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The Dalhousie Tigers, 1993-94 CIAU bronze medallists. On floor, head coach All Scott, left and Dan Ota assistant coach. Second row, kneeling from left: Chris Schwarz, John Hovin, Jody Holden, Paul Villeneuve and Kirk Yanofsky. Back row, from left: Barb Bialokoz, Brad Williams, Rob Ager, Dave St. Helene, Jamie Mallon, Eric Villeneuve, Scott Brake, Anton Potvin and Thane McKay.

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Bronze marks Scott's best season ever

by David Jackson

The gift for the fifteenth anniversary is traditionally crystal or a watch, but Al Scott and his volleyball Tigers are celebrating his fifteenth year as head coach with gold and bronze.

Gold as in a gold medal from the

Volleyball Classic, which Dal hosted in January. Bronze as in the bronze medal from the Laval tournament in February. And bronze, with maybe just a tinge of gold, from the CIAU championship at Dalplex Sunday.

"This is our gold medal right here," said fifth-year middle player Kirk

Yanofsky after the Tigers beat the University of Alberta in five sets to finish third.

In fact, the Tigers almost had a chance to play for gold. After a five-set win against Winnipeg Friday night, Dal nearly beat the number one-ranked Laval Rouge et Or in the

semi-final Saturday night. "That was our best match of the year, without question," said Scott.

It may have been their best match, but it was certainly a tough one to lose. It left Scott and assistant coach Dan Ota the task of getting the Tigers up and ready to play for the bronze Sunday morning.

The coaches stayed up until 3:30 am after the Laval match looking at videotape and getting prepared for Alberta. They held a team meeting later that morning at nine o'clock.

"They looked like a pretty tired bunch when they came in," said Scott. "But I think a lot of them did the wise thing after we met for half an hour — hit the showers before the match."

Dal had to come back from a set down twice in the match. The depth of the Tigers' bench was important in the third game of the match. Scott brought Jody Holden and Chris Schwarz to the bench, in favour of Rob Ager and David St. Helene.

Holden went back in for game four as the right-side hitter, but was no longer passing.

"It was obvious Jody was struggling with his serve receive all day," said Scott. "Alberta was really going after him and serving really tough. I just thought that I had to get a better passing alignment in."

"I wanted Jody on the court, but not passing, and that's the only option I have. I thought Rob Ager did a great job in game three when I took those guys out. We didn't win that game, we were so far down, but at least we re-established some momentum, which I thought was important."

It was enough momentum to carry Dal to wins in the next two sets and the match. Scott was beaming after wrapping up his most successful season at Dal. "With no disrespect to any of the other great teams we've had at Dal, this has to be the best team we've ever had. I'm just exceptionally proud of them."

Dalhousie rowers erg it up

by Paula Jardine

The gleaming black and silver machines look as though they're leftovers from the set of Mad Max. The ergometer is the oarsman's nemesis; an instrument of torture. But still they came to race 2,500 metres on the erg at the provincial Indoor Rowing Championships held last Sunday at King's College.

"I hate the thing [the erg]. It wreaks havoc over the brain because you think you can bring the number

[on the monitor] down but you can't. You just feel your body go numb, like you're being boxed in," said competitor Mike Eddy.

The Dalhousie contingent was in good form. Allan Golding, a med student, won the Novice men's race in a time of 8:32.9 seconds, 30 seconds ahead of the runner-up.

One 2,500m per day is enough punishment for most competitors but two hours after his first race, Golding entered the open division. He placed third, seven seconds faster than be-

fore. He bested the winner of the lightweight men's race, Frank Hassard, by 4 seconds. Hassard taught him how to row five weeks ago.

Olympian Todd Hallett won the Open men's race, rowing the distance in 7:52. The runner-up Lawrence Snawi finished in 8:09.

In the women's division, Dal student Kim Oxner won the Open women's race in a time of 9:46, while a time of 10:03 won the lightweight race for Jennifer Saunders.

Dalhousie Athletes of the Week

Paula Peters

March 7-13

Jody Holden & Paul Villeneuve



* AUA MVP
1st place 300m
1st place 600
1st 4x400m relay
1st 4x 800m relay

* Both named to the CIAU Tournament All-Star Team
*Contributed greatly to CIAU Bronze Medal



MVB: CIAU Bronze Medal

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Quote of the Week

"That was our best match of the year, without question."

~ Men's volleyball coach Al Scott on the team's semi-final loss to Laval Saturday.