

Swimmers take double titles

BY SCOTT SANCTON

For the first time in eight years, both the Dalhousie Tigers men's and women's swim teams won AUAA titles at the conference championships held at Dalplex over the last weekend. The feat has only been accomplished three times in the last 20 years.

The women's team handily destroyed arch-rivals from the University of New Brunswick by a final score of 262 to 129. Mount Allison and Memorial University followed with 48 and nine points respectively.

On the men's side, the competition was much closer. After the first day of competition, the men led the UNB Varsity Reds by 10 points. However, following

Saturday's swimming, UNB had narrowed Dal's lead to only eight points.

After a back and forth battle in the finals Sunday night, Dal had a lead going into the final relay. The Tigers won that relay, and ended with an exciting 15 point win.

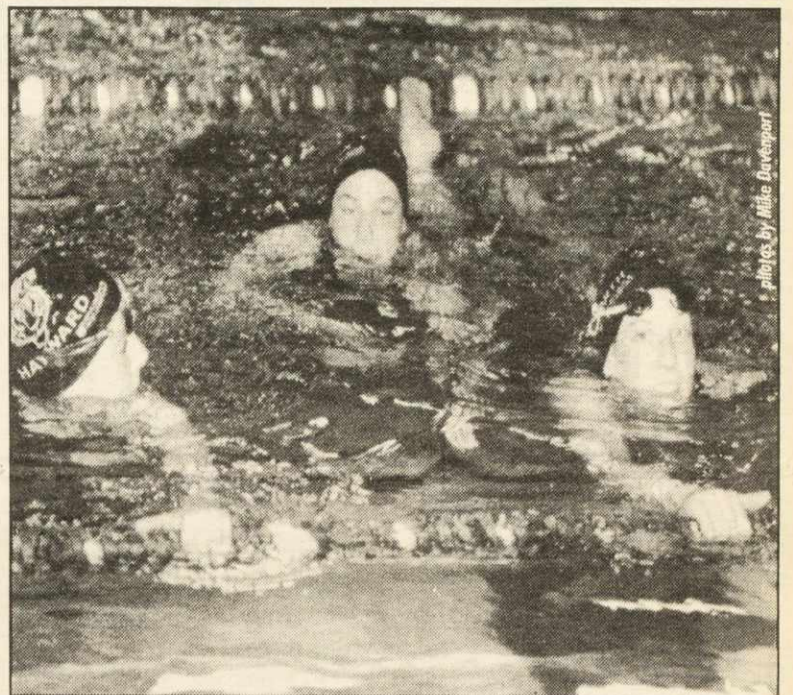
Chris Stewart and Angela MacAlpine were acknowledged with respective Male and Female AUAA Swimmer of the Year awards, and coach David Fry was awarded the AUAA Swimming Coach of the Year Award. This was Fry's first year as head coach of the Tigers.

While winning both titles was the team's main goal, their second was qualifying more swimmers for the CIAU championships this

weekend. They achieved this goal as rookie Caitlin Peterson qualified in the 200-metre backstroke. Megan Hannam qualified once again this year in the 200-metre free and the 100-metre butterfly.

After narrowly missing the standard in the final on Saturday night, graduating sprinter Steve Indig rose for one last chance to make the CIAU team. In a time trial following competition Sunday night, Indig made the CIAU standard, the national standard, and also set a new Dal record in the 50-metre free.

Also setting Dal records were Angela MacAlpine in the 50-metre free, and the Men's 4x100 free team. The men destroyed the previous time by over 3 seconds.



IN THE SWIM: Dal rules the pools at the AUAA's.

Wrestling comes up short at AUAA's

Dal wrestling club puts up valiant effort

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The 1999 AUAA wrestling championships have come and gone and by all accounts it was a success.

The UNB Varsity Reds swept the team title for the 10th year in a row, but it was a bittersweet day for the Dal Wrestling Club, whereas they had no individual champs.

"I had expected [Logan] Ward and [Mike] Leblanc to be AUAA Champs," says coach Scott Aldridge, "but when the dust settled, it was not to be."

The Dal club is a very young team, almost all under 20, and although they have a lot of talent, the older, more experienced wrestlers from the other AUAA schools managed to squeak by.

There were five universities

wrestling for 20 positions for the CIAUs in Guelph, Ontario. For the first time in three years, Dalhousie had no individual champions. Clinton Thomas at 65 kg and Scott Malcolm at 90 kg both earned silver medals and showed tremendous durability. At 82 kg Paul Saunders wrestled very well in both of his matches, but lost to more seasoned opponents. Rookie Benji Parks lost a dramatic final 4-2 against a 4th-year UNB wrestler.

The Dal Wrestlers would like to thank all the volunteers and the Dalplex's Shawn Fraser for all their hard work in hosting the AUAA's.

The Dal club is going to settle back down into practicing and attend the Nova Scotia Open this Feb. 27 for the Nova Scotia Club Championships.

Basketball loses Rajae, 3 games

BY SUMANT KUMAR

The Dalhousie Tigers were on a hot streak coming into last week, but what was a team in total unison took some sudden blows.

The week began when star forward Ashkan Rajae was kicked off the team on Monday.

At the moment there are various stories to this developing situation, but coach Tim McGarrigle claims that Rajae did not commit fully to the Tigers. On the other hand Rajae feels that he was treated unfairly, and that he was fully committed to the Tigers. What remains is that Dal now has to continue the season without their most talented player, and perhaps the best big man in the entire AUAA.

After the loss of Rajae the Tigers made the trip to St. FX on Tuesday night, only to be humbled by a score of 89-71. The X-men took advantage of Dal's weakened

frontcourt with Jayson Damon pouring in 25 points.

Dal then had a few days to regroup before travelling to St John's to face Memorial on Saturday and Sunday. In Saturday's game the Sea-hawks led from start to finish and humbled Dal 89-71. Once again the Tigers frontcourt was dominated by their opposition, as MUN forwards David O'Keefe and Matt Chapman scored 23 and 21 points respectively. Doug Newson led Dal with 25 points.

In the rematch Sunday, things got even worse as Dal lost by the score of 93-73. Jermaine Bruce led the Sea-hawks with 34 while Newson led Dal again with 17. This was a tense game in which Dal's starting point guard, Benny Edison, was ejected, and will therefore be

suspended for Saturday's game against UNB.

Another controversial situation occurred with 3 seconds left when MUN coach Glen Taylor decided to call a time out to set up a play. With the game in hand, McGarrigle felt there was no reason to call a timeout, and, furious at this attempt to embarrass the Tigers, wouldn't put his players back on the court. MUN then proceeded to inbound the ball and hit an uncontested three pointer. Taylor claims he called the timeout because of point differential in the standings.

The Tigers are now 0-3 without Rajae, and must regroup this weekend when they host UNB at 8pm on Saturday night, and UPEI at 3pm on Sunday.

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Saturday, Feb. 20
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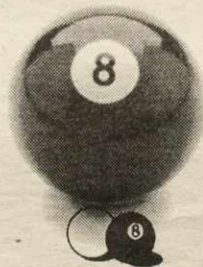
Men's Volleyball
Feb. 18-20
AUAA's@Dalplex

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Saturday, Feb. 20
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8pm@Dalplex
Sunday, Feb. 21
UPEI@Dal
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