

Beaton bounds to gold

BY DAN HENNIGAR

It would be hard to imagine a more dramatic end to an athletic career.

Rachelle Beaton struck CIAU gold on her final jump as a university athlete. No other high jump competitor had been able to make the height of 1.71m and Beaton's third attempt was the last of the competition. She had missed her first two attempts but had been close on both. She had never jumped this high before. If Beaton had missed her final attempt she would have finished fourth and would have ended her career without winning a coveted CIAU medal. Clearing the height meant gold: the first ever for any AUSA athlete in a field event.

As Beaton arched over the bar the Dalhousie team went wild. Team members rushed across the high jump apron sweeping Beaton off her feet. Some were shouting, others crying.

"It was the most exciting mo-

ment I've ever experienced in track and field," remarked Paula Peters later, an athlete whose athletic pursuits have earned her three CIAU gold medals of her own.

Beaton was not the only Dalhousie success story at the CIAU championships in Windsor, Ontario, last weekend. Dal's "rookie sensation", Richard Dalzies, also overcame the odds to finish fourth in the 600m.

Menzies entered the competition ranked twelfth out of twelve. Running from the front in his heat, Menzies easily qualified for the final. The final itself required different tactics. Realizing it would be foolhardy to run with Manitoba's Byron Goodwin, the second fastest 600m runner ever in the world, Menzies ran from the back of the pack, waiting until the final 50 meters to unleash a kick which propelled him into fourth.

With Menzies only in his first year of CIAU competition, his athletic future looks bright. Prospects

are no less dim for eighteen-year-old Jamie Blanchard. Blanchard ran a tremendous leg in the 4x800m relay. His split of 1:56.4 is a competition best and bodes

well for the future of Dal's 4x800m relay team. The team this year was composed of three rookies and a sophomore.

Terri Baker ran the 300m in 41.77 seconds but failed to qualify for what was one of the toughest finals of the meet.

"I just couldn't find that extra gear," said a disappointed Baker

after her race. Baker also anchored Dal's 4x400m team which finished eleventh. The men's 4x400m team finished ninth.

Editor's note: Dan Hennigar was last year's CIAU 1500m champion. Hindered by a cold virus, he put in a valiant effort but was unable to perform at his usual high level this year.

B-ball misses bye

BY TRACEY MAJOR

Heading into last Friday's game, the men's basketball team had to beat St. FX by nine points to win second place in the league and secure a bye in the first round of the AUSA championship tournament.

The game started off well for the Tigers; they led by ten points for most of the first half. Shawn Plancke had a strong game mak-

ing 11 of his 12 field goal attempts and ending the night with a career high 30 points. Kanin Osei-Tutu also came through making all of his attempted shots. The Black and Gold were up by 50-43 at the end of the first period of play.

Things didn't go so well in the second. With just over nine minutes left in the game, St. FX tied the game at 69 and then took over the lead. Dal didn't seem to be putting too much effort into the game and they let their defense slip. It seemed as though the Axemen scored whenever they had the ball. The Tigers started missing shots and making lots of turnovers.

The X-men won the game 92-83 — by the exact margin that Dal had to win by to get the bye — and won the bye for themselves. X's Fred Perry grabbed Player Of the Game with his 23 points.

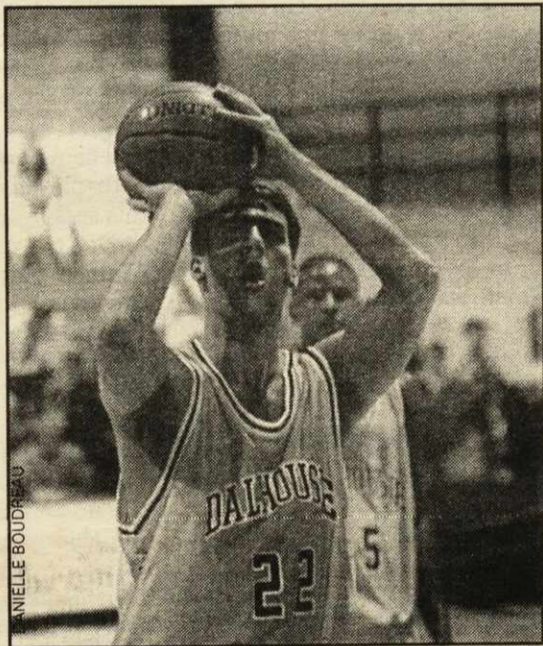
It seemed like an "off-night" for the team; high scorers like Brian Parker only got 16 points. However, the fact that Mike Sabol is back and Darryl Baptiste has returned from an injury should be beneficial for the team in the AUAs.

Having played their last home game of the year, the Tigers will soon be losing three players when

this season ends: Plancke, Osei-Tutu, and Dallas Shannon.

Plancke has been with the Tigers for the past 5 years and has proven himself to be a "most valuable player" to the team, with his slam-dunking and rebounding skills. He says that "it's a little hard to let go" of the basketball scene but "school is very important" to him; he plans to go on to teaching and coaching.

Osei-Tutu is the only "true



Prince" on the Dalhousie team. He has also been an asset to the team for the past three years. He plans to go to medical school in the future.

Shannon has only been here for the past two years but he has also contributed with his talents when he could — he was out for a while with injuries. He plans to hang up his basketball shoes after this year, though, claiming that he is "too old" to continue playing. Shannon plans to enter into the job market after this year.

The Tigers say that they are ready for the tournament this weekend.

"We are just looking forward to the next game," remarks Coach McGarrigle about the team's attitude. They feel very confident about the game on Friday against UCCB. The game starts at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Metro Center.

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