

Intramural beat

BY GEOFF STEWART

The intramural co-ed baseball Fall Classic was held this weekend out at the Dalhousie Spryfield Campus.

A host of teams including MBA, Psychology, Tupper, The Purple People Eaters, Pharmacy, Physio and the Girl Guides showed up to play.

The semi-final game between the Girl Guides and the Tupper Lab Rats saw the return of Dalhousie Super-hero Paul Osborne from the European League. It also saw a solid, hard-hitting, head-cracking Girl Guide infield which unfortu-

nately was not strong enough to overpower the might of the Tupper team.

But in the finals, the roar of the Rats was reduced to a squeak as the returning champion Psyche House took the tourney title quite handily. Tony Nurse and his crew of umpires deserve some recognition for organizing and running the October Classic.

Moving from the outreaches of Metro to our own Flushing Meadows, the Dalhousie co-ed mixed doubles tennis tournament was finally held with overwhelming participation.

The final three games saw the Dalhousie Association of Biology

Students (DABS) represented by Helen Dobell and Darshaka Malaviarachi take on the Law team of Tate MacLeod, and defending champ Sandra MacLeod (no relation.) The lawyers proved their ability winning 6-2, 6-2. The next game had DABS reign victorious over the Girl Guides' tennis unit of Michelle Brown and Crazy Mike Larkin 6-4, 6-2. Finally, Law was able to wrap it up as the MacLeods were defeated "there can be only one" defeating the Girl Guides 6-1, 6-0.

Congratulations to Psyche House and Law for their successes this weekend, and thanks to everyone who participated.

NHL West two-horse race

BY MATT THOMPSON

The Western Conference is made up of two extremes, the dominating powers and the cellar dwellers. The major debate is who will represent the West in the quest for Lord Stanley's cup: Detroit, or Colorado.

Central Division

The **Detroit Red Wings** will dominate their division, again. The offensive skills of Sergei Fedorov and his Russian friends will be hard to control, and the possibility of Brendan Shanahan coming to town make this team a hockey poolsters dream. Don't overlook the goal tending of Chris Osgood; he is one of the most underrated netminders in the game.

The **Chicago Blackhawks** have little offensive firepower, but their defense more than makes up for that. Chris Chelios and Gary Suter will keep Ed Belfour from seeing too much rubber (as if he needs the help.) There could be a record set for most 0-0 ties in one season.

The **Dallas Stars** are the exact opposite. They have a plethora of scoring talent with Mike Modano, Joe Nieuwendyk, and 40-goal man Pat Verbeek, but they lack depth behind pointmen Sergei Zubov and Darian Hatcher. If one of their big guns goes down, it could be a long season.

The **Phoenix Coyotes** (Winnipeg Jets) have a new group of players to match their new setting. Incumbents Keith Tkachuk and Craig Janney will be joined by the likes of Mike Gartner, and eventually Jeremy Roenick. The defense is headed by Dave "Charles" Manson and Norm MacIver. The coyotes should be solid between the pipes with Nikolai Khabibulin looking to improve on his good performance last season.

The **St. Louis Blues'** heart and soul is Brett Hull. Not so much because of his talent, but because Mike Keenan has driven the rest of the team's quality players away. He still needs someone to set him up for him to be at his best. Al MacInnis' presence on the blueline will need to be felt even more this year for a successful Blues campaign. Grant Fuhr is looking to pick up where he left off as goaltending's ironman.

The **Toronto Maple Leafs** are

on their way down hill. Wendell Clark, Doug Gilmour and Larry Murphy's best years are behind them. Mats Sundin and Felix "The Cat" will bring this team some bright moments, as may young gun Brandon Convery, but knowing Leafs GM Cliff Fletcher, he'll be traded for another aging vet.

Pacific Conference

The Pacific conference may be the weakest in hockey. The **Anaheim Mighty Ducks** will rely on their Doughnut line for scoring — Paul Kariya, Teemu Selanne, and nothing in the middle. The defense is subpar at best, and the goaltending is highly suspect.

The **Colorado Avalanche** will not suffer a Stanley Cup hangover. Joe Sakic and Peter Forsberg may be the best one-two punch in hockey, and with the two-way defensive play of Sandis Ozolinsch and Uwe Krupp, you have a great core. And as much as it sickens me to say it, Claude Lemieux is the final ingredient to giving in giving them the best two-way team in hockey. Patrick Roy could well be the best money goalie in history. There will be another parade through Denver this spring.

The **Calgary Flames** have Theo Fleury and who? The answer is a mishmash of young and old. The young is in the form of Rookie Jerome Iginla, and the old is in Toronto Refugee Dave Gagner. Robert Rychel has returned from Germany to add some scoring punch. The defense is made up of underachievers, and Trevor Kidd is average at best. On a personal note, could someone find a better nickname for Mr. Kidd, because the "Kidder" is ridiculous.

The **Edmonton Oilers** may well fulfil GM Glen Sather's promise to make the playoffs. The offense is young but proven with the likes of Jason Arnott and Doug Weight. The Defense is not that good, but what they lack in skill they make up in toughness; Luke Richardson, and Bryan Marchment are a small forward's worst nightmares and goalie Curtis "Cujo" Joseph's bodyguards.

The **Los Angeles Kings** are rebuilding. Aging vets Ray Ferraro, Kevin Stevens, and Petr Klima are being relied on to fill the net. Sturdy defenceman Rob Blake is looking to return from an ACL tear, and head-up an otherwise lousy defense. Stephane Fiset is looking to prove himself worthy of his starting position after being in Roy's shadow last year, but it's hard to prove yourself and protect yourself from a barrage of shots at the same time.

The **San Jose Sharks** have lost the way to building a winner. They're relying on vets Al Iafrate (returning after not playing for two years), Tony Granato (recovering from brain surgery), and Bernie Nicholls (coping with old age). I'd comment on their defence, but there really isn't one.

The **Vancouver Canucks** will be one of the most exciting teams to watch this year, with Pavel Bure showing no signs of damage from knee surgery, Alexei Mogilny, and a talented supporting cast including Russ Courtnall, and ironman Trevor Linden. The defense is solid, but lacking in toughness. The net will be well-tended when a trade remedies the Kirk MacLean-Corey Hirsch goaltending controversy.

Western Conference Predictions

Central

Detroit*
Phoenix*
Chicago*
St. Louis*
Dallas*
Toronto*

Pacific

Colorado*
Vancouver*
Edmonton
Calgary
Anaheim
Los Angeles
San Jose

* denotes playoff team

intramural schedule

October 24 - October 30, 1996

Remember to Check Dial-a-Rec on the day of your game to confirm your Game time. 494-2588

THURSDAY OCT. 24

Men's A Soccer

7:00pm Clippers vs. The Dingos
9:00pm Med Pulses vs. Panhellenic
9:00pm The Outsiders vs. Dentistry
10:00pm DABS vs. Law

Co-ed Flag Football

7:00pm Eliza/Studley/Old Eddy vs. MBA
8:00pm Wild Raiders vs. The Football Team
8:00pm Bronson/Smith vs. Computer Science
9:00pm Law vs. Physio
10:00pm Lawbusters vs. Red Tape

Co-ed A Broomball

10:00pm Med Pacers vs. Law De Da
11:00pm Law vs. Physio

SUNDAY OCT. 27

Men's B Soccer

7:00pm Commerce vs. Med Heartbeats
8:00pm Purple People Eaters vs. MBA
9:00pm Law vs. Miracle Strip

Co-ed B Broomball Div. 1

9:30pm Physio vs. Chemistry
10:30pm Bronson/Smith vs. Girl Guides

Co-ed B Broomball Div. 2

9:30pm Glengary vs. Killer Cod
10:30pm Computer Science vs. Wild Raiders

MONDAY OCT. 28

Ultimate Frisbee Div. 1

8:00pm Purple People Eaters vs. Pig Dogs
9:00pm Law vs. Miracle Strip
10:00pm Computer Science vs. MBA

Ultimate Frisbee Div. 2

8:00pm Ultimate Rascals vs. Bronson/Smith
9:00pm Eliza/Studley/Old Eddy vs. Med Dura Maters B
10:00pm Killer Cod vs. Wild Raiders

Co-ed A Soccer

7:00pm DABS vs. Wild Raiders
7:00pm Pharmacy vs. Eliza/Studley/Old Eddy
8:00pm Physio vs. Law
9:00pm Med Pulsers vs. Bronson/Smith
10:00pm Oceanography vs. Killer Cod

Men's A Hockey

10:00pm Med Dominators vs. Ultimate Rascals
11:00pm Dentistry vs. Commerce
12:00am Dukes of Hazard vs. Law

Men's Res. A Hockey

8:00pm Eliza/Studley vs. Bronson/Smith
9:00pm Raiders vs. Killer Cod

TUESDAY OCT. 29

Men's Residence A Soccer

7:00pm Killer Cod vs. Eliza/Studley

Men's B Hockey

8:30pm With Themselves vs. MBA
9:30pm Commerce vs. Purple People Eaters
10:30am DABS vs. Kings
11:30pm Pharmacy vs. The Chiefs

WEDNESDAY OCT. 30

Co-ed B Soccer Div. 1

7:00pm DAPS vs. MBA
8:00pm Nursing vs. Bronson/Smith
9:00pm Pharmacy vs. Carpet Sharks
10:00pm Killer Cod vs. Eliza/Studley/Old Eddy

Co-ed B Soccer Div. 2

7:00pm Commerce vs. Wild Raiders
7:00pm Geology vs. Law
8:00pm OT vs. Glengary
9:00pm Purple People Eaters vs. Ultimate Rascals
10:00pm CS Strikers vs. Chemistry

Men's Res. B Hockey

8:00pm Eliza/Studley vs. Bronson/Smith

Men's C Hockey

9:00pm Geology vs. Mighty Docs
10:00pm The Eagles vs. Pharmacy
11:00pm Tupper Lab Rats vs. Dentistry
12:00am Dal Women's Club vs. Med Blasters