

Clarkes Rule the Park

BY CARMEN TAM AND VIVEK TOMAR

Last Saturday, the 0-2 Dalhousie Baseball Club improved to 2-2 by defeating the defending Atlantic Conference Champion Acadia Axemen 6-0 and cross-town rival Saint Mary's Huskies 7-0.

In the first game of the double-header, Dal avenged their heartbreaking season-opening 7-8 loss to the Axemen thanks in part to the pitching of Sackville's Brian Clarke. Clarke threw a 3-hitter, and notched 11 strikeouts.

Dalhousie bats struck early and often. Centre-fielder Ian Bower's first-inning sacrifice fly to deep left field drove in Clarke from third base. Shortstop Jeremy Drumm led the team offensively with a 3 hit, 2 RBI outing.

In the second game, Brian Clarke again was instrumental in silencing the opposition. But not Sackville's Brian Clarke. Newfoundland's Brian Clarke. Yes, Dal started two pitchers named Brian Clarke on the same day. This particular incarnation threw a 2-hitter with 6 strikeouts, and kept the Huskies from scoring when they had men in scoring position. The Tigers' defence was strong in support, with key plays made by Jeremy Drumm and Tim Dunlop.

Again, Dal's bats were hot. The Brians combined for 5 doubles and 4 RBIs, while Eric Hemphill

batted-in two of his own RBIs.

Team general manager, Vivek Tomar, noted the team really came together on the weekend.

"We started to play like the Dalhousie team from last season that had the highest winning percentage, nationally, in the regular season."

Dal is seeking its first conference title after placing second in its inaugural year. And with the expected return of senior league players Scott Sturgeon, Trevor Wamback, Chris Speardykes, Pat O'Leary, and outfielder Jason Irvine, they look good. Vice President and player Craig Cooper "expects the team to perform well throughout the rest of the season."

The team plays a 12 game regular season in preparation for the league championship: The 4th Annual Fall Classic, which will be hosted by Acadia October 26 and 27. The winner of the Classic will advance to the Final Six Nationals in St. Catherine's, Ontario.

After this season the team will practice weekly at the Dalplex. All interested parties please contact President Paul Reid by email preid@moon.sba.dal.ca and/or Craig Cooper at 492-4501. Catch Dal's next home game against Acadia, October 1st, 7:30 p.m. at Beazly Field in Dartmouth.

Dal Fieldhockey goes on the road

BY STEPHANIE HAMMOND

Dalhousie's fledgling fieldhockey program travelled to Prince Edward Island this weekend to play two matches against the UPEI Panthers.

The games were played in a bitter cold rain, but Dal managed to come out strong early in the first half of the double-header. Only UPEI's "creative" defensive play and the referee's unwillingness to see it kept the Tigers off the board. The Panthers' experience soon proved too much for the Tigers though, and their good team play netted them five goals in a 5-0 win.

The second game was an unofficial league game, a fact UPEI

took advantage of as they had two males playing for them. The Dal players were ready for the rematch though, playing with greater cohesiveness than the day before. Dalhousie fought the co-ed Panthers to a 0-0 draw. Full-backs Yanna Angelopoulos and Jennifer Skidd, and half-backs Kelly Doyle, Leah Hagreen and Mara Chaplin, helped keep goalkeeper Laura Schrumm out of trouble.

This was a real victory for the Dal club who, in only their second year of existence, was making its first road trip. It had previously been limited to practice scrimmages and matches against Saint Mary's. The trip was made possible by support from

field hockey alumni, athletic services and the Dalhousie Student Union, and especially from coaches Lori Ann Andrews and Janet Heppell.

Dalhousie hasn't had a strong varsity team for about ten years, but the renewed club, with 27 members, is hoping that field hockey will soon return to varsity status. Currently, the AUAA has fieldhockey teams in UNB, UPEI, and SMU.

If interested in discovering more about the sport, you can catch a glimpse of the team practising Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-9 p.m. and Sunday 5-7 p.m. at Wickwire field. Or you can come see them play on Homecoming Weekend, October 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Intramural beat

BY GEOFF STEWART

Well, it was a wild and woolly night on Wickwire Field last Monday, as intramural sports entered its second week.

The evening started off with a host of co-ed "A" soccer games under the watchful eyes of Pete "the New Guy" Rutkauskas and Nick "the Stickman" Pierce. Game one saw the Dalhousie Association of Biology Students (DABS) down the Killer Cod 3-0. In game two, Law creamed Bronson-Smith 6-0. Oceanography and the Wild Raiders won their games while the Med Pulsers ran to a 0-0 tie with Pharmacy.

Monday night also marked the debut of ultimate frisbee within the Dalhousie Intramural Program. Unfortunately, due to a scheduling blunder, not all the games could be played. The Ultimate Rascals handily beat the Killer Cod hook, line and sinker (15-1), the Med Dura Maders beat the Wild Raiders, and Computer Science, in a short-handed, gut-wrenching, chunk-blowing battle defeated the Med Maders led by "the dink." Thanks go to rookie convenor Becky Rogers who braved the elements to co-ordinate the field events.

Finally, the intramural hockey season opened with a 4-1 Killer Cod romp

over Studley-Eliza in Res "A" action. In Interfac "A" action, the Dukes of Hazzard got an 11-1 beating at the hands of Dentistry. In a battle of health professions, the Med Dominators beat Physio 2-0. The Ultimate Rascals led by the ghosts of community affairs past and present handed DABS their first loss 5-1. Law beat Commerce handily. Thanks also go to Trent "Willie" Dicken, Jamie "the Animal" O'Neill, and Chris "the artist formerly known as Ice" Keough for reffing and manning the clock for a marathon five-hour stretch.

A good time was had by all.



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