

Laval no pal of Dal

by Carmen Tam

The Dalhousie men's volleyball team met national champions, Laval d'Or et Rouge last weekend in an exhibition tournament held in Quebec City. Laval swept Dal with scores of 15-10, 15-3 and 15-9 on Saturday, and the Tigers were defeated again on Sunday 15-3, 15-12, 12-15 and 15-5.

The d'Or et Rouge have lost one of their top players from their championship team and replaced him with a second team all-Canadian from the Montreal Carabins.

Dalhousie felt the loss of high profile players such as CIAU all-

stars Jody Holden and Paul Villeneuve. However, Dalhousie has outstanding leadership coming from Jamie Mallon, setter Scott Bagnell (Dalhousie's 1990 MAUAA Athlete of the Year) and 1992 AUAA all-star Chris Schwarz.

Bagnell had 14 digs and four kills against Laval on Saturday, while Mallon was the top player on Sunday with 16 kills. Schwarz accumulated a total of 35 kills and 12 digs in the weekend for the Tigers.

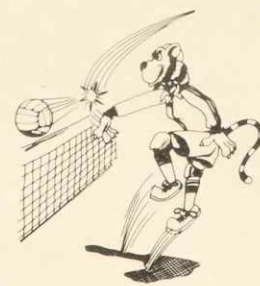
"It was good playing the number one team," said Schwarz. "It gave exposure for the new players as well as it showed us how much work we need."

"It was good to get the cobwebs out," agreed Bagnell. "Playing the number one team in the country is a good measuring stick on where we stand."

The Tigers will be seeing how they measure up against another top squad this upcoming weekend. Dal-



housie is hosting their annual Mizuno Collegiate Volleyball Challenge and will be facing the 1994 CIAU fourth place finalists, the Alberta Golden Bears for a three game tournament. Dalhousie, who defeated the Bears for the bronze medal last year, will be having a rematch at the Dalplex on Halloween night at 7 p.m.



IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Women's rugby power

by Ben Clark

What sport at Dal is fast-paced, exciting and a tad rough from time to time? Chances are most of you guessed hockey and although hockey may fit that description, it is those of you that guessed women's Rugby that receive full marks.

Founded last year by fourth year student Anahita Safarian, women's Rugby has taken off at Dal. In its inaugural season 56 women tried out for the team; quelling Anahita's concern of the sport's popularity on campus. Last year proved to be a good campaign for the fledgling Tigers as they captured third place in the Maritimes.

This year's team is hoping to duplicate last year's success with a much more youthful team. Although the Tigers are lead by veterans such as Sherrol Morris, Kyleen Myrah and Anahita Safarian, (all of whom represented Nova Scotia at the Rugby Nationals in Calgary this year) the bulk of the team

consists of rookies.

Safarian cites experience as a key ingredient for success, but was quick to add that "...the team has been getting better as we've played, things are coming together quite nicely."

This was evident in the Tigers' must-win victory over Kings on Tuesday night. That win put the 2-5-1 Tigers against the league-leading Acadia Axettes in University League semi-final action.

In the other semi-final, SMU takes on St.FX. The winner of the University League will take on the winner of the Senior Women's League - consisting of the Halifax Wanderers, U.P.E.I., U.N.B.; Mt. A. and Cole Harbour - for the Maritime Championship.

As the Tigers gear up for the playoffs, Safarian is confident "...Dal will give Acadia a good run".

She would also like to thank the rookies for staying with it. On Saturday at 2:30 in Wolfville, their perseverance will begin to pay off.

Swimmers confident

by Rod Nickel

The Tiger men's swim team may finally be ready to contend for the AUAA title this year after several years of second-place finishes.

"We've closed the gap considerably," says coach Nigel Kemp. "We hope to keep in that direction this year."

Dalhousie has been chasing University of New Brunswick for three years. Player graduations have now hurt the three-time champs, and the Tigers may be ready to challenge.

Three returning CIAU finalists will lead the Tigers. Sean Andrews is

a five-time CIAU finalist who captured his first AUAA title last season. Ian Jackson and AUAA rookie of the year Mike Ritchey will make the Tigers tough in breaststroke events.

Kemp says the Tigers have had an "outstanding" recruiting year as well. The best of the new recruits may be national level distance swimmer Shawn Dupuis from Dartmouth. Kemp plans to use Dupuis in the distance freestyle.

The women's swim team is best described by numbers.

Eleven AUAA championships in 14 seasons.

A winning record of 102-7 over the same period.

The Tigers will be favourites to repeat as AUAA champions again this year with six returning CIAU qualifiers.

Tiger MVP Sarah Woodworth will lead the team in the individual medley. Dalhousie should be strong in backstroke events with the return of AUAA finalists Margaret Bambury and Kirsten Matthews.

Seven rookie swimmers join the team, led by national level distance freestyler Kirsten Taberner of Vancouver.



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