

Tigers to meet Bisons

Metro residents will have the opportunity to witness the 1984 CIAU men's volleyball champions, the Manitoba Bisons, in action against the Dalhousie Tigers in the first annual Air Canada Collegiate Volleyball Challenge slated for 8:30 p.m. Thursday, October 18 at the Dalplex.

The game will be the first in a series to be staged in Halifax, Truro, Yarmouth and Bridgewater,

October 18-20. The entire series has been organized by Tiger volleyball coach Al Scott.

Scott, who has been working on the tournament since April, said that early season action for his squad is only part of the reason for the development of the challenge.

"The challenge of playing the Canadian champions will be an excellent motivation for our team but perhaps the most important

function of the Challenge is the development of support for the sport of volleyball throughout Nova Scotia," Scott said.

"Volleyball in Nova Scotia has become centralized in terms of development and our aim is to reach communities that normally receive little or no exposure to high level play," he continued.

The Bison squad will be a potent force with eight returning players, including three starters, from last year's CIAU championship team. Included in that team will be Olympic team starter John Barrett,

who boasts the hardest spike serve in the world. Also on the team is Terry Gagnon, first team All-Canadian and CIAU All-Star; and DeWayne Osborn, CIAU All-Star and MVP at last year's Canadian Volleyball Association championship. The Tigers should be strong as well, with four starters back from last year's AUAA championship team: AUAA All-Star Peter Hickman, Andy Kohl, Chris Lohnes and Jeff Bredin.

Scott said that the "best group of new players since 1980" will augment the squad.

Included in that group will be Prince Andrew's Brian Rourke, who started with the Canadian Junior National Team; Ron MacGillivray, also of Prince Andrew; and Reid Umlah of J.L. Ilsley.

The Truro game will be played at the Cobequid Educational Centre at 7:30 p.m. October 19. In Yarmouth, the match will be at 1:00 p.m. on October 20 at the Y.M.C.A. and in Bridgewater it will be at the Park View Educational Centre at 7:30 p.m. on the 20th. □

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Tiger tales

Soccer defeat

Division leading St. Francis Xavier X-Men, led by David Liam with three goals, defeated the Dalhousie Tigers 4-2 in men's soccer action on Saturday in Antigonish.

The Tiger scorers were Mark Moffett and John Evans. The X-Men led 2-1 at the half.

In addition to Liam, who netted two of his goals on penalty kicks, Mark Helstein was good for one goal for St. F. X.

The Tigers next see action against Memorial on Saturday. Game time is 3:00 p.m. on Studley field. □

X-country

The Dalhousie Tigers women's and men's cross country teams placed second and third respectively at the University of New Brunswick Invitational on Saturday.

The men, led by Norman Tinkham, placed third with 49 points, behind second place UNB (42 points), and first place Memorial who finished with 31 points. Moncton finished fourth with 101 points.

Tinkham placed second overall, finishing one foot behind National champion Paul McCloy of Memorial. Both runners recorded a time of 29.07 over the 10 km course.

In the women's division, UNB placed first with 21 points, Dalhousie was second with 53 points, while Moncton and Memorial placed third and fourth respectively.

Annick de Gooyer was the top Dal runner, placing third.

Tiger coach Al Yarr said that the men's squad had two runners absent and two who did not finish, adding that the AUAA championships should be a dogfight.

The championships are slated for October 27th at Moncton. □

Alumni games for volleyball, basketball

The Dalhousie Tigers women's volleyball team will commence their season with their annual Alumni Game this Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

The Tigers, under interim coach Karen Fraser, should receive stiff competition from the Alumni which this year will feature Karin Maessen.

The Tigers will also see action on Wednesday October 24th as they host the Dartmouth Lakers in an exhibition contest at 8:30 p.m.

The men's basketball team will also start the 1984-85 season with their annual Alumni game on Tuesday, October 23rd.

The Tigers, 13-5 last year, will face former Dal stars like Stan Whetstone, Pat Slawter and Steve Lambert.

Following the Alumni game, the Tigers will be at Acadia for the Tip-off Tournament November 2 and 3, and in Antigonish for the X-Tourney November 9 and 10.

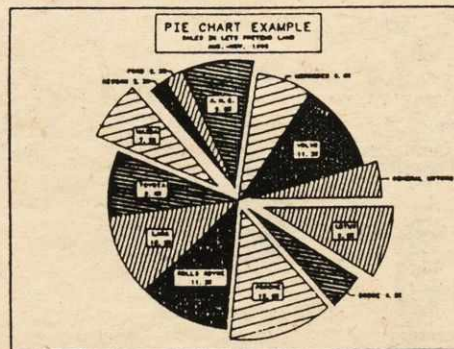
The Tigers' only other home contest before Christmas will be on November 20th when they host the Nova Scotia Stars. □

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