

Final Four basketball to stay in Halifax

By DWIGHT SYMS

IN A SURPRISING DECISION by the Canadian Intersvarsity Athletic Union (CIAU) the Final Four University Basketball Championships have been awarded to the Atlantic Univer-

sity Athletic Association to be held in Halifax for the next three years.

"We feel great," said Pat Curran, manager of marketing and public relations at Dalplex and a member of the 1985 Final Four Committee in Halifax. "I think it

reflects the kind of job we did last year."

The 1985 CIAU Basketball Championship was held in Halifax last March with Dalhousie University acting as host of the tournament.

Frank Baldwin, development

coordinator for Basketball Nova Scotia, is also excited.

"This will give people (in the region) a chance to see the best (basketball) from across Canada," said Baldwin.

Baldwin believes the number of people coming to see the championship in previous years was a determining factor in the CIAU decision.

"Anywhere else we wouldn't get the crowds," said Baldwin.

Elizabeth Chard, past president of the CIAU, also sees fan support as a key to the CIAU decision.

"Basketball has achieved public acceptance as an entertainment (in Halifax)," said Chard.

In June, a report tabled at the Eighth General Assembly meeting of the CIAU held in Quebec reviewed the 14 national championships under the umbrella of the CIAU. The report was from the Task Force on Competitive Scheduling, which was chaired by Chard.

"We first established seven objectives of what we thought these championships should

accomplish," said Chard.

These objectives ranged from wanting to give all athletes and teams the chance to compete in the championship to striving to generate financial support to assist the participating groups in national championships.

A hard look was taken at the Final Four tournament with particular attention being paid to the success of previous national competitions.

"We (the task force) felt if we could stabilize the championship we could build up a sponsorship," said Chard. Chard felt the success of Halifax hosting the Final Four tournament in the past indicated stability.

The benefits to the region will be numerous. Besides economic and entertainment benefits, it will heighten the excitement of the regular basketball schedule.

Each game will be a prelude to the Final Four," said Chard.

The big question now is whether an Atlantic team can make the final.

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In addition to finishing second in the meet, each Dal team was also the top AUSA finisher.

The University of Maine at Orono, a Division I NCAA university, claimed top honours in both the men's and women's races.

In the men's 10 km race, Norman Tinkham of Dalhousie was the first runner to cross the finish line in a time of 28:07. Scott Hare of UNB placed second in a time of 28:37.

The final team standings were University of Maine 33, Dalhousie 40 and UNB 79. University of Moncton finished in fourth spot.

In addition to Tinkham, other

top Dalhousie runners were Craig Parsons (4), David Layton (5), Mike Hillis (13), Tom Landry (17) and Kyle Hebb (25).

In the women's race the Tigers' assistant coach, Pam Currie-Yarr, was the top overall finisher with a course record time of 17:45 over the 5 km course. Second place overall went to another independent runner from UDM, Debbie Bass. Bass finished with a time of 18:05. The top university and team runner was Kathy Tracy from Maine who completed the course in 18:10. The top CIAU and AUSA runner, fourth overall, was Dalhousie's Susan Spargo in a time of 18:16.

The final team standings were Maine 19, Dalhousie 59, and UNB 75.

The other top Dalhousie finishers in the women's race were Annick De Gooyer (7), Janet Hoyt (11), Elizabeth Condon (19), Loretta Dobbeltsteyn (20) and Heather Coutts (22).

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UNB	3	2	0	1	7	3	5
Mt. Allison	5	1	3	1	4	12	3

East

St. F. X.	3	2	0	1	6	2	5
St. Mary's	5	2	2	1	10	6	5
Dalhousie	3	0	1	2	1	2	2
Acadia	5	0	3	2	5	12	2
Memorial	4	0	3	1	4	10	1

FIELD HOCKEY

West

UNB	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
U de Moncton	3	2	1	0	12	4	4
Mt. Allison	4	1	3	0	3	8	3
UPEI	4	0	4	0	0	19	0

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St. Mary's	3	1	2	0	3	4	2
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