

sports

Dal sweeps Crosstown Challenge

by Toby Jones

The Dalhousie Tigers men's basketball team played inspired ball in the past week. The Tigers swept a home- and- home series with the defending national runners-up, the Saint Mary's Husky's. Scoring 81-

69, and 71-68 victories in Wednesday's and Sunday's games, improving their record to 4 and 3.

The Tigers played physical basketball at both ends of the court. All-Canadian Dean Thibodeau and promising rookie Shawn Planke played tough basketball, combining

for 36 points, and at last count 32 rebounds in Sunday's game. In Wednesday's home game the two towers combined for 45 points and 32 rebounds. The big men were dominating throughout both games, holding St. Mary's Wil Njoku and Brian Luinstra in check.

The core of Dalhousie guards shot with precision, especially from three-point land, hitting 7 of 15, including three key threes late in the game. Veteran guard Shawn Mantley is playing great basketball, playing tough defence in both games, holding St. Mary's Richard Sullivan to minimal points. Mantley rarely coughed up the ball, once again showing his outstanding handle. Mantley also hit back- to- back silky three-pointers, in the final minutes of Sun-

day's thriller. The other guards Don Chisholm, Matt Finden, and Chris Cain also played outstanding basketball, all three hitting key three-pointers down the stretch.

In Sunday's game coach Bev Greenlaw had his team well prepared. The Tigers were able to break presses, and adapt to defensive schemes easily throughout the game.

The Tigers are playing exciting basketball, and will provide good entertainment throughout the season.

Back on the fast-track

by Dan Hennigar

The Dalhousie Track and Field team got off to great start last weekend, opening the season with athletes at meets in Halifax and Toronto.

Dalhousie's elite 4X400 meter team were at the York University Invitational. The team composed of Derrick Dempster, Steve Whynot, Peter Lawson, and Ed James placed first with time of 3:25.7. In the mens 600 meters Ed James missed first spot by less than an inch to finish second to University of Toronto's Mike Sherar. His time of 1:20.6 qualifies

him for the CIAU National championships to be held in March at the Sky Dome in Toronto. It also established a new Dalhousie and Provincial record. Derrick Dempster and Peter Lawson also ran well finishing second in the 60 meters and 300 meters respectively. Steve Whynot easily won the B final of the mens 1000 meters with a time of 2:38.6.

At the Dalplex meet the race that generated the most excitement was the women's 800 meters. Paula Peters, the provincial record holder at 400 meters, set a blistering pace as soon as the gun went off. Melina Murray, Tracey Hoskin and Margie Jenkins, followed closely but with

200 meters to go Paula widened the gap to finish with a time of 2:12.8, just two tenths off a second of the sixteen year old provincial record. Melina Murray finished second (2:15.2), Tracey Hoskin third (2:16.2), and Margie Jenkins fourth (2:20.1). An excited head coach, Al Yarr, said he believes the four have the potential to be gold medal contenders at the CIAU National Championships this year.

In other competition Dalhousie's Anne Marie Farnell won the women's 1500 meters in an impressive 4:45.6 and Rachele Beaton led a Dalhousie sweep in the lady's high jump with a jump of 1.63 meters.

Aquatigers drown beavers

by John Yip

As Dalhousie's winningest sports team, the Varsity Swim Team continued its winning ways against the Mt. A Mounties and the UNB Beavers this past weekend. Led by a group of rookies, the women's team handily defeated Mt. A.

First year swimmers Kristen Matthews and Jennifer Smith displayed their true form by splitting two victories apiece. Former Nova Scotia Canada Games synchro star turned competitive swimmer, Sarah Woodworth, showed amazing versatility by swimming a wide variety of events. Veterans Janet Tingley, Marsha Gollan (fresh from a VO₂ max test) and Robin MacKay endured the weekend by having fine swims.

On the men's side, Ian Jackson edged out teammate Wilbur Macleod in the 400m IM to chalk one of many

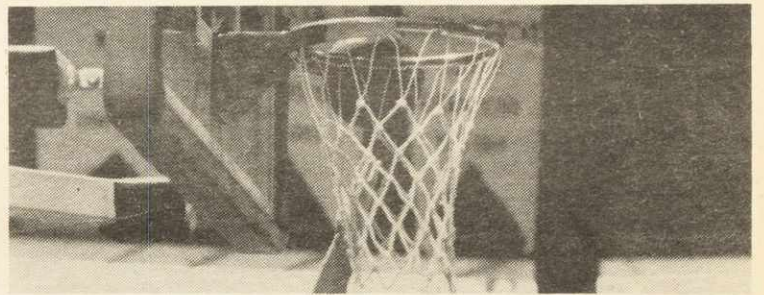
victories for Dal. Andrew Haley, a bronze medalist at this summer's Paralympics in Spain, showed his winning form in the 800m Free and celebrated his victory with a single fisted pump in the air to match Olympic Gold medalist Mark Tewksbury's. PJ Cowan took the 400m Free while Jason Shannon followed close behind.

At UNB, the women's team remained undefeated this season by topping the Beavers, 100 to 77. Cheryl Woodman came up with a win in the 100m Free while Cathy Bass had fast swims in the 200m and 400m Frees. Jessica Fraser who also moonlighted on the Cross Country team, Christy Gustavison and Katy Laycock chewed the Beavers off with outstanding performances.

The men's team lost to UNB by a narrow margin. D'Arcy Byrne took the 200m and 800m Free and assisted

Sean Andrews, Ian Jackson and Jason Shannon to win the 4x100m Medley Relay. Matt Fraser outdistanced the pack and won the 400m Free. Fraser along with Andrew Kirby, Adam Widdis and John Yip finished the meet off with an exciting finish in the 4x100m Free Relay.

Next week the Tigers travel to Acadia the AUAA Invitational, an important warm-up to the conference championships. The meet, for some will be a chance to qualify for the CIAU Championships while for both teams it will be a final opportunity to see their competition before the AUAA Championships. The AUAA Championships will be held at Dalplex on Feb. 19-21. The final meet of the season should prove to be an exciting one with many national calibre athletes competing. It will also be a chance to support Dal in their quest to seek their tenth championship in thirteen years.



Chili chowdown

by Derek Neary

The Dalhousie Tigers posted a 7-5 victory over the Saint Francis Xavier X-Men in hockey action on Saturday, 16 January.

Ken MacDermid and George Wilcox each scored a pair of goals for the Tigers. Joe Suk, Andrew MacVicar, and Jeff Quinn had the other Dal markers. The win bumped the Tigers' record to 8-6-0 and placed them in second place in the Kelly division following weekend play.

Dal faced the first place Acadia Axemen (16-1-1) in Wolfville on

Wednesday, 20 January. The Tigers then open a five game home stand that will begin with a Saturday January 23 encounter against Mount Allison.

In other weekend match-ups it was: Acadia 7 Cape Breton 2 in Sunday's lone game.

On Saturday it was: UNB 8 Saint Mary's 2; UPEI 3 Moncton 2; Acadia 6 Cape Breton 5 (OT).

Next home game: Saturday, January 23 with a "chili and skate" promotion starting at 5:30 pm prior to the game. A free skate and chili supper will be provided.

Scoreboard

	Kelly Division						MacAdam Division						
	W	L	T	F	A	P	W	L	T	F	A	P	
Acadia	16	1	1	117	52	33	UNB	13	4	1	113	74	27
Dalhousie	8	6	0	78	66	16	Moncton	8	9	1	65	74	19
Cape Breton	7	8	1	82	86	15	St. Thomas	7	8	2	86	87	18
St. Mary's	7	10	1	84	104	15	UPEI	4	10	4	65	89	12
St. FX	6	10	0	72	87	12	Mt. Allison	3	14	1	70	112	7



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Dalhousie Athletes of the Week

*** CHERYL WOODMAN ***
The Dalhousie Women's Swim Team defeated MTA and UNB in a dual meet this past weekend. Cheryl won the 50 M and 100 M Freestyle and was a member of the winning 400 M Freestyle Relay Team.

*** D'ARCY BURNE ***

MSWIM
1 win:
1 loss

Winner of 4 events

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