

Dal track team lands on right foot

by Melina Murray

The Dalhousie track and field team had their best ever performance at the CIAU championships, which were held at the Skydome in Toronto on March ninth and tenth. A record 20 athletes qualified for the meet, with the most before being 15.

On Tuesday, the team started off on the right foot with Edward James winning his 600 metre heat in 1:19.9, the fastest qualifying time for the

final. Then Derrick Dempster placed sixth in the 60 metre final in a personal best time of 7.00 seconds, a new provincial record.

Ann Sinclair and Rachelle Beaton placed seventh and eighth respectively in the high jump, both jumping 1.63 metres. Peter Lawson ran a personal best time of 34.6 in his 300 metre heat and missed making the final by just one place. Louanna Mooney also ran a personal best time of 41.6 in the 300 metre heats. The women's 4x200 metre relay team of

Marsha Moore, Michelle Storms, Jocelyn Smith and Louanna Mooney ran well, placing fourth in their heat in a time of 1:45.3.

The most exciting race of the first day was the women's 4x800 metre relay. The Dalhousie women's team had high hopes, as they were ranked number one going into the CIAU's, based on qualifying times. All four runners on the team, Heather Sweet, Melina Murray, Paula Peters and Tracey Hoskin, ran very fast to win the silver medal in a time of 8:57.65, a new pro-

vincial record and better than their qualifying time by 6 seconds.

Wednesday was another great day on the track. In the women's 600 metre final, rookie Paula Peters had a blazing start and led the race until the last 50 metre when she was caught by two other runners. Paula set a new provincial record of 1:33.05 in getting the bronze medal. In the very next race, the men's 600 metre, Edward James won the gold medal in a time of 1:19.30, also a new provincial record. Edward had a very smooth race, leading from start to finish - a perfect way to end a very successful

five years of running in the track and field team at Dalhousie.

Anne Marie Farnell ran well in the 3000 metre race. She placed seventh in a very strong field, with a time of 9:57.97. Margie Jenkins surprised everyone on the 1000 metre race. She ran very powerfully, passing four people in the last 400 metres to place second in her section with a personal best time of 2:56.01. Some people thought that Margie had won the silver medal, for a moment, but there was still another section to run, so Margie ended up with a well earned seventh place. Angela Weeks jumped 10.47 metres in the triple jump, which was good for tenth place.

In the last event of the meet the men's and women's 4x400 metre relay teams ran very well, placing sixth and seventh respectively, after being ranked tenth and eleventh going into the competition. The men's relay team consisted of Derrick Dempster, Peter Lawson, Steve Whynot and Edward James, and on the women's team were Louanna Mooney, Tracey Hoskin, Paula Peters and Melina Murray. The women's team had an exciting finish as Melina Murray dove through two other runners to come first in their section, and set a new provincial record with a time of 3:53.48.

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