

Volleyballers continue to dominate

BY GAZETTE STAFF

With one goal accomplished, Dalhousie's women's team has now set their sights on the AUSA volleyball championship.

The Tigers defeated Mount Allison in three straight games, 15-8, 15-6, and 15-4 at the Dalplex Sunday afternoon.

The Tigers finished with a perfect 16-0 record to capture the AUSA league title.

Jen Parkes led the offensive attack for the home team with 11 kills, while Christine Frail added nine.

Dalhousie travels to the University of New Brunswick (UNB) for AUSA playoffs this weekend as their quest for a spot at the Canadian Championships continues. The Tigers battle UNB at 4 p.m. on Saturday with the final scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The men's team also continued their winning ways with a pair of victories against UNB on the road this past weekend.



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In the first match of the weekend, Dalhousie had a battle on their hands but came out on top by scores of 15-13, 13-15, 15-6, and 15-11. On Sunday, the Tigers swept the Varsity Reds in three straight, 15-12, 15-11, and then

shut out the hosts 15-0 to claim the match.

The men now have a 7-1 record and are on top of the AUSA standings. The Tigers host an AUSA tournament at the Dalplex this weekend.

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Women swimmers claim AUSA crown, men finish second

BY TROY BROWN

AUSA swimming championships — where the best of the best gather to battle it out to see who has the right to walk away with the title.

The championship was held at the University of New Brunswick (UNB) this year with four schools participating. Host team — and last year's women's champions — UNB were set to defend their title against Memorial, Mount Allison, and Dalhousie — the defending men's champions.

The format of the meet was

straight forward: three days of intense swimming with preliminary heats in the morning and finals in the evening for the six fastest individuals in each event.

The Dal women's team was unstoppable this year as they dominated after event. In the end, the women recaptured the AUSA women's team title, nearly doubling second place UNB along the way.

Meanwhile, despite personal bests by several swimmers and a valiant team effort, the men lost narrowly to UNB.

Throughout the weekend, I

had the honour of being there as my teammates looked up at the clock and saw that their dream had come true. It's hard to imagine what that's like, but when you look up at the clock at the end of the race and see that time that you've only dreamed of, the feeling is incredible. It has a lot to do with knowing that all of that time and dedication was worth it.

Congratulations to the 1995-1996 AUSA Women's Champions, and to all those who reached out and grabbed hold of their dreams.

Tigers tear up opposition in final games

BY SCOTT HEPDITCH

Another regular season is over for the Dalhousie Tigers hockey team. It was a disappointing year as they finished at 12-12-2 and in third place in their division. It was only the second time in twelve years that Dalhousie finished at or below the .500 mark.

Although the Tigers ended up third, there is some good news heading into the playoffs — the team won their last two games of the regular season.

The first of the two games was against first round playoff opponent, St. Francis Xavier (St. FX), last Wednesday night at Memorial Arena. It was sure to be a real test as Dal has lost to this team the last two times they have met.

It didn't look good for the Tigers early as the first shot the X-Men took got past goalie Greg Dreveny. But after that, Dreveny

Hockey wraps up troubled year

shut the door and the Tigers went on to win 3-1.

Leading the way for Dalhousie was Steve Maltby, who netted two goals.

The Tigers played a very smart game and they stuck to their system as St. FX was unable to break through the defence to get many shots on net.

The next game, and the last one of the season, took place on Sunday as Dal travelled to Cape Breton to play Kelly Division basement-dwellers UCCB. The Capers played like a last place team and the Tigers blasted the home side 12-2. The game was really over

in the first period as Dal went up 5-0, but the outburst did not stop as the Tigers scored four more times in the second to go up 9-2.

Leading the way for the Tigers was Martin Lapointe who scored a hat trick to set a new regular season record for the most goals by a defenceman in one season. He also eclipsed the mark for most points in one game by a defenceman.

Other scorers for Dal were Maltby and Keifer House with two apiece. Dan Holmes, James Budgen, Mark Alexander, Rick Findlay, and Kevin Millar added singles.

If you have the chance to get out and see some of the playoffs, do it because it is going to be really intense hockey. The team is going to need lots of support from their fans, so go out and cheer on the Tigers as they go for a national championship.

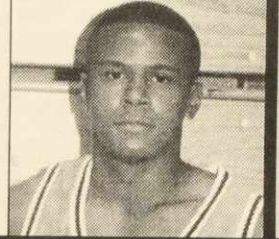
athletes of the week

Lesley Smyth, Women's Swimming

Lesley, a first year swimmer and Arts student from Riverview, NB, was named AUSA Rookie of the Year for Women's Swimming last weekend. She won the 50m Backstroke, and the 200m Backstroke, and has qualified for the CIAU Championships to be held at Guelph, Feb. 23-25. The Dal Women's team won the Championships over UNB, 259-139.

Brian Parker, Men's Basketball

Brian scored 32 points in Dal's 81-61 victory over Acadia, and 37 points in Dal's 96-90 win over SMU. He is 5'10" first year Arts student from Laurel, Maryland.



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