

## Basketball Tigers finish on a strong note

BY SUMANT KUMAR

Going into the final weekend of the season, the Dalhousie Tigers, Acadia Axemen, and St FX X-Men were all tied for first place, which meant the first round bye was still open. For Dalhousie to receive it, they had to beat Acadia in their last game, and hope that SMU defeated St.F.X, because the X-men held the point differential tiebreaker over the Tigers.

However, when Saturday night's finale began, the Dal players already knew that the X-men had just defeated the Huskies, and first place was out of reach.

The Tigers still wanted to finish second, and by defeating Acadia, they would ruin the Axemen's weekend, because Acadia would finish first with a win, and third with a loss. They did just that, defeating the Axemen 88-76.

The Tigers started the game on a hot streak, going up 13-2 on the defending AUA championship. However Acadia tightened up their

defence and controlled the boards — led by Jan Trojanowski, who had 10 first half rebounds — to go up 17-16.

The first half was an extremely physical affair on both sides, which led to 25 fouls being called. This kind of refereeing caused frustration on both sides, and it showed when Trojanowski and Tiger senior Mike Wall almost got into a shoving match after wrestling for a loose ball in which no foul was called.

When the first half finally ended, the Tigers led 37-35.

In the second half, Dal got off to a quick start, and after two technical fouls assessed to the Acadia bench, led 43-35. From here the Doug Newson shooting display began.

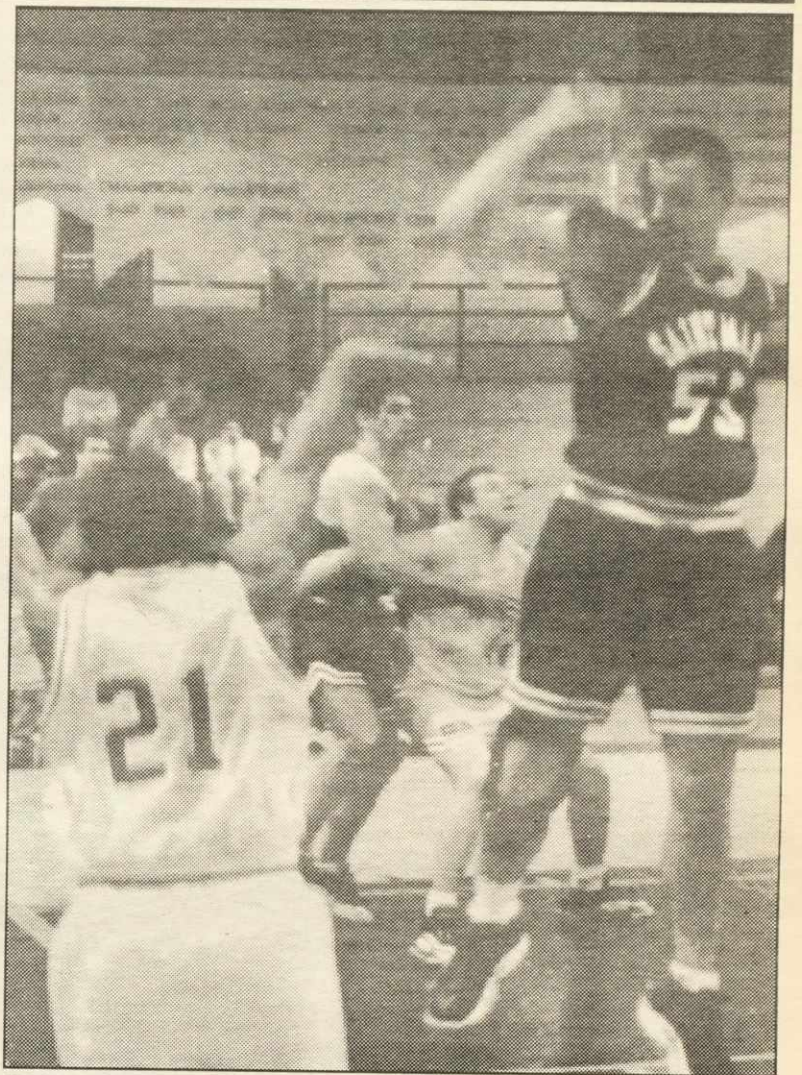
Newson, a fifth year transfer from PEI, playing in his final home game, began burying jumper after jumper, for which the usually-tough Axemen had no answer. He, along with the play of point guard Benny Edison, almost single-handedly

relegated Acadia to third place, as the Tigers cruised to the 88-76 victory.

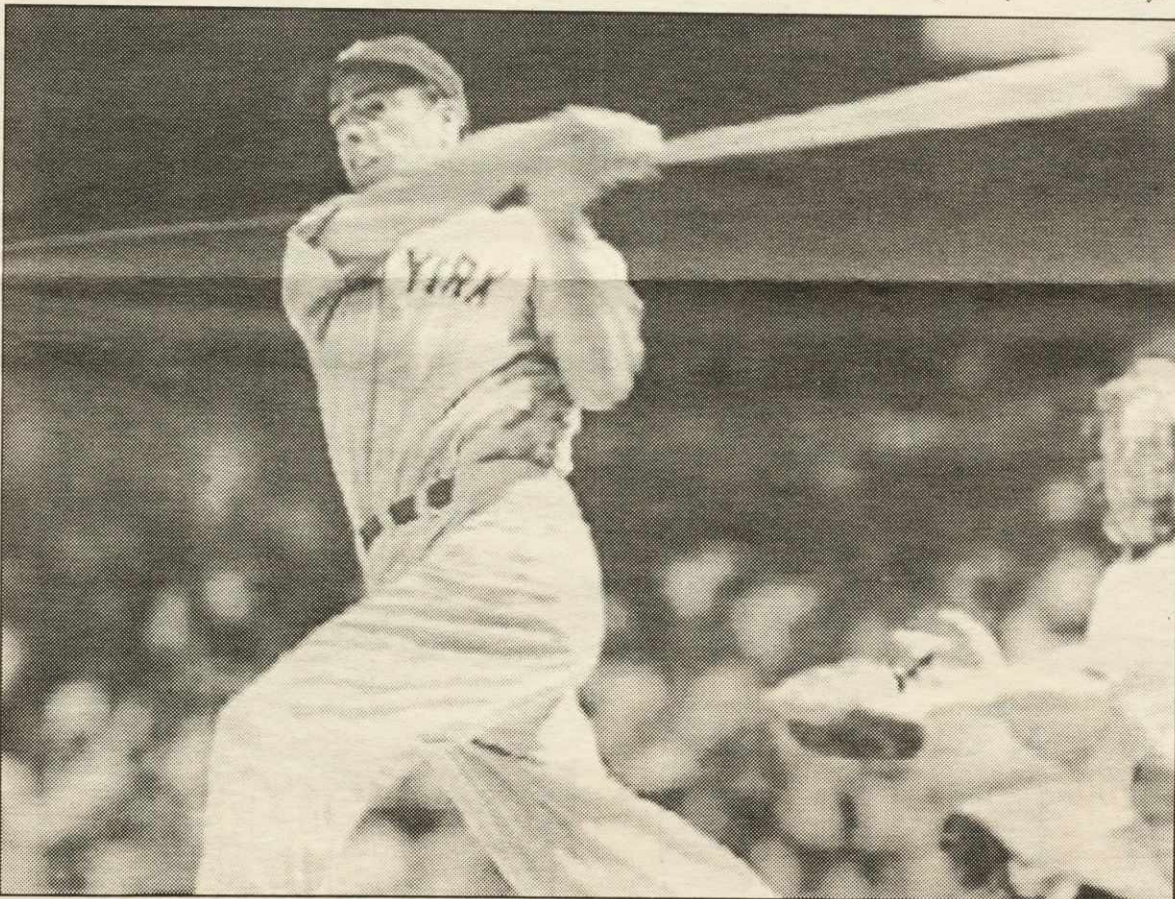
Newson finished with 39 points, and an amazing 25 in the second half, while Edison ended the game with 23. Trojanowski led the Axemen with 27 points and 12 boards. However he only had 2 second-half rebounds, which is a credit, to Tiger forwards Wall, David Mullally, Scott Devnick, and Bison Crawford.

With Dal's side of the AUA complete, and with UCCB's Sunday victory enabling them to grab the final playoff spot in the other division, the playoff pairings are now set.

The AUAs begin Friday night at the Metro Centre with the Tigers facing the Capers at 6pm. At 8pm the UNB Varsity Reds face off against the Axemen. On Saturday the X-men will face the lowest remaining seed at 12pm while the Huskies will face the highest remaining seed at 2pm, with the final set to go at 2pm on Sunday.



HOOPS HOPPIN': Basketball action earlier this semester.



A LEAGUE BY HIMSELF: "The Greatest Living Player" moves on to the plate on the Field of Dreams.

## The death of an icon

### Joe DiMaggio passes away at 84

BY PATRICK BLACKIE

After a five-month battle with lung cancer, baseball legend Joe DiMaggio passed away on Tuesday, surrounded by friends and family and leaving behind what some people would deem the greatest major league baseball career to this day.

DiMaggio, who played for the New York Yankees for 13 seasons, missing 1943-45 because of his service in the Second World War, left the game in 1951. He left behind a 51 game hitting streak in 1941 (a record that still stands today), 361 home runs and a career batting average of .325. DiMaggio appeared in 11 All-Star games, won the pennant as a Yankee member 10 times, and went on to win the World Series Championship 9 times. He

entered the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1955, his third year of eligibility. For half of a century, DiMaggio was frequently referred to as "the greatest living player".

But DiMaggio's place in the eyes of America did not end with his retirement in 1951. In early 1954, DiMaggio continued to win the hearts of fans by marrying actress Marilyn Monroe. To DiMaggio's disappointment, the wedding lasted less than a year before Monroe divorced him.

DiMaggio also kept his name in baseball by being a Member of the Board of the Oakland A's from 1968-69 and for the Baltimore Orioles from 1980-88.

In 1969, Joltin' Joe DiMaggio was named the greatest living baseball player. Thirty years later, he is gone. He will be missed.

## Dal Wrestling club wins first Atlantic senior title

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The 1999 Atlantic Open was held this past Friday, Mar. 5 and Saturday, Mar. 6 at Sackville High School, with competitors from New Brunswick, PEI, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Maine.

The Dal Wrestling Club had hoped to win the Atlantic junior team title, but had to settle for a commendable second place finish. Dal had two individual silvers and one gold. 76kg Benji Parks placed silver with a 3-1 record.

Parks' first bout on Friday night was great. Everyone in the entire gym was watching a back and forth match between Parks and Phil

Johnstone from Dal's dreaded rivals — UNB. Parks won 11-8 in what was a fantastic match.

At 85kg, Paul Rhyno earned a silver medal with a 3-1 record as well.

On Friday night Rhyno beat Nova Scotia and PEI wrestlers for a 2-0 record. On Saturday, Rhyno continued, spanking a New Brunswick wrestler to get to the finals. However, he lost a close match in the finals to a PEI wrestler.

At Heavyweight, Mike Leblanc won gold, easily defeating each of his two opponents by 10 points and a pin.

In the senior division, the Dal club won its first Atlantic team title.

The plaque was awarded to Logan Ward and it was sweetened by the fact that Dal finally beat UNB at a team title. Ward, at 63kg, won his first Atlantic senior title, and coach Scott Aldridge won gold at 97kg as well.

The three junior sensations — Parks, Rhyno and Leblanc — will travel to Fredericton on Mar. 18-21 for the Canadian Junior Championships, where they will try to make the Junior National Team which will attend the World Junior Championships in Sydney, Australia.

No one from Nova Scotia has ever placed in the top 6 at the Canadian Junior Championships.



## References to Joe DiMaggio in popular culture

- Referred to in Ernest Hemingway's 1952 novel *The Old Man and the Sea*
- Referred to in Simon and Garfunkel's song "Mrs. Robinson"
- Used in Mr. Coffee ad campaign in the 1970s and 80s
- Featured in *Seinfeld* episode in 1990s
- In 1997, 46 years after DiMaggio's retirement from the game that made him famous, he agreed to appear in a full length motion picture, entitled *The First of May*