

Men's volleyball digs fourth place at tourney

BY CARMEN TAM

The Tigers placed fourth in the 17th annual Dal Classic last weekend. The Classic boasted the first, sixth, and seventh teams in the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union's (CIAU) men's volleyball rankings.

Dalhousie lost to York University 3-1 in the bronze medal match by scores of 15-11, 13-15, 8-15, and 8-15. Top performers for the Tigers were captain Jamie Mallon — who paced the Tigers with 22 kills and 10 digs — and leftside hitter Jason Trepanier, who totalled 20 kills, 11 digs, and three aces. Rookie Matt Hartlen continued to shine, contributing 20 kills, eight digs, and two service aces.

Mallon topped tournament totals for the Tigers with 111 kills, 67 digs, and 11 service aces.

Université de Laval, ranked number one in the nation, won the Classic with a win over Sherbrooke by scores of 9-15, 15-6, 15-9, and 15-5.

Dal started the tournament with a loss in their opening game to the seventh ranked York Yeoman 10-15, 5-15, 16-14, and 12-15. The Tigers could not overcome the strong defensive play of the Yeomen. Hartlen led the way in the losing effort with 20 kills and seven digs for Dal, followed by Trepanier and Mallon with 13 kills and 11 kills, respectively.

Later that afternoon, Dal lost to the sixth ranked Université de Sherbrooke in a three hour marathon. The fifth and final game of the match, played in rally points, saw Sherbrooke top Dal 15-9.

Once again, there was exceptional passing from Mallon and Trepanier. Mallon totalled 35 kills and 17 digs and Trepanier added 23 kills, 17 digs, and two blocks. Ontario native Terry Martin chipped in 23 kills and 11 blocks for the Tigers while third-year veteran John Hobin had 15 kills and six blocks.

In quarter-final action on Saturday, Mallon led his team to a 3-2 victory over the University of

Waterloo (8-15, 16-14, 14-16, 15-6, 15-12) with 26 kills, 14 digs, and 2 aces. Hartlen had 22 kills and 13 digs while Trepanier added 21 kills and 15 digs. Last season's CIAU rookie of the year, Terry Martin, was good for 15 kills.

The Tigers improved greatly in the fourth set where they jumped to an early 7-2 lead and never looked back, winning the set 15-6. In the fifth and deciding set, captain Jamie Mallon stressed to his teammates, "We can't start slow!" Not only did Mallon contribute five kills in that set, but he finished off the match with a decisive spike to give his team the first win of the tournament.

"We should have won that," said a disappointed Jason Hubbard from the Warriors.

Just a few hours later, the Tigers meet Sherbrooke in the semi-finals. The Vert et Or handed Dal another loss by winning 3-1 with scores of 16-17, 9-15, 13-15, and 5-15.

Trepanier had 24 kills while Mallon chipped with 17 kills and 18 digs. Setter Scott Brake and Martin had 15 digs and 14 digs, respectively, to act as the defensive force for Dal.

"We showed improvement and progress and we are a little disappointed that we didn't do a little better," said third-year assistant coach Dan Ota. "I think we could have beat York and had a good chance on Friday against Sherbrooke. We were pleased with the play of some of our younger players."

Former CIAU Rookie of the Year Francois Bilodeau of Laval took most valuable player honours in the Classic, while Dal's Jamie Mallon was named to the all-star team.

This weekend marked the Ti-



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gers last home game until late February. The Tigers has a grueling schedule that includes three tournaments and a pair of games against UNB in February.

The Tigers hold a 5-1 record in the conference standings and will enjoy a week off before they head to Québec to play in the prestigious Laval Tournament (where Dalhousie will make their 7th straight appearance). The Tigers can expect to face Sherbrooke and York again in Québec City. The past two years, Dal has won bronze at Laval.

"We know what we have to beat and I think we have to work a bit more," said Ota. "I think the guys were tired playing all those games this weekend. All in all, there were some positive experiences this weekend, and one that stands out is Matt Hartlen."

"I feel I played well, however, I



Whack! Dal team captain Jamie Mallon serves the ball.

feel their is room for improvement," said Hartlen, a Windsor native. "I would like to help the team a lot more in the future."

Hartlen, who had 92 kills in total in the Classic, is an indication of a bright future for the Tigers.

Pucksters (finally) knock off Axemen

BY SCOTT HEPDITCH

The hockey Tigers were on the road this past week for all three of their games. In Wolfville, on January 17th, Dalhousie faced their rivals from Acadia. Considering their past record against the Axemen, no one had a lot of faith in the Tigers but much to our surprise the Tigers were able to upset the home team 3-1.

According to the players, everyone played their roles and worked their system to perfection. Hopefully, this will show the team that they can play with the best teams in the nation.

This past Saturday, the Tigers travelled to Mount Allison to take on the Mounties. With one of Dal's offensive stars, Gord Dickie, out of the line-up due to a head injury

suffered in Wolfville, the Tigers were still able to hold off a much improved Mounties team. The final score was 3-1. This was the third win in four games for Dal.

The final game of the week took place on Sunday afternoon when Dal arrived in Fredericton to play the nation's number four team, the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds. Unfortunately, Dal had their mini winning streak snapped with a 7-2 loss.

All in all, it was a good week for the Tigers, especially the win over Acadia. Dalhousie takes to the ice tonight when they are on the road against St. Francis Xavier and again on Sunday when the Capers are in town. And don't worry, football fans, the game begins at 2 p.m. so you won't miss any of the Super Bowl!

The intramural beat

BY GEOFF STEWART

The Digs Classic was merely a prelude to the "slambam" volleyball excitement that went on in the Dalplex last Sunday night.

At 7:30 p.m., after the crowds had dispersed and the teams were on their planes, the real volleyball players hit the courts. The athletes of Co-Ed Intramural "C" ball.

In the first game, Bronson/Smith provided the avengers with the perfect opportunity to live up to their name as they (the Avengers) were denied the five points for a victory in the supremacy race. Meanwhile, on another court, the Biology powerhouse — in an extremely one-sided event — defeated Punch-it-Margaret. In later play, those dynamos from the Dunn building, Physics, took it to DCF. At the same time, Punitive Damage were unable to inflict it upon Fix Ya and had to settle for a forfeit win. Perhaps Fix Ya was working on old Margie from the first game. Finally, in the last game of the night, those Keynesians from Maxwell House showed height doesn't mean anything as they knocked down Team Tower. A hearty thanks goes out to refs Carolyn Cashin and Ben Gallivan.

Taking a little saunter over to the hardwood at the "Plex," one would normally find an airborne extravaganza in Co-Ed "A" hoops. Unfortunately on Sunday, only one game could be found. In what could only be called the greatest "dunkfest" of the night, Law defeated Bronson/Smith 21 to 7. With regards to the teams defaulting (and you know who you are), feel the shame. I have it on good authority that the Girl Guides are looking to bust up the Wild Raiders. Special note should go out to officials Steve

Ackerman and Glen Gormack, as they showed up to make the calls.

Finally, there was even more ball-bashing excitement as the teams of Co-Ed "B" broomball took to the ice. At 8:30 p.m., the Lab Rats didn't have quite enough steam to keep up with the Iron Lungs who reigned victorious 2-1. At 9:30, it was curtains for the Legion of Doom as Studley/Eliza shut them out 2 to 0. Move over, Mr. Fantastic. In the following game, Physio 2 showed Law what the world thinks of Shapiro and Shapiro, beating them 7-1. Finally at 11:30, the Trash Talkers smoked the Wild Raiders 6-0. That's a message from the Girl Guides.

In Division Two play, game one saw the battle of the Forrest Building as Dentistry beat Pharmacy 4-2. At 9:30 Co-Ed "B" newcomers Commerce upset the Glengarry Gladiators 2-0 in their inaugural game. Gladiators, my heart goes out to you. In the 10:30 match-up, a real nail-biter if you like football, the Woolly Mammoths squeezed past Bronson/Smith 10-1. Finally, the Killer Cod took on the Girl Guides. After being denied two goals by the official — and you shall remain nameless, Big Daddy — the Girl Guides got the ball rolling. However, with good passing and Boon's quick stick, the Cod mounted a comeback. It was short-lived as Girl Guide Amanda Clemens popped her first two goals of the season allowing the pride of intramurals to go on to a 6-3 victory. Great jobs were done by the men in the stripes, Dave Botten and Kermit de Gooyer.

One note of apology to the teams in men's "A" Basketball. The scores from your games on Sunday did not come across my teletype by press time, nor did I see them on the Headline News Sports Ticker. I'll try to get them next time.