

# "Sweet sweet" - Tigers win

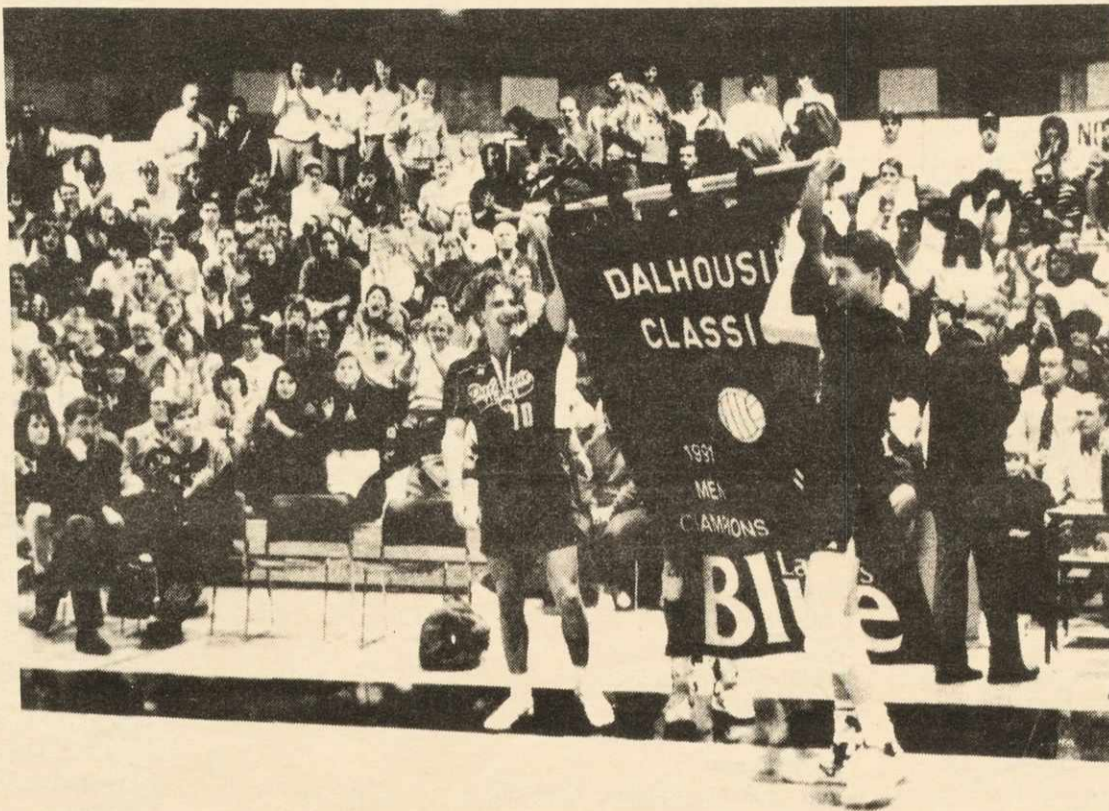
by Kevin Barrett

And the good guys win! The underdog Dalhousie Mens Volleyball team took a giant step forward and proved that are indeed for real as they won the thrilling mens division of the Dalhousie Volleyball Classic at Dalplex last weekend.

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The men, who along with the Lady Tigers, completed the first Dalhousie Daily Double in the tourney's 12 year history, had the hearts of all their fans in their throats as they rebounded from two games to zero deficits to defeat the #4 ranked Waterloo Warriors and the #3 ranked Manitoba Bisons.

The win should boost the Tigers status in the view of CIAU ranking officials but more importantly will give the Tigers psychological confidence as they prepare for the



Dal men display winning banner

national championships in March.

Dal couldn't have made it any tougher on themselves in the final as they appeared to be emotionally spent after a gruelling five set semi-final match with Waterloo. They lost the first two games of Sunday's championship game (10-15, 6-15) and were having real trouble with the front line blocking of the Manitoba team.

However, as it does so many times in this emotional sport, the tide turned. With Dal serving at 2-3 in game three, the Tigers won a marathon 90 second point that had the crowd of 400 roaring with approval. Dal surged on to take game three 15-13 and quickly jumped into a 6-2 lead in game four. After trading points the rest of that game and recording the 15-10 victory,

the Tigers continued their turnaround and built an 8-4 lead in the deciding, every play scores, fifth game. One fan shouted "Just trade point from now on and it is ours." Dal did better as they pushed the game to match point at 14-8. However, in a test for the faint of heart fans, the Bisons reeled off five straight points, making it 14-13. Jody Holden then powered a smash that was to hot for a Mani-

toba defender to handle and Dal won the title for the first time.

It was a total team effort. Tournament all-star Holden and Paul Villeneuve provided the power, all-star Deon Goulding made many key blocks, David St. Helene and Dwayne Provo were outstanding on defense and Serving specialist won several important points with

his tough serve. However the real story of Dal was the play of MVP Scott Bagnall.

Bagnall, smaller in physical stature in comparison to his teammates on the court, stood head and shoulders above the rest as his leadership, hustle and setting abilities were the reason for the victory.

"Sweet, Sweet", yelled Andrew Simms after the match. It certainly was a those in attendance realized that this team had just cleared a major hurdle and had become one of the elite volleyball teams in the country.

Dal advanced to the final by sporting a 2-1 record in the round robin portion of the tourney before coming back from a 2-0 deficit to beat Waterloo in the semi's. Down 0-2 in games and 10-14 in game three, the Tigers found something and went on a roll taking the next 12 points and winning the match in an emotional five games. Joining Goulding and Holden on the all-star team were Dale Iwanoczko and Steve Welch of Manitoba, Steve Smith of Waterloo and Rob Olfert of Winnipeg.

## Dal wins swimmingly

by Ian Robertson

The Dal men's and women's swim teams easily outswam their opposition at Acadia University last Saturday, winning all 22 events!

The women's squad, led by the double individual wins of Sandra Netzel (50 and 100 freestyle) and Katy Laycock (200 IM and 200 breaststroke), topped the Axettes 155-50.

The men's squad also amassed an impressive points margin to win with a 138-43 spread. They were aided by the double individual victories of Eric Chisholm (50 and 100 freestyle), and Richard Peter (200 IM and 200 breaststroke). These wins moved the Tigers AUAA dual meet records to 8-0 and 5-1 respectively!

Other individual winners who contributed to the Tiger's triumph include Christy Gustavon and Darryl Dutton (200 free); Jill Hayden and Jason Jardine (800 free); Carolyn Flam and Sean Andrews (200 fly); Janet Tingley and Jason Cross (200 back); and Kellie Andrews and Grant Wong (400 free). All four Dal relay teams eclipsed meet hosts Acadia.

As the Tigers move into their final preparations for next month's AUAA Championships, one of the most pleasing aspects of the meet was the number of season and lifetime bests achieved.

Next weekend the Tigers hope to continue this trend as they host the second AUAA invitational of the season. Finals action gets underway at the Dalplex at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.



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