Sports

Men Tigers third in national

by M. Vohra

The Dal Tigers men's team also hosted the CIAU Championships last weekend, however they were not as fortunate as the women, finishing in third place.

The men looked like prospective national champions in their first outing Thursday as they swept the Laval team 3-0. With scores of 15-10, 15-5, and 15-7, the Tigers didn't let the new faced Laval team close, shutting down the Laval offensive attack with key blocks and great service reception.

Against perennial rivals, York, the men did not play a "picturesque" game. In the first game York won 8-15 as the Tigers struggled to get their offense in gear. However, York, who have always tested Dal severely in the past changed their style in the second game and as a result lost to the revitalized Tigers. The Tigers with mixed sets and strong service rebounded from the first game setback to take the next three games 15-8, 15-7 and 15-13.

The eventual CIAU cham-

pions, Calgary, were next in the climb to the top, but never having played the team before, the Tigers did not know what to expect. After having watched videotapes of the team, while also scouting earlier games that Calgary played, Coach Al Scott prepared his team well for the match. Closing down the fast running offence of the Calgary team, the Tigers won the first two games of the match 15-9 and 15-12. Leading 13-11 in the final game, the Tigers could not finish off the Calgary squad losing 15-13. The Dinnies took the match three games to two.

Calgary, ranked number one all year, was so close to being upset by the Tigers and probably would have been if it had not been for the lack of pressure situations the Dal team had faced throughout the year. The Dal team had only experienced three tight matches since there was a lack of opposition in the AUAA. On Friday, the Tigers did away with the Memorial team with relative ease by winning three straight sets (15-6, 15-8, and 15-2).

In the final game of the round-robin both Manitoba and Dalhousie had a chance to make the finals. The men seemed to run around for the first two games against Manitoba losing 4-15 and 7-15. In the third game however an air of calm appeared as the Tigers asserted themselves and won 15-4. In the fourth game the tide shifted back and forth, with Manitoba finally prevailing 15-13 and with that the hope for the CIAU championship was lost.

By everyone's standards, the men had a very successful season and if it had not been for a lack of experience in playing in pressure situations, they might have joined the women as CIAU champions. However one should not overlook the success of the team, placing second at the Classic, winning the AUAA championships with many team members receiving individual honors. This weekend, for example, Phil Perrin joined Jamie Fraser on the all-star team, while Rod Walsh joined the two all-stars as invitees to the National Volleyball Camp.

Vees end losing streak

by Jeff Roy

The largest regular season crowd ever, 8,315, turned out at the Metro Centre last Sunday afternoon to watch the Voyageurs avenge two consecutive losses to the New Brunswick Hawks with a suspenseful 7-6 overtime win. Nova Scotia blew a three goal lead at the end of the second period and had to tally a late marker in order to send the contest into the five minute extra period.

In the first period the Vees opened up a 2-0 lead on goals from Dan Bolduc on a power play at 4:00 and Mark Hentges at 9:03, the latter a result of a miscue by Hawks' goalie Bob Janecyk. The Hawks' Russ Adam deflected a point shot through the legs of Mark Holden at 13:27 to round out the scoring in the period.

The Vees continued to play solid hockey in the middle frame and as a result opened up a 5-2 lead. Jeff Brubaker scored at 6:33 as he and linemate Dan Bolduc had a two on one break. Jeff Mars tallied his first of two at 9:03 when he deflected a shot from Hentges past Bob Janecyk. The Hawks' only goal of the period came at 14:49 when defenseman Don Deitrich got his first of the season by drilling a slapshot to the top left hand corner of the Vees' net. Jeff Mars scored his second at 19:37 to give Nova Scotia a commanding three goal lead going into the final period.

The Vees began to relax and the tough checking Hawks took advantage by ripping Mark Holden for four consecutive goals. Louis Begin at 2:12, Jack O'Callaghan at 4:18, Russ Adam with his second of the game at 9:51, and former Vee Bill Riley

at 15:35 sent Nova Scotia into a seemingly hopeless 6-5 trailing position with less than five minutes remaining. With about a minute and a half to play, the Vees pulled goalie Mark Holden for an extra attacker. They got the puck into the Hawks' zone and produced some highpitched dramatic scoring opportunities but came up empty. The Hawks shot the puck down the ice with less than 30 seconds left. Remarkably, the Vees managed to again get the puck into the Hawks' end. Defenseman Ed Small took a shot from the left point. The shot hit a Hawks player and rested on open ice. John Goodwin took possession and fired a shot high over the glove hand of Janecyk. Only two seconds remained, and the Metro Centre rocked with excitement as the Vees had sent the contest into overtime.

The overtime period was concluded in an equally dramatic manner. After just six seconds had elapsed, Mark Hentges broke in from the left side and beat Janecyk with a high slapshot. Nova Scotia needed this victory to come to within one game of the 500 mark for the season. As I have stated many times in the past, the only way the Vees are going to progress

in the playoffs is for a 60 minute consistent effort each game. The Vees now take to the road for six important games; two against New Haven, then single games against Binghamton, Springfield, Adirondack and the wind-up in Maine. The Vees return home on Sunday, March 28 when they will host the Adirondack Red Wings, with such players as Peter Mahovlich, Eric Vail, and Dennis Polonich.

Dal run- and jumpsters do us proud

by Kevin Charles Little

Gordon Tynes and Tim Wrigley provided Dal with two berths in the CIAU Nationals last weekend in Laval.

Gordon Tynes gained a spot on the National team as a result of his victory in the long jump and triple jump in the AUAA championships February 19 and 20 in Moncton. Gordon also finished second in the 60 metres, which many believe he won. To gain a berth into the nationals you must finish first in your region. Gordon went on to finish third, earning a bronze medal at the nationals for the

second year in a row with a jump of 6.95 metres. Tim Wrigley won the high jump, finished second in the long jump and second in the triple jump in the AUAA championships. He went on to capture the silver medal at the nationals, with a jump of 2.05 metres.

The top Dal woman was Krisanne Crowell, finishing second in AUAA championships in the 60 metres and long jump. Patty Horne came third in the AUAA shotput. Also, Yvan Rochon won the silver at the AUAA Track and Field meet.

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