

SPORTS

Mounties capture regional basketball

BY STEVE MILLS

Sunday was not Acadia's day. While their hockey team was being soundly thrashed in Toronto by the Alberta Golden Bears, the men's basketball team failed to win the Atlantic Universities Basketball Conference championships here at the Metro Centre. The victorious St. Mary's Huskies will advance to the national finals after their 57-52 win over the Axemen.

Acadia advanced to Sunday's game after kicking Cape Breton's proverbial butt to the tune of a 103-68 onslaught on Saturday afternoon.

With a half-time lead of 56-41, the Axemen then cruised to the victory, nearly doubling their total while holding the Capers to a paltry 27 points in comparison.

Top scorers for Acadia were Danny Eveleigh with 31 points and Eric James, who added 20. Replying for UCCB were John Ryan with 24 points, and Troy Jones, who added 23.

In the other semi-final on Saturday, the St. Mary's Huskies squeaked by the St. F.X. X-Men by a score of 57-56. With a successful three-point shot and 30 seconds remaining, SMU's Jason Darling vaulted the Huskies to their first lead of the game, a lead that St. F.X. was unable to smash in the final half-minute.

The Huskies were trailing 34-24 at the half and seemed throughout as if they were destined to end their season there and then. During the final quarter, however, they slowly reduced their deficit until the moment of glory when Darling became the hero of the game.

Will Njoku led the scoring for the Huskies with 18 points, while Brian Thompson added 12 and Rich Sullivan 11.

Leaders for St. F.X. were Danny McFarland with 14, and Marion Mathis and Richard Bella each added 12.

But of course, Sunday offered the real test for these hungry basketballers: the AUBC final. As

already noted, St. Mary's were victorious over Acadia, 57-52, and will go on to host the CIAU championships this weekend at the Metro centre.

Acadia, having come off Saturday's high-scoring endeavour, were held to a mere 21 points in the first half on their way to their 52 final points.

Brian Thompson of the Huskies, who notched 20 points himself, commented that "defence was definitely the key" in holding off the Axemen. Will Njoku was the other top scorer for St. Mary's with 10 points.

Acadia's hit men were Eric James, who had 15 points, Kevin Lee with 12, and Stafford Lowe had 10. Danny Eveleigh, Acadia's 31 point scorer the day before managed to contribute only 9 points.

Though SMU had five less rebounds and committed four more turnovers than the Axemen, the Huskies shot almost fifty per cent from the field, a decisive factor for the victors.

SMU took the first lead in the

game and held on right until the end. The biggest margin in the game was a 12 point spread near half time, and the closest the Axemen came was

within 3 points in the final minute. Acadia, unfortunately, will have to relish the fact that they almost made it.

Alberta wins hockey

BY DEREK NEARY

The University of Alberta Golden Bears are this year's CIAU hockey champions. The Alberta club posted a 5-2 victory over the AUAA representative Acadia Axemen on Sunday to earn the title.

For the Axemen it was their first ever trip to the national championships. Unfortunately for the team, they ventured to Toronto's Varsity Arena with a major deficit — the absence of suspended forwards Colin Gregor, Mark MacFarlane, and Sean Rowe. All three were given the hook from the national finals as a result of separate incidents which took place during the deciding game of the AUAA finals against the UPEI Panthers.

Acadia did not appear to be too hard hit by the suspensions in Saturday's semi-final against Wilfred Laurier as they posted a 5-2 win. Ironically the Axemen lost the next day by the same score.

In the other semi-final the Golden Bears' potent offence erupted for six goals in the second period as Alberta went on to throttle the defending champion University of Quebec Trois-Rivieres 9-1.

On Sunday the two victors met and played an evenly contested game

for the first two periods.

U of A's Garth Premak scored the only goal of the opening period a little past the midway point.

Todd Goodwin quickly put the Golden Bears up by a pair as he notched a breakaway goal just 21 seconds into the second frame.

Acadia promptly answered back as Scott Farrell put the puck in past the University of Alberta netminder 34 seconds later.

Darren Burns evened things up at 2-2 when he tallied at 14:13.

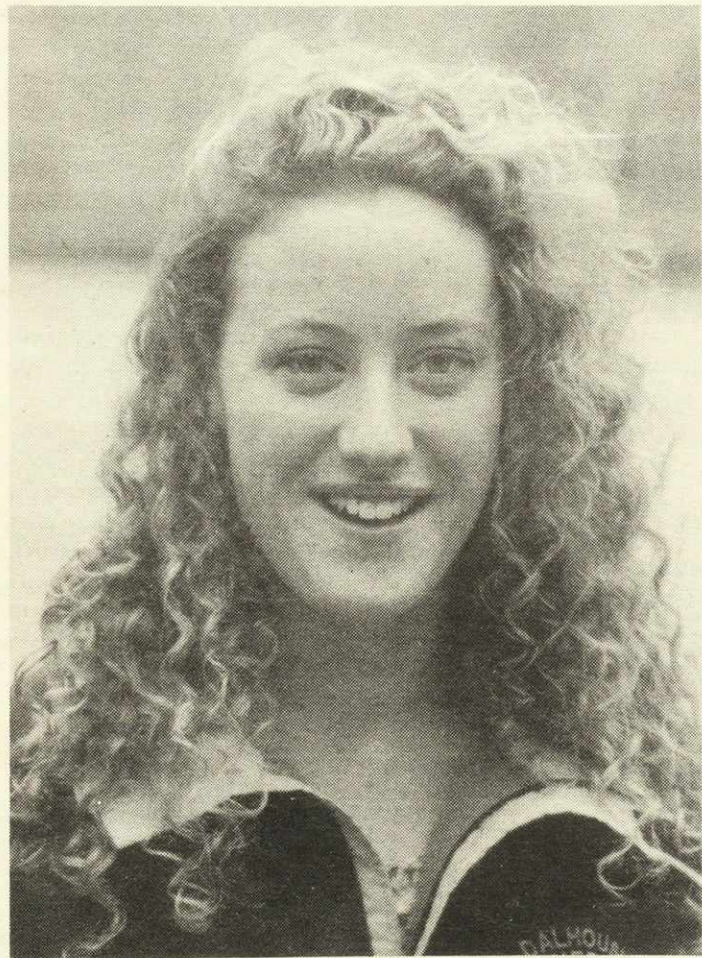
Golden Bears' goalie Derek Shybunka went relatively untested for the remainder of the game as Acadia could only muster half a dozen shots on goal.

The U of A squad regained the lead before the second period expired when Ian Herbers beat Dennis Sproxtton to the stick side for what proved to be the game winning goal.

Goodwin's short-handed marker halfway through the final period provided a little insurance for the Golden Bears and put them out front 4-2.

Goodwin completed the hat trick as he added an empty net goal in the dying moments of the contest as the Golden Bears earned a 5-2 triumph and their eighth CIAU championship.

Dal women swim successfully



Lynne Patterson national bronze medalist

BY MICHAEL MACDONALD

The Dalhousie Women's swim team capped a successful season with a respectable showing at the Canadian inter-university Athletic union national Championships, held March 6-8 at the Universite de Mon-

treal. The women finished the regular season with a meet record of 6-0 in Atlantic Universities Athletic Association competitions this year, their thirteenth consecutive winning campaign, and claimed their ninth team title in twelve years.

At the AUAA championships,

the Tigers won six of the thirteen individual titles and three relay events. The team was lead by Lynne Patterson, Katy Loycock, Christy Gustavison and Donna Phelan. Carla MacDougall, Kellie Andrews and Robin MacKay were instrumental in the relay wins.

At the CIAUs, Lynne Patterson lead the Tigers, finishing third in the 200 metre butterfly with a time of 2:21.72. Her effort qualified her for the 1992 Canadian Olympic trials later this year, and was the second best ever in this event by a Dal woman. She was the top finisher from the Atlantic Provinces. She also recorded a personal best in the 100-metre butterfly.

Patterson, a 21-year-old B.P.E. student from Dartmouth, has been the most consistent swimmer at Dal racking up title after title in her two years of varsity participation. She has won four individual AUAA butterfly crowns and has been a member of four AUAA winning relay teams for the Tigers.

She has won accolades outside the pool as well, being named AUAA All-star team member, and Dalhousie Swim Team MVP.

She entered the CIAUs ranked eighth in the country in the 200-metre butterfly, and had moved up to fourth before capturing the bronze medal.

Next year looks promising for the Tigers, who have several key performers returning. After the many All-time best performances turned in this year and Patterson's medal, they should be in great shape heading into 1992-93.

