes to have attained varsity status by then and be a contender for the overall title.