

Tigers badger Brock for National Title

BY CARMEN TAM AND VIVEK TOMAR

They were the team that came the farthest to get to Saint Catherine's, Ontario and the team that went the distance to capture the Canadian Inter-Collegiate Baseball crown.

The Dalhousie Tigers earned their stripes by downing the University of Brock Badgers 8-3 for the National Title.

In the final, the Tigers came out swinging and avenged a 7-0 round robin loss suffered to the Badgers the previous night.

The first inning saw Dal jump out to a 4-0 lead. Craig Higgins, who had been jeered by fans the night before, slammed a 3-shot out of the park and silenced his detractors.

In the fifth inning, back-to-back home runs by DH Brian Clarke and outfielder Shawn Woodworth gave the Tigers a 7-1 lead.

Pitcher Trevor Wamback pitched 6 full innings before being relieved by Scott Sturgeon in the bottom of the seventh. Sturgeon got the Badgers'

last batter to fly out to outfielder Kevin Abriel and the celebrations began as players swarmed the mound.

The Tigers started the Nationals with their first win ever in national competition over the defending champion Laval Rouge et d'Ore, 4-3. Wamback struck out the first 8 Laval batters he faced, and established a new Canadian Intercollegiate Baseball Association record.

The next day the Tigers thumped the University of Toronto Varsity Blues 11-0. Pitcher Pat O'Leary went the distance pitching all 7 innings. The game was a hit parade as the Tigers scored in every inning.

"It's the Ontario air," says Tiger Jeremy Drumm, "the ball carries out here".

Dalhousie had little time to savour their second win as they were scheduled to play the Ontario Conference Champs Brock only fifteen minutes after their game against the Blues. They lost 7-0.

At the awards banquet that evening, Dalhousie players packed the all-star team, filling five out



of nine positions. Trevor Wamback, Craig Higgins, Scott Sturgeon, second basemen Brian E. Clarke and outfielder Jason Irvine were all honoured. Shortstop Craig Higgins was named Tournament MVP, Trevor Wamback was named the Tour-

nament's Most Valuable Pitcher, and first basemen Scott Sturgeon was the Tournament's Most Valuable Hitter.

"Everything fell into place at the right time and everyone played well. I think my MVP award is a reflection of the team's

performance," said Higgins.

Assistant coach Mike Crosby was so pleased with the win that he shaved his head. "I'm ecstatic. To make it to the Nationals our first year, to win it in the second is incredible. I'm very proud of the team."

Dal cross country dominant

Women win AUAA...

BY DAN HENNIGAR

UNB knew that to win they would have to run the race of their lives, and they did. But it was not good enough.

The Tigers' energy and spirit propelled the Dalhousie women to their eleventh consecutive AUAA championship last weekend. UNB, running to the top of their ability on their home course with more talent than any team to face Dal in the championship in many years, was not even close.

Cindy Foley lead the Dalhousie charge. Blasting her way into the front on the first downhill, Foley averaged a ten second lead in less than five hundred meters. For the remainder of the race she just kept smoothly pulling away from last year's conference champion and all-Canadian, Julie Dupuis (Université de Moncton).

"When you get to the top of the hill everyone's tired so I thought, 'OK this is your time to break,'" Foley explained after the race. "I just tried to use the downhills and be aggressive on the uphills. I never looked back."

Her final time over the five kilometer course was 18:21, an impressive twenty-nine seconds ahead of Dupuis.

Dalhousie's Krista Wuerr and Marnie Dickens helped each other to third and fifth place finishes. "I couldn't get by her (Dickens) at all," Wuerr said. "So we just worked together and because we were working together we were able to go by Lavina (Gough)."

Both Wuerr and Dickens finished ahead of Gough, UNB's number one runner.

Running, perhaps, the most inspired race of the meet was Dal's Andrea McNevin. McNevin finished ninth ahead of people to whom she had never even finished close before. Her time was over a minute faster than she had run on the same course only a month earlier.

Jessica Fraser, Cindy Toner, and Eva Stalstad also finished well, ensuring a Dalhousie victory.

The Tigers' next race will be the CIAU championships in Montreal on November 9th.

And so do men

BY JESSICA FRASER

Nervous energy was in the air as the men's cross country team bus coasted into Fredericton's Odell Park Saturday morning. The colours of fall glistened in the October sun, few clouds spotted the blue sky, and the air was crisp. It was the calm before the storm. The Tigers were ready to take control of the trails at the AUAA Championships.

The course was not unfamiliar. The men's 10 kilometre race consisted of four loops of varied terrain: gravel roads, wooded trails, narrow paths, rocks, roots, wood chips, mud, and plenty of hills. The competition however, was a little more unknown. Dalhousie had only competed against Memorial once this season, and had been victorious by only a narrow margin.

The men had a roaring start. Neil Manson took an early lead, while tiger hopeful Dan Hennigar was positioned third. The two tigers worked together, and eventually both out ran Memorial's Scott Young. Hennigar won in 31:53, followed by Manson in 32:15.

Not far behind, triathlete rookie Chris Everest overtook his prey one at a time to finish 7th. Brian Yorke, although initially struggling mid-pack, made a remarkable comeback to finish 8th. Jamie Blanchard, the team's young recruit from Truro, appeared relaxed as always, putting in yet another outstanding race to finish 11th. Trevor Boudreau and Tim Ellis placed 13th and 14th respectively.

Dalhousie's final score, the sum of their first five Dalhousie's placing, was 26 points, well ahead of Memorial's 46 points. University of New Brunswick was third with 82, followed by St. Mary's with 93.

As black and gold jackets spotted the finish area after the race, an observer remarked to Coach Al Yarr, "I've never seen a team that could compete so well, while having so much fun." On this day, Dalhousie could do both. Yarr was named AUAA cross country Coach of the Year.

The Tiger's next challenge will be CIAUs on Montreal's Mount Royal, November 9th.

this week's games:

Varsity/Club Schedule

Friday, November 1

- Soccer AUAA's (men's and women's) @ Wickwire Field (until Sunday)
- Hockey @ Acadia, 7:30 p.m.
- Basketball (men's) @ St. FX Invitational (until Saturday)
- Volleyball (men's) @ Waterloo Classic (until Sunday)

Saturday, November 2

- Basketball (women's) vs. Queen's, 2 p.m. @ Dalplex
- Volleyball (women's) @ Memorial, 7 p.m.
- CIAU Football: SMU vs. Mt. Allison @ SMU, 1 p.m.

Sunday, November 3

- Basketball (women's) vs. Ottawa, 1 p.m. @ Dalplex
- Volleyball (women's) @ Memorial, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6

- Hockey vs. St. FX, 7 p.m. @ Studley Arena

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