



Dal teams tennis Champs

by Greg Dennis

In AUSA championship tennis held at the DALPLEX last weekend, the Dalhousie Tigers men's team captured their twelfth straight title while the women aced their opponents to take their fifth straight title. The DALPLEX provided a good setting for the tourney, the first major event at the new facilities, and though there was talk about the slippery footing and an inability to spot the ball against the concrete background, the action was fast and furious.

The men's team had an easy time as they picked up 57 of a

possible 60 points, dropping only two matches (one by default when a sleepy Don McVicar missed his Saturday morning match). Jay Abbass took the 'A' division championship, winning all four games he played. Perry Smith did the same in winning his division. Universite de Moncton finished second to Dal with 41 points followed by Acadia (32), Memorial (20), King's (12) and St. Mary's (6).

The women had an easier time as Carol Rosenthal, Sue Rubin, Joanne Beckwith and Sue Williamson all coasted to three match victories without

a loss. Coach Bruce MacArthur, who captured his fourth set of titles in as many years coaching, was pleased with the ladies' performance as with only Rubin returning from last year Dal's chances were questionable. Behind Dal's 60 points were Memorial (36), Mount St. Vincent (28) and U. de M. with 26.

In doubles action, teams of Abbass-McVicar, Tim Shoveller-Smith, Rosenthal-Beckwith and Rubin-Williamson all tangoed to undefeated victories.

Dalhousie Wins N.S. Universities Rugby

On Saturday, Oct. 27, Dal Rugby Football Club triumphed over S.M.U. and St. F.X. to win the Nova Scotia Universities' Rugby Championship held at Acadia. As well as being the first round in the tournament, the game against S.M.U. doubled as a league game and the victory by Dalhousie gave them both third position in the Nova Scotia Rugby League (9 teams) and a berth in last weekend's playoffs.

S.M.U. 3
Dal RFC 36

From the very first moment Dal easily outplayed a very physical but inexperienced S.M.U. side. The forwards, led by number 8 Trevor Probyn, won almost all the ball both in the set and loose play. The first try was scored by prop forward Lloyd Gaskell early on in the game after excellent pushover scrumming by the pack. Flanker Greg Clark provided his first try of the season soon afterwards in a fine display of strong running by the forwards.

The backs also played superbly, running and passing the ball with devastating effect: it was winger Ross Denman who supplied the third try of the game, roaring forty yards down the sideline and placing the ball directly under the posts for a classic winger's try. Fly-half Steve Boutcher, after narrowly missing the two previous conversion attempts, made no mistake with this one leaving the half-time score at 14:0.

An even more exciting second half belonged to

winger Steve Barley who, exploiting the considerable width of the field, flashed past his increasingly frustrated opposition and scored a remarkable 3 tries. One of these was perhaps the best of the season: after a dummy scissors between Steve Boutcher and center Nigel Kent, the ball was taken on the crash by full-back Brian Oliphant and flicked out to Barley on the wing for an easy score. The last try of the game was supplied by a very surprised Allan Locke (prop) who, by virtue of excellent support play, scooped up a loose ball close to S.M.U.'s goal line and charged over for a well deserved score.

St. F.X. 6
Dal RFC 9

St. F.X., having beaten Acadia 18:0, scored a very early breakthrough try against an initially over-confident Dal side. Two minutes later however, after fearsome rucking and mauling by the forwards, pack leader Trevor Probyn bulled his way over the line for Dalhousie's first score. Steve Boutcher tied the game with a successful conversion and then went on to supply the winning score with an impressive drop goal from the 25 meter line. For most of the game thereafter F.X. exploited Dal's numerous, heart-stopping mistakes and made several determined forays deep into Dalhousie territory. However strong tackling by center Jeremy Daw and full-back Brian Oliphant combined with the hard rucking of the forwards to keep F.X. at bay and when the whistle was blown for full time, Dalhousie had won both the game and the competition with a score of 9:6.

Dalhousie's side for the competition was as follows:—

Forwards:

Props: Lloyd Gaskell, Allan Locke.

Hookers: Jim Gordon, Fred Kalbfleisch.

Second Row: Rick Pearson, John Stairs.

Back Row: Trevor Probyn, Greg Clark, Paddy Whelan.

Backs:

Scrum-half: Theo Arsenault, Scott Addison.

Fly half: Steve Boutcher.

Centers: Nigel Kent (capt.), Jeremy Daw.

Wingers: Steve Barley, Ross Denman, James Graham.

Full Back: Brian Oliphant.



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