

Soccer Tigers bound for AUAA

by Carmen Tam

It came down to the final game of the regular season for both the men's and women's soccer teams to take the 1994 Atlantic Universities Soccer Conference pennant. Unfortunately, both teams failed to win their last game at home as the men settled for third place and the women's team took second.

On the men's side, the next-to-last game was on Saturday and Dal keeper Trevor Chisholm recorded another shutout while striker Tony Pignatiello and Francis MacKinnon both scored for Dal to down the Mount Allison Mounties 2-0.

The next afternoon, the presence of Pignatiello and midfielder Chris Devlin—both sitting out after being given yellow cards the day before—was missed. The Tigers faced the UNB Varsity Reds at Wickwire Field where the Reds's Tony White scored the only goal in the second half to give UNB the win.

"Tony (Pignatiello) is the heart

of the team," said Dal's Marc Rainford, one of the team most consistent players. "With him we play tougher, harder and with more motivation."

"He is a great playmaker," agreed MacKinnon who put in a goal with a pass from Pignatiello against the Mounties.

Dal now play the eighth ranked team in the nation and cross-town rivals, the Saint Mary Huskies in Antigonish. The St. Francis X-men—ranked fourth in the CIAUs—won their second consecutive league pennant and the right to host the AUAA championship games.

"It will be close," predicted MacKinnon. "It will be a one goal game no matter what."

Dalhousie has not beaten SMU this season as they suffered a 3-2 loss and played to a 0-0 draw.

"We get stronger every time we play SMU," said Rainford. "We are on a roll, we'll be there and we'll be ready."

Tiger head coach Ian Kent notes,

"It's not what we did this weekend that people will remember, it's what we do next week."

Women's soccer action

Dal keeper Le'hanne Turner collected her seventh shutout of the year as the women's squad played to a scoreless tie with the Saint Mary's Huskies on Halloween night.

Dalhousie tied with Acadia for the second season in a row, but a better head-to-head record gave Acadia the pennant this time around. The Tigers lost their first game of the season to Acadia last Saturday with a 1-0 final. As a result, the nationally eighth ranked Axettes host the AUAA championships.

Dal striker Kate Gillespie is the AUAA regular season's leading scorer with eleven goals. Teammate Dana Holmes is tied in fourth place with six. Dalhousie—the 1993 CIAU silver medalist—will meet the St. F.X. X-ettes this Saturday at Wolfville.



Dal's Marc Rainford controls the ball during the Tiger's 2-0 win over the Mount Allison Mounties.

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Men's volleyball gets rolling

by Carmen Tam

Men's Volleyball

The Dalhousie men's volleyball team is hoping that last year's magic with Paul Villeneuve and Jody Holden—who returned to the Tigers' lineup for their fifth and final season—will work again as former CIAU All-Star Scott Bagnell returned to the Dal lineup after a lengthy absence. Bagnell, who is currently studying medicine; came back to play his last season of eligibility after taking a three year break from the game.

Dalhousie—who captured a CIAU bronze medal last March at the Dalplex—will be looking towards AUAA All-Stars Eric Villeneuve, Chris Schwarz and Roger Ager for leadership with the loss of Kirk Yanofsky and CIAU All-Stars Paul Villeneuve and Holden.

Bagnell—Dal's 1989 male athlete of the year—is looking forward to

playing this season.

"Everyone comes to play, these are the best group of athletes I ever played with," he said. "I'm just along for the ride."

The Tigers started the season with a three game tour against the Laval Rouge et d'Or—the number one team in the nation—and was swept in three games in Quebec City.

Last weekend, Dalhousie held a three match exhibition series here in Nova Scotia with last year's fourth place CIAU finalist, the Alberta Golden Bears. The first game of the Mizuno Collegiate Volleyball Challenge was held in Inverness, where the Golden Bears beat the Tigers in five games of 14-16, 15-13, 12-15, 15-13 and 13-15. Right side hitter Chris Schwarz was Dal's top performer with 36 kills and five blocks. The Tigers avenged their loss the next day by soundly defeating Alberta 15-12, 15-12 and 15-13 at Central Kings High School in the

valley. Tied at one match apiece, the Tigers held the final match here at the Dalplex on Halloween night. Approximately five hundred fans greeted the Tigers on their first home game as they watched Captain Scott Bagnell finish off the first set with a kill to give Dal a 15-10 win. The Golden Bears took the next three games 15-12 and 15-11 and 15-13 to give Alberta a 2-1 win in the series. Despite the loss, the Tigers remain optimistic.

"We are playing like last February," said third year tiger Jamie Mallon. "We are way ahead of schedule intensity wise. One reason can be attributed to Bagnell—he makes you work."

"Scott Bagnell raised the level of play for us," added assistant coach Dan Ota. "He is a very intense player and his presence changed the complexion of the team."

On reflection of the weekend, Schwarz—who accumulated 17 kills

on Monday—believes the results were positive. "The games could have gone either way which is a good sign," he said. "The results were all close and the length of the matches all averaged about two and half hours which indicated it wasn't all one-sided."

Ota was pleased with the performance as well, noting, "The level of play was significantly higher, the blocking was better and so was our confidence."

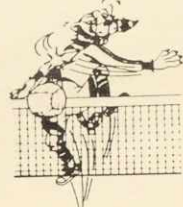
Former national A team member Greg Procter from the Bears was named Alberta's player of the game while Tigers' Eric Villeneuve was named Dalhousie Player of the Game with 15 kills and two blocks.

The Tigers left this afternoon for the Laurentian Tourney in Sudbury. Some of the top teams in Canada will be there including number one ranked Laval, Manitoba Bisons who are second, and fifth place Alberta. Rounding out the eight team format

are some competitive squads from the Ontario conference including Toronto, Brock, host Laurentian and Western Ontario. The Tigers will play matches on Friday and Saturday with the medal games being held on Sunday.

This will be Dal's third consecutive weekend tournament. It is a bit tiring, but according to Dal's John Hobin—who had a strong first set on Monday—"This has been great competition, we are playing at last year's level early in the season—these tournaments are a good opportunity to compare ourselves with the top teams in the country."

Dalhousie will be working to make a return trip to Laurentian for the CIAU finals in March. The Tigers first AUAA home game will be against the Memorial University Seahawks Saturday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.



1994/95 swim team

by Katharine Dunn

One of the hardest working varsity teams on campus are back and ready for a new season! The Tigers' swim teams have already been training both in the pool and out since the first week of school.

This year, the team will undoubtedly achieve better results than ever before, with the help of talented new rookies and a meet schedule that takes them, along with the customary trips across the Maritimes, to Montreal to compete before Christmas. Adding more competitions enables the swimmers to get prepared for AUAA's here in Halifax in February, and CIAUs which take place at Laval in March 1995.

This season's lineup includes on the women's side co-captains Sarah Woodworth (1993/94 Tiger MVP) and Kirsten Matthews, along with fellow talented veterans Robin Mackay, Betty Hawary, Margaret

Banbury and Maura Strapps. Making an appearance at the conclusion of the rugby season will be sprinter Cheryl Woodman.

This year's rookies hail from all across Canada and beyond. They include distance freestyler Kirsten Taberner from Vancouver, butterflyer Stacey Connick from Truro, backstroke Lisa Hughes from Peterborough, butterflyer Erin Malone who has transferred to Dal from Maryland, breaststroker Cory Minter from Vancouver, backstroke Sarah Nelson from Ottawa, backstroke Amanda Ross from Dartmouth, sprinter Kristie Saunders from Yarmouth, freestyler Gail Seipp from Cornerbrook, and butterflyer Tara Weber from Pictou.

The men's side is powerful this year, led by four-time CIAU finalist and co-captain Sean Andrews. The other veterans include co-captain John Yip, Ian Jackson, Mike Ritcey, PJ Cowan, Dave LeBlanc, Curt

Punchard, Greg Rasmussen, Sebastian Stachowiak, Ed Stewart, Andrew Haley, and after Christmas, Andrew Kirby from Barbados. Joining them is old-timer and "Big Man on Campus" Ron Hawary.

The rookies are led by distance freestyler Sean Dupuis from Dartmouth, along with backstrokers Jarrett Doucette and Steven MacDonald from Halifax and Antigonish respectively, IM'er Steven Indig from Yarmouth, butterflyer Mark De Jong from Dartmouth, and sprinter TB from Bedford.

Coaching again this year will be Nigel Kemp, David Fry and ex-Tiger swimmer Darryl Dutton.

Congratulations to everyone who made the team, and best of luck in the upcoming competitions. As the season progresses, the Dalhousie women and men will once again prove they are by far the strongest teams in the conference!



1994/95 hockey team

by Sam McCaig

The Hockey Tigers' annual chase after CIAU glory is underway again. Mainstays such as Joe Suk, Ken MacDermid and George Wilcox have bid adieu, giving way to a flock of new faces.

Names such as Dany Bousquet, Martin Lapointe, Tim Hill and Steve Pottie are all new to the Dal program and are being counted upon to make immediate contributions. Also, there is Swedish import Ulrik Bengtsson, former Yale forward Stephen Maltby, and hulking defenceman Brian King (who starred for three seasons at UCCB)—who, though first-year players at Dal, will be looked for leadership.

Up front, key returning faces are Mark Myles, Corey MacIntyre and Mike Polano. Myles has inherited the captaincy from unexpected returnee Kevin Meisner. MacIntyre and Myles anchor a gritty, all-purpose line that will be looked upon to

contribute offensively while shutting down the opposing team's top scorers.

Polano enters his second year with high expectations after a very strong conclusion to last season. So far this year, he has spent time on a line with newcomer Bousquet and Bengtsson. This speedy threesome has the potential to really open things up and can be expected to put some numbers on the board.

Last year's CIAU rookie goaltender of the year, Greg Dreveny, is just now returning to the lineup after serving a three game suspension for a stick-swinging faux pas against Acadia in last year's playoff. Dreveny has also suffered some hip aggravation and is presently playing himself back into game shape.

On defence, a strong tribe of returnees are headed by two-time team MVP Kevin Meisner. Joining Meisner are rocker Allan Cox, body-thumping Trent Gleason and slick-skating James Bugden.