

Exhibition hoops

by Brent Knightley

The Dalhousie men's basketball team began exhibition play last weekend at the 16th annual Tip-Off Tournament at St. Francis Xavier University. The X-Men were hosting the tournament which included the Acadia Axemen, Husson College Braves of Bangor, Maine, and Dalhousie.

In Dal's first game on Friday night, the Tigers squared off against Acadia. Dalhousie were the winners of a hard-fought game 76-73 in overtime. Reggie Oblitey led all Tiger scorers with 24 points.

In their second game on Saturday night, the Tigers faced the Husson Braves in the tournament finals. The Tigers came out on fire and led 12-2 after five minutes of play, but found themselves up by only 2 at the half.

The Tigers played well but made some mental mistakes and the lack of game experience showed in the second half as they fell behind by 8. The Braves never looked back as they pulled ahead by nearly 20 and won the game 86-68. Shawn Planke was Dal's leading scorer with 23 points.

This past weekend, the Tigers travelled to Ontario for a two-game exhibition series against University of Ottawa and Carleton University, with both games being played at Ottawa.

In the first game on Friday, Dalhousie beat Carleton by a score of 80-67. The Tigers led 47-38 at the half and never looked back. Reggie

IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Cheerleaders aim for the sky

by Carmen Tam

The Dalhousie Cheerleading team will be showing their form at the Canadian National Cheerleading Competition at the Skydome next weekend.

The competition will run in conjunction with the Vanier Cup finals. The club, less than two years old, is currently perfecting their dynamic and explosive routine that incorporates both agility and power. The routine will include basket tosses, partner stunts, gymnastics and pyramids that will reach 2-1/2 people high!

Dalhousie boasts one of two university cheerleading teams in the province, with St. Francis Xavier starting a club this year. Saint Mary's program is currently on hold this season. The Dal team consists of nineteen members with a wide range of experience.

The 10th Annual Canadian University Cheerleading Championships will have twelve teams competing in what is the only collegiate

cheerleading event that brings together all the CIAU conferences under one roof. Dalhousie will be competing against such squads as the McMaster Marauders, the University of Toronto Varsity Blues as well as the nine-time champions, the University of Western Ontario Mustangs.

David-Lee Tracey, head coach of the Mustangs as well as a coordinator for the championships, is looking forward to seeing Dalhousie as he notes, "Dalhousie will be the only representatives from Atlantic Canada."

Cheering at varsity home games will take up most of the club's schedule this season as the cheerleaders made their first appearance at last week's basketball tournament. The team leaves today for Toronto and will compete Friday and Saturday.

So, if you are at the Dalplex and you suddenly see an object flying in the air, don't worry — it's not a bird or plane, it's a Dalhousie power cheerleader.

Good luck at Nationals!



Dal Cheerleader "hits the roof" during last season's varsity basketball action.

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Oblitey scored 24 points while Shawn Planke netted another 17 to lead the team.

On Sunday the Tigers lost to a more focused Ottawa team 94-68.

"They were as good as we were bad," replied Coach McGarrigle, when asked if Ottawa was exceptionally strong.

Shawn Planke scored 23 points while Christian Currie added 19.

Dalhousie's season opener is at home this Friday when the Tigers will take on the Acadia Axemen at the Dalplex at 8 p.m. Acadia will be looking for revenge of the overtime loss and this promises to be a good game.

Swimmers take pool

by John Yip

The Dalhousie Tigers travelled to Montreal for a series of competitions.

At McGill's brand new aquatic facility, Dalhousie's Kirsten Taberner won the 200m Freestyle. In the process, the Vancouver, B.C. native became the first female on the Dal squad to qualify for the CIAU Cham-

pionships at Laval. Captain Sarah Woodworth assisted her teammates by capturing the 200m fly.

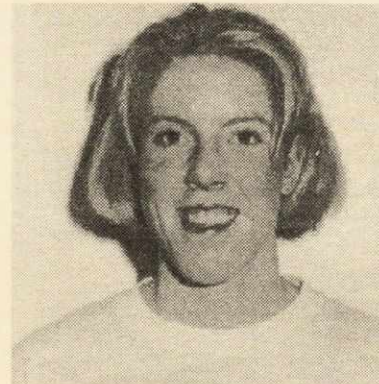
On the men's side, Ian Jackson showed his form by winning both the 100m and 200m Breaststroke events. Sean Andrews continued his winning ways by winning the 100m Fly. First year swimmer, Shawn Depuis rounded Dal's victories with a win the 400m Free.

The following day, the Tigers travelled to Sherbrooke for the Can-Am Invitational. Thirteen schools from Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario and NCAA Division schools were in attendance. Dalhousie Tiger, Ian Jackson continued his winning ways by winning the 100m and 200m Breaststroke events. Jackson qualified for the CIAU's and was named Breaststroke All-Star. Jackson lent his expertise in the 4x100m Medley relay with teammates Steven Macdonald, Sean Andrews and Shawn Depuis as they finished second. Overall, the men finished an impressive

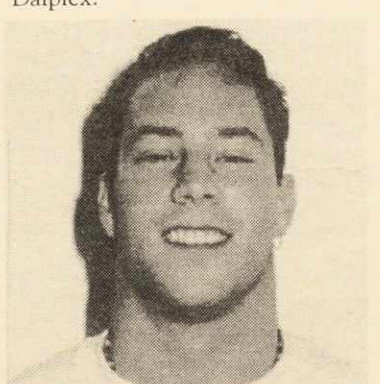
seventh behind last year's OUAA Champions McMaster.

The Dal Women finished sixth with strong swims by Sarah Woodworth in the 200m Breast, 200m IM and the 400IM. Woodworth and teammates Gail Seipp, Kirsten Taberner and Corey Minter finished fourth in the 4x100m Freestyle relay.

Dal hosts New Brunswick on Saturday and Mt. Allison on Sunday at Dalplex.



Sarah Woodworth



Sean Andrews

Haley bronzed

by Carmen Tam

Dalhousie's Andrew Haley surpassed his goals of just making the finals of his five events at the World's Swimming Championships in Vellella, Malta. Haley was one of the 800 athletes representing 44 countries in Malta. Haley, nursing a cold, captured three bronze medals at the Championships with one on the first day of the six day competition. Competing with a class S-9 disability, the 21 year-old swimmer secured his first medal by placing third in the 400 metre freestyle with a time of 4:46.10.

The Dartmouth resident won his second bronze medal in the 200 individual medley in 2:35.20.

His third medal came at the 100-metre freestyle, clocking in a time of

1:03.75.

Haley was touched out of a fourth bronze medal in the 100-metre backstroke and came in fourth.

Haley was pleased with his results as he noted, "I did better than I thought."

"Andrew swam well," said Haley's coach of five years, Bill Greenlaw. "This gave us a good indication on where he stands in the world." Greenlaw feels that with more intense training Haley will be a contender for gold in Atlanta.

Haley, a bronze medalist at the 1992 Paralympics, will be looking toward the National Championships in Lethbridge in the summer in June. As well, he will be attending the Pre-Atlanta Meet in August in preparation for the upcoming 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta.

Ball news

by Jake Boudrot

Like their striking major league brethren, Dalhousie ballplayers hope to step between the chalk lines.

Barring the league's collapse, a team could be a reality next fall. But it won't be lack of passion that postpones this game.

The first meeting, held last Monday, was a positive start. Ten people attended, including a coach with fourteen years experience and players with years of competition behind them.

As Mike Crosby observed, "people offered positive input, asked insightful questions, and all expressed a desire to get going immediately."

Being the first get-together, Crosby informed everyone of what they faced. Although it is quite intimidating, no one was phased.

"There was talk of starting an intermediate or junior team to keep sharp during the summer," said Crosby. "Someone even suggested

that they host clinics for younger players. But those plans are in the distant future."

On the horizon is even more work. Crosby has planned another meeting in two weeks (he hasn't named an exact date yet). By then he hopes to clear some of the Dalplex's hurdles — like details on finances. Crosby also plans to "continue the publicity blitz to raise the team's profile even higher."

Apart from that, Crosby still has to do his bureaucratic duty. Under Dalplex rules, he still has to come up with an executive, a budget, a constitution and the minutes from this first encounter.

Yes, things are certainly looking good for this team! With a solid, baseball-crazed following, Mike Crosby could lead Dal to a place where chewing tobacco, crotch-scratching and empty sunflower shells are the norm.

A guy can dream, can't he?

Dalhousie Athletes of the Week

Carla Perry - Soccer

Rorri Currie - Cross Country

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*CIAU National Champion. MVP of the Tournament

*Silver medal at CIAU National Championships

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