



Track and Field relay team bronzed at CIAUs

BY CARMEN TAM

Fresh from winning double AUAA track and field titles, the Tigers went to compete in the National Championships hosted by the University of Windsor at the St. Denis Centre March 13-15.

The Tigers kicked off the competition with a bronze medal performance by the third-ranked men's 4x800m relay team. The relay team consisting of Scott Fowler, Matt Richardson, Jamie Blanchard and Richard Menzies captured a bronze on Friday night with a time of 7:44.01, a full minute faster than their AUAA win. The Western Ontario Mustangs took home gold at 7:41.24 and host Windsor

needed to be."

"It was really exciting," said teammate and onlooker Jessica Fraser. "We didn't know what to expect at nationals as they

to run our best out there and, if we did, it doesn't matter if we get a medal," said Menzies, last season's AUAA MVP.

What is promising for

Prendergast, Amy Higgins and Angela Ripley finished ninth in the 4x400m relay with a time of 4:02.63.

"It was a pretty good season," said Ripley, an Amherst native. "It's unfortunate that we are going to lose Terri but we look to have a strong team for next year."

in 16th place for Dal with 6.28m.

Fifth-year veteran and co-captain Fraser was ranked 12th and last place going into the women's 3000m finals and moved up by shaving seven seconds from her personal best to finish with 10:29.39 to place 10th.

"I was very fortunate to compete," said Fraser who has never run in a CIAU track final before. "It was a true race and I am very happy with my result."

Fraser, who finishes her eligibility this year, is a veteran in several varsity sports including cross country (five years), swimming (three years) and track



Scott Fowler hands the baton to speedster Nick Soh in the 4x200m relay semi-finals. (Photo by Dan Hennigar)

CIAU INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

In individual events, Truro native Blanchard was ninth out of a field of 12 for Dal in the men's 1500m final on Saturday with a time of 4:03.70.

AUAA Rookie of the Year Mike Manuel finished tenth on Friday in the 300m final with a time of 35.75.

"It was good competition for the team," said Manuel of the meet. "The bronze at CIAU is a major accomplishment."

"Next year, we will be stronger and have a chance of placing higher. I think there could be potential CIAU champions," he predicts. With more universities competing in the AUAA next year, Manuel is looking forward to a new season.

"We can get away a couple of more times [to compete] before nationals to hype things up."

In the long jump final, AUAA champ Peter Bienkowski finished

(two years), and has much praise for long-time cross country and track head coach Al Yarr.

"We owe him so much...he is always there for us," said Fraser who adds that the reason for the teams' success is Yarr's dedication. "Al is fantastic, he is so passionate about the sport and his athletes."



Women's relay team of (l-r) Terri Baker, Amy Higgins, Angela Ripley and Kelly Prendergast. (Photo by Dan Hennigar)



The men's 4x800m relay team show off their CIAU bronze medals (l-r): Matt Richardson, Richard Menzies, Scott Fowler, Jamie Blanchard. (Photo by Dan Hennigar)

Lancers silver with 7:42.79. The Tigers were a full second ahead of the fourth-place UBC Thunderbirds, the defending national champs in this event.

"It was a big thrill [to win]," said Menzies, who was quick to give praise. "Scott was the key reason why we did so well. He led off and ran with supreme confidence and put us where we

and 1000m."

However, the team ignored the naysayers and dug deep, with Fowler giving a courageous run and Blanchard running like he was possessed to get within striking distance of the top teams. An all-out effort by AUAA All-Stars Richardson and Menzies secured the medal for the Tigers.

"The team promised each other

Dalhousie is that there were three second-year runners on the relay team that will be returning next year for another crack at the national title. Richardson gives a strong indication of what to expect by stating "You ain't seen nothing yet".

The achievement in Windsor is the benchmark future Tigers teams will be judged by.

CIAU RELAY RESULTS

The men's team finished 16th out of 20 universities in the team standings won by Sherbrooke. The women's standings were topped by the Toronto Varsity Blues who gave a dominating performance.

The 4x200m relay team of Nick Soh, Mike Manuel, Peter Bienkowski and anchor Fowler did not qualify for the finals, and was ninth overall with a time of 1:35.8.

The 4x400m relay squad of Manuel, Fowler, Soh and Menzies finished eighth out of 12 teams in the finals with a time of 3:26.29. The event was won by Sherbrooke at 3:16.87.

AUAA MVP and co-captain Terri Baker with teammates Kelly

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

The Dalhousie men's varsity hockey team will be holding their annual awards dinner to celebrate Tiger hockey. The event will take place on Friday, April 3 at 6:30pm at the University Club.

This year's guest speaker will be Earl Jessiman who is a former player and coach of the Dalhousie Tigers. Mr. Jessiman also coached in the WHL and AHL, and is a successful financial consultant with Midland Walwyn Capital Inc..

Tickets can be purchased at the Dalhousie Hockey office, from Dal hockey players or from the committee. Prices are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children under 12 years.

For more information and tickets, please call the Dalhousie Hockey Office at 494-3375.



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The Dalhousie men's varsity hockey team is looking for an energetic student-manager to assist with the day-to-day operation of the team.

Applicants should be goal-oriented, able to manage time very wisely, capable of budget management, and familiar with the game. Knowledge of skate-sharpening and equipment would be an asset. They must have great interpersonal skills and be assertive. There will be some travel involved, mostly on weekends.

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