

Gold rush for track Tigers

BY GAZETTE STAFF

During the final two hours of this year's CIAU track and field championships, Dalhousie captured three gold medals. That is more than Dal track has won in the previous fifteen years combined.

In the women's 600m event, Dal's Paula Peters dominated the field to claim the title for the second consecutive year. Peters' first 600m race of the year came in the qualifying round where, for a few tense moments, it looked as if she might have difficulty advancing to the final. Then, with only 40 meters remaining, she upped the tempo to move into a qualifying position.

In the final it was all Peters. By the end of the first lap — in the three lap event — Peters had already assumed the lead but was being closely challenged. With one lap remaining and just when it appeared as though she might be forced to relinquish the lead, Peters changed gears and simply ran away from the field. By the time she crossed the finish line, the crowd was roaring and she had put an amazing 10 meters between herself and her competitors.

In the men's 1500m race, Dalhousie claimed a second gold medal. With a staggering seventeen competitors starting on the small six-lane track, Dan Hennigar fought his way to the front and remained over ten meters ahead of everyone for most of the race. On the final lap it looked as if the rest of the pack was finally catching up, but Hennigar was simply too far ahead. He crossed the finish line in first place, beating out Olym-

pic hopeful and Male Athlete of the Meet, Darryl Fillion.

Teammate Chris Halfyard also ran the 1500m. Halfyard, however, became entangled in the large pack of runners and was unable to break away for the rest of the race.

Halfyard later said that with one hundred meters to go, "I just wanted to stop the race to watch Dan."

Although Halfyard was still running, he showed true team spirit by throwing his arms up in victory and yelling when Hennigar crossed the line in first place.

In the next event on the track and the final event of the day, the women's 4x400m relay, Dalhousie again rose to the top. Last year, Dal had to come from behind to earn the silver medal and Dalhousie's leadoff runner, Terri Baker, was

determined not repeat that mistake. Blasting out of the blocks, she came out of the second turn stagger in first place and never looked back. When Marsha Moore — Dalhousie's second runner — took the baton, there was to be no catching her, either.

In the third leg, Dal didn't slow down but the University of Saskatchewan picked it up and managed to just slip by Tigers' runner Margie Jenkins. Defiant to the end, Jenkins managed to put in a final surge down the home stretch and Dal anchor Paula Peters received the baton less than two meters behind first.

Peters then did what she does best. She ran the first lap of her leg easily staying in contact and then put in a burst of speed that sent her flying into first and left

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athletes of the week

Paula Peters, Women's Track and Field

Paula won three medals at this past weekend's CIAU Track and Field Championships in Windsor, Ont. Paula won gold medals in the 600m event, as well as in the 4x400m relay, which she anchored. Paula managed a silver in the 4x800m relay as well. Paula completely dominated this year's field of women's runners.

Dan Hennigar, Men's Track and Field



Dan won the 1500m event at this past weekend's CIAU Championships. Dan entered the event in 4th place, coming from behind to claim the gold! Dan beat the #1 seeded runner, a national team member.

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