

Tigers capture golds in Dal Classic

Men and women victorious

BY GAZETTE STAFF

In the first time in history of the Dalhousie Volleyball Classic, the Tigers men's and women's team captured respective gold medals, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the tournament.

The men's team defeated the University of Toronto 3-1 in the final to avenge a loss to the Varsity Blues in the tournament opener. The Tigers swept Montreal, McMaster and Waterloo 3-0 in round-robin action to earn a berth in the medal match.

Team captain Jason Trepanier was named tournament MVP while middle Scott Bishop and rookie Josh Muise merited all-star

recognition.

The women's team trounced Sherbrooke 15-10, 8-15, 15-7 and 15-7 in the final to finish as the only unbeaten team in the tournament. It was the team's first gold medal victory since 1991.

Tournament MVP Melanie Hansen led the team to the final with wins over UNB, McMaster, Sherbrooke and St. Mary's in round-robin. Dal's Caroline MacFarlane and setter Katie MacFarlane were named to the tournament All-Star team.

The young squad sits 6-1 in conference action and will look to improve their standings with a match against St. FX in Antigonish on Wednesday.



GOLDEN GIRLS: Dal women's volleyball victorious in Dal Classic.

Dal Hockey team makes its point

Tigers still in contention for Kelly Division title

BY TERRY HAWES

The Dalhousie Tigers battled through injuries and suspensions to muster a couple of draws in AUAA hockey action this weekend at Memorial Arena.

Despite missing forwards Chris Pittman through suspension, along with Jan Melichereik, Jason Pellerin and goalie Neil Savary with injuries, Dal tied the St. Thomas Tommies 4-4 on Saturday and the Moncton Blue Eagles 3-3 on Sunday.

Dal 4 St. Thomas 4 — The two teams fought to a stalemate before a crowd of around 400 on Saturday night. St. Thomas were the better side in the opening frame and were deservedly ahead by two goals with markers by Dustin Virag and former Dal forward David Carson.

It seemed as though luck would not be on Dal's side as Steve Lowe pounced on a miscue by goalie Brad McCharles to make it 3-0 at 8:06 of the second period. However, the goal seemed to wake up the Tigers as Derrick Pyke scored back to back power play goals to bring Dal within a goal

heading into the final stanza.

Dalhousie continued their aggressive play in the third period, winning the majority of the battles in the trenches. Chad Kalmakoff levelled the score at 3-3. This seemed to rattle St. Thomas Goalie Steve Dunn as David Haynes banked a shot from the left corner of the rink that fooled him and gave the Tigers their first lead of the game with 16:19 to play.

The remaining minutes were dominated by heavy hitting, resulting in flared tempers. Tommies' forward Dave Reynolds was checked into the boards drawing blood, but no penalty was called to the disgust of coach Derryl Smith, who could be heard yelling from all over the rink that the call was "horseshit".

Smith got his justice when Dan Preston rifled a shot past McCharles with 4:08 left to send the game to overtime. St. Thomas had the better chance in the extra period but McCharles held the fort when called upon, salvaging the tie.

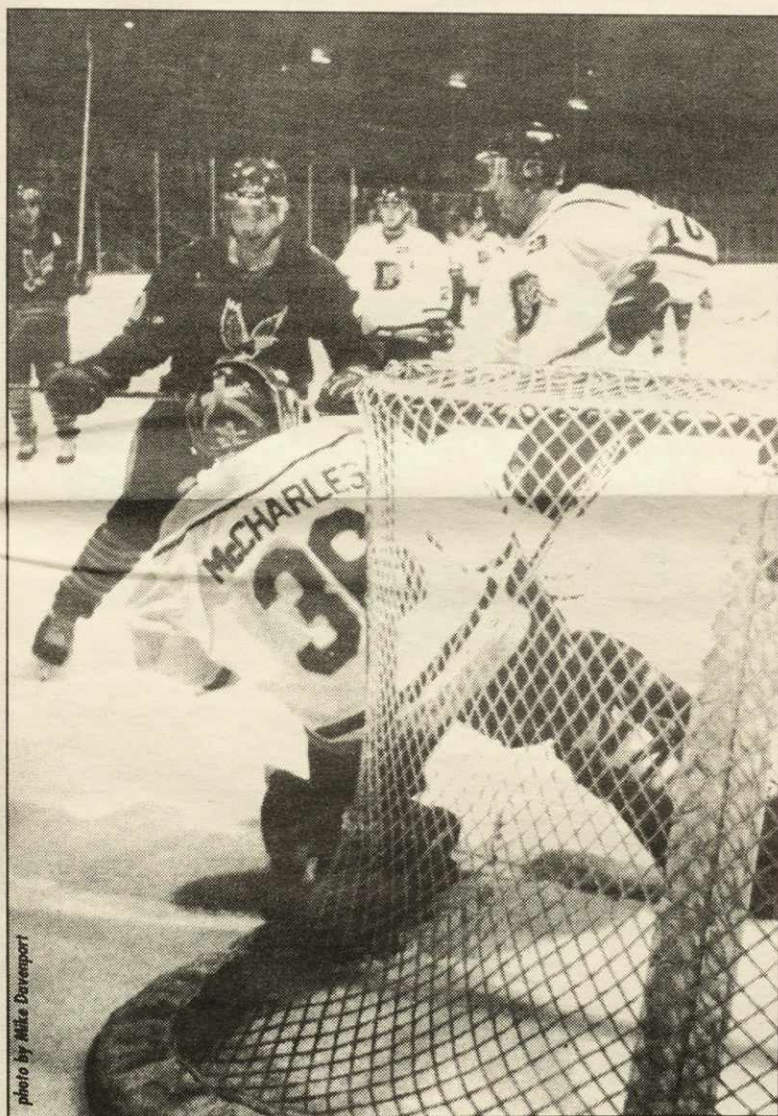
Dal 3 Moncton 3 — Nicholas Maheux scored with 56 seconds left

to give the Tigers a share of the points with the Blue Eagles on Sunday. Dal even had a chance to win the game with about a minute to play in overtime as Moncton pulled their goalie in full knowledge that the overtime rules in the AUAA give a team one point even if they lose the game.

The Blue Eagles are trying to catch the CIAU champion UNB Varsity Reds for first in the MacAdam Division and it appeared as though they would steal the victory — when Yannick Tremblay scored with 8:37 left to make it 3-2 — before Maheux's timely marker.

Tigers forward Marc Warner opened the scoring just 41 seconds into the game before Moncton got goals from JB Deschamps and Mario Cormier to lead 2-1. Kalmakoff scored in the second to make it 2-2.

With Acadia winning 5-2 over the Tommies on Sunday, the Axemen lead the Kelly Division with 19 points, Dal is second on 18 points with Saint Mary's and St. FX a further point behind with only nine games remaining.



FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT: Dal Tigers stalemate opposition despite setbacks.

Dal Wrestling Club prepares to rock

Club hosts 3rd Annual Dal Open

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The non-varsity Dalhousie Wrestling Club is preparing to host the 3rd Annual Dal Open on Jan. 23, starting at 9am in the Studley Gym. The tournament will include clubs from Concordia, McGill, UNB and Memorial, as well as other Maritime clubs not affiliated with schools.

The event is the last time that all the AUAA teams will be in one

place at the same time until the AUAA championships, also to be held here at Dal.

The tournament will contain roughly 200 wrestlers, both male and female.

"This is the club's best team to date," says Dal coach Scott Aldridge, "and features many local champions."

The Dal team, which has to date had a very successful year, is optimistic about the tournament.

Dalhousie Tigers Athletes of the Week

Jason Trepanier
Men's Volleyball
5th year Economics
Orleans ON



Jason Trepanier is the Dalhousie Tigers' male Athlete of the Week for the week ending Jan. 17, 1999. Jason recorded 115 kills, 39 digs, 6 aces and 12 blocks in 5 matches at the 20th anniversary of the Dal Classic at Dalplex on the weekend. Trepanier, an honourable mention All-Canadian last season, led Dal to a gold medal finish in the tourney and was selected as tournament MVP. Jason currently leads the AUAA in offense with 89 kills in 12 games.

Melanie Hanson
Women's Volleyball
2nd year Science
Alberton PEI

Melanie Hanson is the Dalhousie Tigers' female Athlete of the Week for the week ending Jan. 17, 1999. Melanie led the Tigers to their first gold medal finish in the Dal Classic since 1991 with a 3-1 win over the University of Sherbrooke. The Tigers were undefeated in round-robin action with victories over Sherbrooke, McMaster, UNB and St. Mary's. The rightside hitter was named tournament MVP.

Dalhousie Athletics Upcoming Events

Womens' Volleyball
Saturday, Jan. 23
Dal vs UNB
7pm@Dalplex
Sunday, Jan. 24
Dal vs UNB
12pm@Dalplex

Mens' Hockey
Sunday, Jan. 24
Dal vs SMU
2pm@Memorial Arena