

Swimmers dominate local meet

by Ian Robertson

The Tiger-hosted AUA invitational swim meet at the Dalplex over the weekend saw Dalhousie triumph in both the men's and women's team standings. The Dal women's team,

with 311 points, outdistanced second placed UNB, who had 95.

Other women's scores were Acadia 72, Mount A. 55 and Memorial 50. The women's margin of victory was aided by 1-2-3 finishes in no fewer than four of the 13 individual events. The men's team overcame a first day deficit of 29

points to surge past UNB and finish with 246 points, 11 ahead of the challenging New Brunswickians. Acadia finished a distant third with 38, and Memorial was fourth with 29.

Top swimmer for the Tigers was freshman Grant Wong. He claimed victories in the 100 metre

and 200 metre breaststroke events as well as the 200 metre Individual medley, in which he recorded a personal best of 2:14.86. Wong was also second in the 100 metre freestyle, and a member of the 400 metre medley and freestyle teams, each of which took gold.

In all, the men's team won 9 of the meet's 15 events, while the women claimed 12 of 15. Leading the women's squad was Lisa Beaton who won the 800 metre freestyle and 100 metre backstroke. She also placed second in the 400 metre freestyle and 200 metre backstroke.

The pleasing factor for the Tigers' coaches, men's and women's, was the fine number of season and personal best times. This was epitomised by Jill Hayden who swam personal bests in five events: the 100, 200, 400 and 800 metre freestyle and the 200 metre individual medley. More than sixty

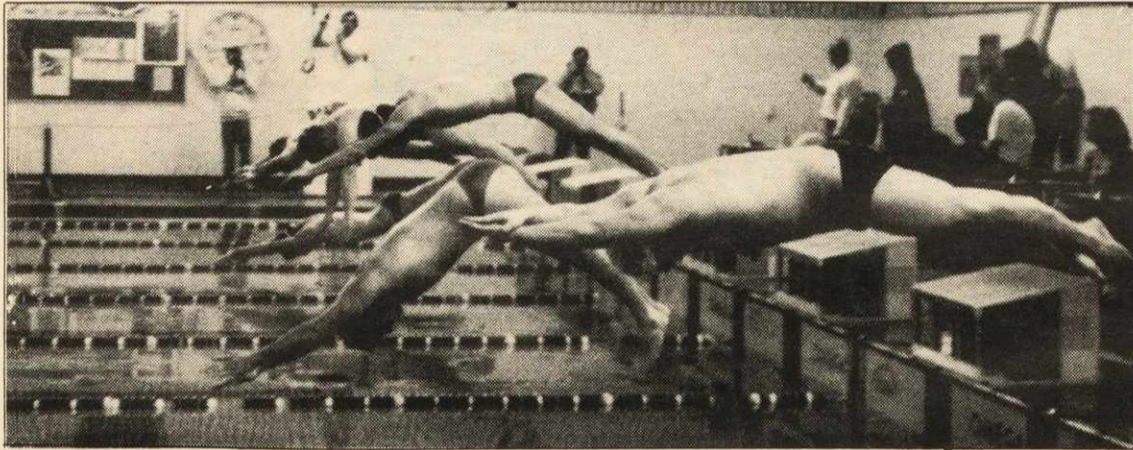
percent of Dal swimmers posted season's bests.

Double event winners for the Tigers included: Kellie Andrews, 100 and 200 metre freestyle, Maria MacPherson, 100 and 200 metre breaststroke, and Jason Shannon 100 and 200 metre backstroke.

Individual winners were: Jill Hayden, 400 metre freestyle, Susie MacDonald 200 metre backstroke, Carolyn Flam 200 metre butterfly, Katy Laycock 200 metre IM, Jason Jardine 1500 metre freestyle and Jason Cross 50 metre freestyle.

The Tigers swept all four relay races. In the final event of the meet Jason Shannon demonstrated the ability to dig deep as he turned a two second deficit to a 0.4 second margin of victory for the Tigers.

The Tigers host the visiting Mount Allison Mounties on Friday at 7pm, and then prepare for the AUA championships at UNB February 15, 16 and 17.



Tigers go for the plunge at the AUA swim meet hosted at Dal on Jan 26-27.

Tigers stay ahead of Axe rivals

by Gord Sutherland

Dalhousie 5 at Acadia 5

Dal scorers: Derrick Pringle (2x), Ken MacDermid (2x) and Todd Mondor. Paul Kleinknecht had 3 assists.

Acadia scorers: Norm Batherson (2x), Duane Dennis, Mike Arthur and Paul Sutcliffe.

Goaltender Pat McGarry earned Player of the Game honours as he came up with several key saves to

help the Dalhousie Tigers skate to a 5-5 overtime tie with the hosting Acadia Axemen in Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference action on Sunday.

The tie allowed the Tigers to remain four points ahead of Acadia in the race for first place in the Kelly Division. Dalhousie's record is 11-4-4 for 26 points while the Axemen sit in second spot with 22 points and a record of 10-7-2.

During the last 2:15 of the third period and with the score tied at 5-

5, the Axemen had two, three-on-one breaks. On both plays Dalhousie goaltender Pat McGarry stopped slapshots taken from within 10 feet of the goal.

In the three games against Acadia this season, the Tigers sport an impressive goals-against-average of 2.33.

"Obviously in the three games against Acadia our goaltending has been very, very strong and I think we have to get that game in and game out," said Dalhousie assistant

coach Kim Houston. "I think we have to strive for strong goaltending going into the playoffs and I'm glad to see it now and maybe that is a sign of things to come."

The game was fast-paced, intense and entertaining, played before a standing-room-only crowd at the Acadia arena in Wolfville. The two teams were tied 2-2 after two periods and Acadia had outshot Dal 21-19.

It looked like Dalhousie might pull away from Acadia when they went up 4-2 with two goals in the first five minutes of the third period. The Axemen, however, came back with two goals of their own. The two teams then traded goals to lock the score at 5-5 with just over nine minutes remaining in the game.

Houston had hoped that the Tigers would be able to preserve the two goal lead. "We know better than to make the mistakes that we made," said Houston, who graduated from Acadia in 1979 with degrees in Physical Education and Education. "We worked hard last week for three days on strictly defensive aspects of the game and obviously we have to do a little more work - it's repetition, repetition, repetition. Once we get it drilled into the guy's heads it will come."

Derrick Pringle sparked for the Tigers as he picked up two goals and a total of three points. Pringle was aggressive throughout the contest and his tremendous speed helped in penalty killing and in creating scoring opportunities.

His first goal came at 7:12 of the first when he received a blueline to blueline pass from defenceman Paul Kleinknecht. Pringle simply

outskated the lone Acadia defenceman and deked Acadia goaltender James Dubberley.

Kleinknecht had three assists on the afternoon and has played well since he returned to action after missing the first half of the season.

Dartmouth native Jeff MacLeod was solid on the Axemen blueline. MacLeod, in his first year with the club, assisted on the goal that tied the game at 5-5. He also saw ice time in both powerplay and shorthanded situations.

"It was very, very intense out there."

Dalhousie and Acadia are accustomed to battling for top spot in the division and the rough play was an indication of the close competition.

"I think the rivalry has built up over the last couple of years between the two clubs and I know you guys love to come into this rink and play," said Houston. "It was very, very intense out there. They're striving to push us out of first place and we're striving to maintain first place."

The Tigers will try to increase the gap between the two teams as they play host to the St. FX X-Men this Thursday night [Jan. 31] at 7.30 p.m.

On the weekend the Tigers will try to capture the third annual Lobster Pot Hockey Tournament for the third consecutive year. This year the tournament will take place over the one weekend and the venue has been moved from the Halifax Metro Centre to the Dalhousie Memorial Arena.

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