

SPORTS

Of tournaments, tigers and, yes, tattoos

BY GIL J. KORN

This past weekend, the mens' volleyball team travelled Westward, finding themselves in Winnipeg. Yes, it was that time of year again — C.I.A.U. Nationals time, the quest for top honors among Canadian Universities.

The Tigers headed into the tournament ranked eighth in the country, fresh off their sound defeat of Memorial University which re-affirmed their regional dominance and gave them yet another A.U.A.A. title.

Their first match was on Thursday, against the number-one ranked team in the country, the Calgary Dinosaurs. Equipped with two National team members, tournament experience, and a slight size advan-

tage, the Dinos (eventual runners-up in the tournament, losing to Laval in the final) proved too much for the Tigers, as Dal conceded three straight matches. Captain Paul Villeneuve was designated Player of the Game (P.O.G.), and was offered his choice of a micro-wave oven or a free tattoo. He chose the latter.

Friday's meeting with the McMaster squad ended in a similarly unfortunate fashion for those wearing the Black & Gold. Losing three straight, in retrospect it was clear that Dal "never really got things going," as "things just didn't work out" (Please bear with me, I am feeling very cliché-ish). Second-year player Everett Rose distinguished himself as P.O.G. for the Tigers. Not wanting Captain Villeneuve to per-

ceive himself as a trend-setter, I believe the 6'4" Rose chose the micro-wave.

Saturday, The Tigers' final game pitted them against the University of Toronto Blues. This was by far their best match of the weekend. They had a great blocking game, playing the inspired sort of 'ball that had provided them with success in the past. However, they seemed to get oh-so-few breaks, losing 15-13 in a heart-breaking fifth game. Nonetheless, they finished on a good note. Especially pleased was P.O.G. Kirk Yanofsky who, rather than settling for what his teammates had received,

managed to negotiate himself a new pair of cowboy boots to complement the ones from his previous trip out West.

Congratulations are in order to Paul Villeneuve for being named C.I.A.U. All Canadian, and to Kirk Yanofsky for honorable mention in the same capacity.

The long volleyball schedule has come to an end. However, Dal certainly has next season to look forward to, considering that at present there are six rookies on the team, and that none of the more experienced players are graduating. Improvement is inevitable.

Unfortunately, all too often the enormous efforts put forth by the team are under-appreciated, and their successes over-looked. Having followed the team closely over the past few years, I have come to realize that besides being very talented athletes, the members of the Dalhousie mens' volleyball team possess a fantastic assortment of personalities. Hence, I thank them not only as a whole, but on an individual basis, for giving me something to write and comment on, and most importantly, have fun with. May the Big R thrive.

Hockey Axemen CIAU bound

BY STEVE MILLS

The Acadia Axemen are on the rampage. After losing the opening game of the Kelly Division finals to Dalhousie two weeks ago, the Axemen have had four straight, very important and convincing victories.

In those four wins, they sent the Tigers packing and then swept the UPEI Panthers two games to zero, winning the Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference final. Their efforts culminated in last Saturday's 4-3 double-overtime win.

This is the first time in Acadia's hockey history that the team will be heading to the national finals, which begin this Saturday in Toronto.

After devastating their opponents on home ice last Wednesday by a score of 12-1, the Axemen ventured to Panthers territory Saturday for the second game of the series. Two hundred or so fans faithfully followed their beloved team to the island to experience an incredible finish to

the Atlantic hockey season.

Duane Dennis was the hero of the game, with two short-handed goals, the second of which was the game winner at 16:45 of the second overtime period. With a Panther holding on to him, and opposing goalie Jamie Blanchard coming out to cut down the angle, Dennis still managed to outmaneuver his two foes and notch the winner.

The celebration for the visitors sent 3000 home town fans quietly away to an early bedtime.

Also scoring for the Axemen were Norm Batherson and Paul Sutcliffe. Goalie Denis Sproxtton stopped 37 of 40 shots to record the victory.

Blanchard had an even busier night, turning aside 50 of 54 shots on goal including 21 in overtime.

This Saturday, Acadia will face Wilfred Laurier in a national semi-final match, while Trois-Rivieres will face off against the University of Alberta.



Bringing home the bacon, the microwave and the cowboy boots.

DALHOUSIE ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

MARCH 2 - MARCH 8

LYNNE PATTERSON - SWIMMING

This past weekend in Montreal, PQ, Dalhousie swimmer Lynne Patterson participated in the C.I.A.U. Swimming Championships. Lynne swam the 200 M Butterfly in a time of 2:21:72. This outstanding performance earned Lynne a C.I.A.U. bronze medal. Lynne is a Physical Education major in her second year at Dal. (No photo available)



ED JAMES - TRACK & FIELD

The men's Dalhousie Track & Field Team captured the A.U.A.A. Championships held this past weekend in Moncton. Fourth year member Ed James set a new A.U.A.A. record in the 600 M race as well as being on the winning 4 x 200 M, 4 x 400 M and 4 x 800 M relay team. Ed was nominated as Co-Athlete of the Meet. Ed will be graduating with an honours in Bachelor of Science. (No photo available).

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