

HOLT ON SPORT

by Gary Holt

Before I get into any discussion of the games over the past week I want to clarify one item. For the past few weeks in this column I have hinted about a big story that I was working on which would break soon. After discussing the matter with a number of people near the scene I have decided that the exposé type of story I had planned would probably hurt the individuals involved more than it would help.

Therefore there will not be any great scoop on the shake-up in the Atlantic Department. That is not to say that I am going to drop the matter entirely, but a different type of story will be forthcoming after I have had a chance to talk to persons close to the scene.

For the most part in this column I have stayed away from strict reporting and have relied mostly on comments. However, I am going to depart from that in this instance to report on the Dal-St. F.X. hockey game in Antigonish last Friday. I was able to see the game, something which very few Dal hockey fans had the opportunity to do.

The Tigers, led by the sparkling goaltending of George Millet and the two goal performance of Charlie Barter, downed the St. F.X. X Men 4-2.

Early in the game with the Tigers having trouble getting the puck out of their own end the X Men put good pressure on George Millet in the Tiger net. George was equal to the task as he stopped a number of point blank drives by the X Men. In short, he kept the

Tigers in the game.

Just past the midway mark of the first period, the Tigers got their first goal, compliments of the X goal tender. Barter picked up a pass from Tom Macdonald near the face of circle on the right wing. He fired a wrist shot at the goal, which the netminder seemed to handle easily but it trickled through his legs into the net.

That was all the scoring until the third period. Millet was brilliant in the Tiger net as he turned aside more labelled drives. Territorially the play was quite even with both teams having equal time in the other team's end. However, the Tigers were not able to get the good shot on the net.

Ron Naud put Dal in the lead 2-0 in the third period on a great individual effort as he picked up the puck in his own end, skated the length of the ice, cut to his right around an X defencemen and fired a hard shot into the net.

Charlie Barter received a spearing penalty around the six minute mark. This forced the Dal team to play shorthanded for five minutes. This gave the X Men a break as they scored two goals. Trevor Fahey scored on a hard shot from the left wing boards and André Contant was set up all alone in front of Millet.

However, Charlie redeemed himself somewhat as he scored from a scramble in front of the net shortly after stepping from the penalty box. At the same time, John MacLeod and Ray Brunet squared off in a bout of fisticuffs (as Danny Gallivan would say). It was no

contest as John beat the proverbial #\$\$% out of him. It cost both of them a game misconduct. Kenny MacDonald put the game away for the Tigers as he knocked in a rebound from a shot by Ronnie Naud.

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In a score I just got from PEI just before writing on Saturday night the Tigers lost to UPEI 6-4. They were undermanned for the game as Greg MacCullough and Paul Ellis were out with injuries and John MacLeod had to sit out because he had received his second game misconduct of the season.

That leaves the Tigers with a 9-8 record and one game left, against X at home, Saturday night. A win in that game will give the Tigers third place. The only teams with a chance to tie them are Memorial, who split with SMU this weekend to finish at 10-8, and Acadia, who have to win their remaining three games to finish at 10-8. However, Dal defeated both these teams twice in the season and therefore would receive the higher spot in the standings. As it looks now, SMU First; PEI Second; Dal Third; and MUN Fourth. That means SMU v. MUN. and Dal v. PEI in the play-off on March 10-11 at the Forum.

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TIGER TALES

*Basketball Tigers beat X 71-52 to run their record to 9-2 with one game left. That is against SMU at the Forum tonight (FRIDAY). It is the last home game for four Dal players, Brian Peters, John Cassidy, Brock Savage and Steve Bezanson.

Three to Nationals

Swim team ends successful season

by Slim Slick

The Dalhousie swim team posted their second consecutive road trip victory of the season on February 5 upsetting the favoured Acadians at the Acadia pool. It was victory by slim margin indeed, so small I won't mention it was a one point victory. As usual the outcome of the meet rested on the final event of the meet, the 400 yard freestyle relay. The four man team — Bill Draper, Myles Leitch, Danny Mosher, Richard Forsyth — paced themselves to a personal best to win the event and the meet.

Individual first place finishes for Dal were recorded by Leah Hull in the 200 yard butterfly (3:14.5), Donna Sutcliffe in the overall women's diving event, and by Peter Guildford in the 200 yard butterfly and the 500 yard freestyle. A surprising (and surprised) Jim Mason took second place in the 50 yard freestyle in a time of 26.0 seconds, beating out teammate Myles Leitch in a final judges' decision and losing first place to Boyd and Acadia by only four-tenths of a second. Mason also posted a third in his personal favourite — the 200 yard butterfly. As a result, Head Coach Nigel Kemp will place Mason as well as other swimmers in the Atlantic Open to be held February 26.

One of the tasks of Dal swimmers is to award an "Animal of the Meet" award to the most deserving competitor. To qualify, a swimmer must, in the eyes of his companions, have outdone himself in personal improvement at the meet. As a result it was "chicken bones" for Jeff Kirby who earned it by his second place finish in 500 freestyle.

Double second place finishes were recorded by Anne Gass, Gail McFall, Bill Draper and Marcel Maessen. Other second

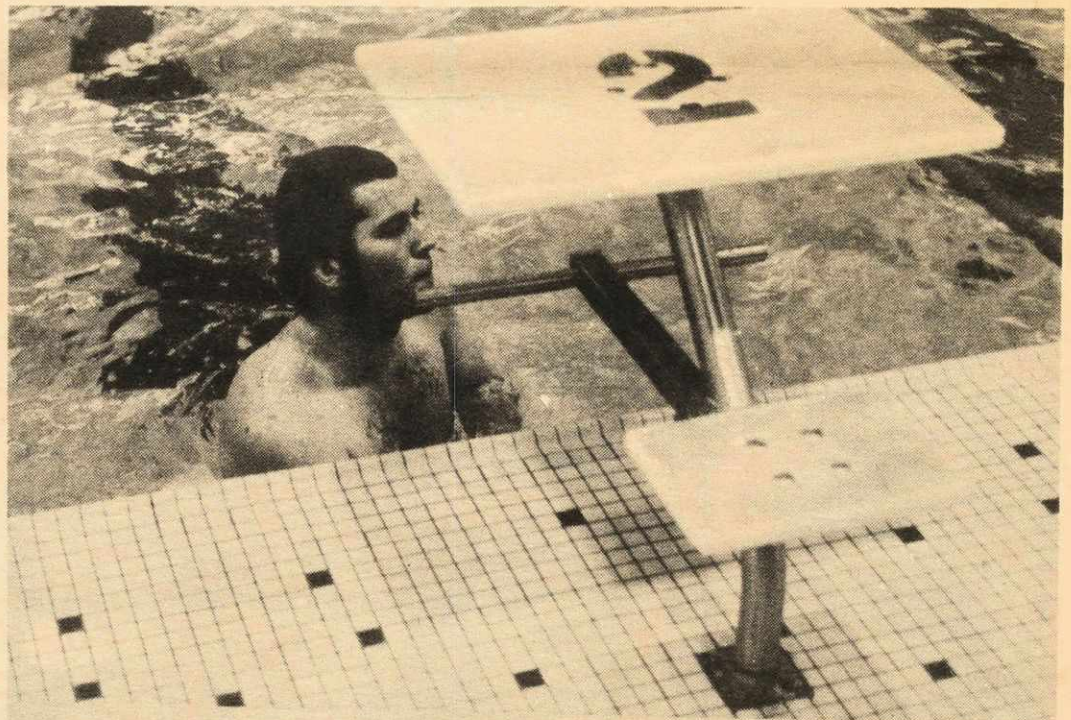
place finishes were accomplished by Howie Gorman in diving, Shawna Perlin in 200 back, Leah Hull in 50 free, and Guildford in 200 individual medley. Alison Manzer, our latest edition to the team and swimming in her first competitive swim meet finished fifth in the 200 breaststroke, after teammates Gail McFall and Cecile Chavy, finishing third and fourth respectively.

A note on the Swim-a-Thon. A very special thanks goes to all the interested students and pros who sponsored the Dal swimmers. The swim was completed last week Friday and all but one, including coach Kemp, completed the required 200 lengths of the swim. The Dal swimmer who collected the largest amount of pledges was Peter Story with an impressive \$337. Story completed the first 150 lengths of the swim in backstroke, a stroke that he continues to knock seconds off in his races. He completed the total swim in one hour, forty-five minutes. The fastest completed swim was recorded by Peter Guildford who finished it in sixty-two minutes.

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Last week the Dalhousie Swim Team competed in their last swim meet of the season at the Atlantic Men's and Women's Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Championships held at Acadia University Feb. 17, 18, and 19. In all, five universities, totalling 118 participants, battled for top honours, including Acadia (host club), Mt. A., UNB, Memorial, and the Dal Tigers.

In a repeat performance of last year the thirty-nine member UNB team completely dominated the men's and women's competition, winning both conference titles with an average of thirty points over their nearest rivals. The Dal



Dal's Peter Guildford sets a new Conference record in the 400 yard individual medley.

women's team outclassed their male counterparts by finishing in third place overall with sixty-two and a half points, more than doubling last year's output. For the Dal men it was a poor showing in team points but very good quality swimming. Surprisingly here the emphasis was on quantity not quality with the reasoning that with quantity one will find quality. To follow this up points were awarded to the first six place finishers in the finals.

Eight new conference records were set at the conclusion of the championship meet — five individual and three relay team records. Dalhousie swimmers broke four of the five individual records. Reliable Peter Guildford broke three records:

in the 200 yards freestyle (1:56.6), the 500 yards freestyle (5:27.0), breaking his own record, and in the 400 yards individual medley (4:58.8).

The other Dal record breaker was Gail McFall in the 100 yard breaststroke in the time of 1:18.7. One other Dal first was recorded by Donna Sutcliffe in the women's one meter diving. As a result of their performances, these Dal swimmers have been chosen to represent the Atlantic Provinces at the Nationals.

Dal's other finalists included Leah Hull, Bill Draper, Shawna Perlin, Anne Gass, Susie Downs, Janet Vaughan, and Myles Leitch. It was a very well-organized meet with keen competition. Considering the

size of the teams fielded by other universities and the fact that Dal does not have a pool, the Tigers performed quite well.

Scoreboard

Basketball — 71 to 52, Dal over St. FX.

Hockey — 4 to 2, Dal over St. FX; 6 to 4, UPEI over Dal.

Swimming at Atlantic Championships — Women's team, 3rd place; Men's team, 5th place.