

Coach Young sucks. Fire his ass!

by John Dancy

The smell of losing wafted through the Memorial Arena during the break and varsity hockey coach Darrel Young blew the beauty. There are many reasons why coach Young should be fired, here are a few.

He's an awful coach. During his stay at Dalhousie he hasn't come close to a national championship or even made a decent run at it. During the playoffs I watched a practice that consisted of players slapping pucks

around for 25 minutes, then engaging in a scrimmage drill that looked like shinny. The coach had a chalk board out to tally goals but I never saw him once stop a play to teach or to coach. In the playoff games the team looked flat. Against St Mary's they floated and almost blew the second game. The first game against Acadia the Tigers looked like they were playing for beer. And don't get me wrong, I'm not criticizing the team. The errors they made were coaching errors. Throwing the puck

out from behind your net blindly twice against Acadia in the third period are mistakes a well coached, disciplined team would not have made.

He garners no respect. The players don't play for him and worst of all they have no respect for the man. When he calls a player over to the bench they almost always look up and seem to say, 'Fuck, what does he want'. The team plays undisciplined wide open hockey taking too many penalties and generally seems to play up to their competition. He benches players out of personal vendettas and then swears them off from talking about it. When you speak with a player they always say, 'Oh ya, well that's just Darrel'. Last year my roommate was the P.R. woman for the team and the way she spoke about the coach and the incidents I heard about state clearly, the inmates run the asylum.

He's a poser. Always out there in his little suits, Darrel Young is more concerned with his image than rolling up his sleeves and rattling a few cages. I went to the first varsity hockey meeting in September and was wholly unimpressed. He strolled in and the players didn't even stop

talking, even while he was talking. And he started right off by stating 'that he was anticipating a national championship and that when he got his players back from pro camps he expected nothing else'. Nothing about measurable goals, concrete accomplishments, or emphasis on learning anything new about hockey at this level.

He's a loser. He hasn't taken the varsity program to a higher level since he's been here and I don't believe he's teaching the players or instilling any lessons that would offset his performance. I think the coach should be fired and a new person brought in who the players respect and will be more willing to do whatever it takes for. If I am wrong, and Darrel Young is a great coach he can pack up his little summer hockey school and get another job in no time. After all, an unjustly fired CIAU head coach who has the respect of his peers will surely get another gig soon. But if I'm right, and you dump this baggage, we may soon have a disciplined hard working club that can actually make a run at a national championship, we expect nothing less.

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The Sports Report

by John Dancy

Sorry about the lame sports section last week, I had nothing to do with it...Congratulations Dalhousie, 7 AUAA titles this year make you the most successful sports program in the country. Women's Cross Country, Mens Soccer, Womens Swimming, Mens Volleyball (7 straight), Womens Volleyball (3 straight), Mens Track, and Womens Track...Womens Volleyball finished seventh at the CIAU's, Tara MacIntyre was named all Canadian... The Mens Volleyball team finished sixth at the CIAU's...Dal finished tenth out of twenty-five teams at the CIAU Swimming Championships at U of T last weekend. Top ten finishes by Darcey Byrne, Katherine Dunn (2 events), and Sean Andrew (2 events)...Sean Planke was named AUAA Mens Basketball Rookie of the Year...Acadia beat New Brunswick 3-1, 6-0 to advance to the CIAU hockey championships in Toronto. Guelph, Acadia, Alberta, and Toronto will all battle for a spot in the final game March 21 at the Gardens...Brad Elberg of Queens was selected by Saskatchewan second overall in the CFL university Draft... Kurt Browning and Elvis Stojko both finished first in qualifying for the World Figure Skating Championships in Prague...Steve Irvine finished tenth in the first race of the World Ironman circuit in Auckland New Zealand. The race consisted of a 4 km swim, 180 km bike ride, and a 42 km marathon... Ben Johnson retired at the age of 32 from competitive running. Last week he was banned for life by the IAAF for a repeated drug infraction. Bye -bye Ben, go back to Jamaica you disgrace... Brett Hull signed a 5 year contract extension with St Louis for 20 million... John Elway did the same in Denver for 4 years... Ronnie Lott was the first big name NFL free agent to move, signing with the NY Jets...The CFL lost its battle to mandate a Canadian content minimum for American clubs. Sacramento is expected to field an all-American team...Greg Norman easily won the Doral Open in Miami last weekend shooting 23 under par. Jack Nicklaus was in the hunt going into the final round, Jack's son qualified at Doral for the first time and finished -1... Lennox Lewis will defend his WBC heavyweight title against no. 1 contender Tony Tucker May 8 at the Mirage in Vegas. Julio Chavez 85-0, will be on the undercard... Joe Carter disagrees with interleague play and extended playoffs (payoffs) that are being proposed by baseball owners. "Why make it like hockey, where you've got to pretty much play your way out of the playoffs? The new American league would go as follows; east- Jays, Orioles, Red Sox, Yankees, Indians, central- Tigers, Royals, White Sox, Brewers, Twins, west- Rangers, Angels, Mariners, and Athletics... Sweet Quotes: Paul Kennedy, hockey announcer on expansion Miami's proposed new name Humidity: "Then they can say the Heat is bad, but the Humidity is what's really terrible...Scott Skiles, Orlando Magic guard, dismissing the fans' booping of him: "Basketball is like church, many attend but few understand..."