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Vortel named top Dalhousie female athlete

by Lisa Timpf

This year's Athletic Banquet honouring the achievements of Dalhousie varsity athletes was a classy and smoothly-run affair.

The Dal women's squad's performances in 1983-84 resulted in both team and individual honours for a number of athletes.

One such individual was volleyball team member Simona Vortel, awarded the Class of '55 Award as the female athlete at Dalhousie who had "made an outstanding contribution to her team" in 1983-84.

Vortel, a Czechoslovakian native in her first year at Dalhousie, garnered an impressive list of honours this season. These included All-Canadian and CIAU Tournament All-Star berths, AUAA League Playoff MVP, and an Athlete of the Week mention. She was also named Most Valuable Performer on the women's volleyball team.

Added to her list of achievements was MVP recognition at the Moncton Omnium Bleu et Or tournament, and all-star

honours in the Schooner Volleyball Classic.

In terms of Dalhousie team achievements over the course of the year, the Women Tigers teams fared well in AUAA competition. The basketball Tigers finished second to UNB in the AUAA, while earning top honours in Acadia's Tip-Off tournament, and finishing second in both the McMaster Winter Rose tournament and the Bluenose Classic.

In cross country, Dalhousie finished third in the AUAA and captured first spot in the Moncton meet.

The field hockey team finished first in the East Division of the AUAA with a 10-2 record, finished second overall in the AUAA behind UNB, and finished fifth in the CIAU tournament.

The women's swim team extended their unbeaten streak to 42 consecutive dual meets, captured their fourth straight AUAA title, won an OWIAA Invitational meet, and finished fifth at the CIAU's.

In women's volleyball, the Tigers won the Dalhousie Classic, the Schooner Volleyball Classic, the Moncton Omnium Bleu et Or tournament, and the Dalhousie Invitational. In addition, they finished second in the CIAU's, after losing the fifth game of the final to Winnipeg.

Women's Most Valuable Performer award winners included Peggy MacLean (Basketball), Elizabeth Condon (Cross Country), Sharon Andrews (Field Hockey), Simona Vortel (Volleyball), and Shelly Platt (Women's Swimming).

MacLean, a first year student, contributed an average of 12 points per game to the female basketball Tigers' scoring efforts this season. She was named to the AUAA all-star team, as well as being designated AUAA Rookie of the Year.

Cross country runner Condon finished seventh in the AUAA's this fall.

Andrews led the field hockey Tigers in scoring with 11 goals, giving opposing goalies some uneasy moments on penalty

strokes. She was an AUAA and CIAU all-star.

Platt, this year's women's swim team captain, was a CIAU silver medalist and a member of the AUAA all-star team for the fourth time this season.

Women's varsity awards, given in recognition of three years of participation on Dalhousie varsity

teams, went to Claudette Levy and Gail Broderick (Field Hockey), Janet Hoyt and Linda Vermette (Cross Country), Beth Yeomans (Volleyball), and Patty Horne (Track and Field).

In addition, volleyball player Karen Fraser was recognized for her designation as CIAU Athlete of the Week.



Andrew Cole and Simona Vortel, Athletes of the Year

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Athletic banquet marks Dal mens' teams achievements

by Mark Alberstat

On the night of March 28 the Dalhousie Athletic awards were presented to the outstanding athletes and coaches on the intercollegiate teams.

The Dalhousie Coach of the Year honours went to men's volleyball coach Al Scott. Coach Scott took his team to their fifth consecutive AUAA title after a poor first half. This is Scott's second time in a row to win the award.

The Dalhousie Male Athlete of the year picks up the Climo

Trophy, which this year was awarded to Tigers' swimming sensation Andrew Cole.

Cole is a three time All-Canadian and AUAA Athlete of the Year. He won the bronze in both the 100 m. and 200 m. breaststroke events at the Nationals.

The captains of the men's volleyball and cross country teams accepted the AUAA championship trophies. The volleyball team placed fourth at the nationals

while the cross country team is ranked fifth in the nation.

The Most Valuable Performer awards on the men's basketball team went out to James "Bo" Malott who has an 11.0 points per game average and anchors the Tigers' defence.

The men's cross country MVP award winner was Norman Tinkham. Tinkham led Dal's championship team and placed second in the AUAA Championships.

Glen Ernst got the hockey MVP. Ernst, a third year goalie with the Tigers, has a 4.5 goals against average and an 87.5% save average.

Two awards were given out for the soccer team, one being the "leadership" award going to Charles Fisher and the other, the "determination award", went to Dominic Ashton, who was second in AUAA scoring.

The volleyball MVP went out to Bernie Derible, who is a three time AUAA All-Star and co-

captain of the team.

The Varsity awards for athletes who have competed for three years at Dalhousie went to: Bob Crawford and Glen Ernst on the hockey team, Chris Lohnes on the volleyball team, Stan Whetstone, Al Ryan, and Bo Malott on the basketball team, Bob Goski, Andrew Cole, John Burns, John McInerney on the men's swimming team, Peter Browne, Norman Tinkham, David Layton, Walter Forsyth, Janet Hoyt, and Linda Vermette of the cross country team, and Andrew Clark, Mike Flynn, Manoj Vohra, Mark Gascoigne, Roy Dickey of the soccer team.

Men's Tiger sports - the year in review

by Mark Alberstat

One of the first teams in action this past year was the men's soccer team which had a 6-5 conference record and a six and six overall record.

This year's squad was led by Dominic Ashton with nine goals, while the team total was 16, four better than the previous year.

The Tigers once again placed second in the AUAA, losing in the semi-finals to the eventual AUAA champs, the UPEI Panthers, by a score of two to one.

Charlie Fisher and Dominic Ashton were selected AUAA All-Stars for the Tigers. It should be noted that the team had some coaching troubles through the season and interim head coach Tony Martin gets the bow for taking the team into the playoffs.

The next team on the list is the Track and Field team. At the AUAA championships the men placed second with a total of 34 points, just behind the University of Moncton, while the women gathered 31 points, which was good enough for third place.

Both the men's and women's 4x400 m. relay teams placed first in the AUAA's, with times of 3:38.9 and 4:16.7 respectively.

The Tigers this year sent three competitors to the CIAU Championships in Sudbury. Norman Tinkham placed seventh in the 100 m. and Bev Coolen finished twelfth in the long jump, without the benefit of an indoor training facility.

The swim team was out for another banner year as the women increased their winning streak to 42 dual meets without a loss, not having lost since 1979.

The men's team only lost twice this year, both times to Memorial. The men finished with a league record of six and two while the women were eight and 0.

The Tigers sent 14 swimmers to the CIAUs, 9 women and 5 men. The women's squad at the championships placed fifth with 257 points while the men placed 11th with 81.

The AUAA female and male swimmers of the year were both

from Dalhousie - Patti Boyles and Andrew Cole. Boyles finished the year being ranked in the top ten in the nation while Cole picked up the bronze medal in both the 100 m. and 200 m. breaststroke at the Nationals.

The hockey Tigers had a tough year, finishing with an 8-15-1 conference record and a 13-26 record overall. The Tigers had some heartbreaking losses with three one-goal defeats and two overtime losses.

The team had some highlights through the season, as they won the bronze at the Alaskan Hockey Tournament and runner-up in the Lobster Pot hosted by Dal in mid-October.

The team carried many rookies this year, which should provide for a strong team next season. John Cossar led the Tigers in scoring.

The men's basketball team came out for another fine season, finishing with a 12-6 conference record.

The team captured the gold at Acadia's Tip-Off Tournament,

and the runner-up positions in the Brandon Tournament and their own Bluenose Classic.

The Tigers finished first in the AUAA after St. Mary's had to forfeit most of their games because of eligibility problems. AUAA All-Stars from the Tigers were Pat Slawter, Stan Whetstone, and Bo Hampton, all on the second team.

The men's volleyball team had an interesting year, with the first half not quite jelling as a team and having injury problems. At Christmas time the team had a three and six conference record.

Hard work and determination after Christmas saw the team win their next nine games straight, and the wave carried them into their fifth AUAA Championship.

The Tigers took the bronze medal in their Dalhousie Volleyball Classic which put them in the top ten national ranking for the first time in the season.

Bernie Derible, Peter Hickman, and Vincent Leblanc were named AUAA All-Stars.

Vida Large

The Dalhousie Award, given annually at the Dalhousie Athletic Banquet to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to Nova Scotia Sport, was awarded this year to Vida Large, a sports administrator and badminton player and tennis player. In the course of her playing career, Large amassed 45 Maritime racquet sport titles.

In badminton, she earned 19 Maritime Ladies' Singles championships, 15 Maritime Ladies' Doubles Championships, and nine Mixed Doubles Championships, while in tennis, she earned the Maritimes Ladies' Singles title five times, and the Mixed Doubles championship seven times.

To say that Large was truly dominant in her sport for a fair period of time is an understatement; a standing ovation at the Banquet illustrated a depth of respect on the part of those who had heard the listing of her achievements.