

"FOUND: One set of recent CIAU rankings floating in Halifax Harbour."

SMU national basketball champs

by Peter Hayes

Sylvester Stallone couldn't have written a better script. A small city hosting a national basketball championship. A local team was entered, considered by most to be an underdog that would go down to defeat in the first round. Also entered was their arch rival, considered by many to have too tough a schedule to survive. Somehow they meet in the final game, and the city catches Saturday Night (Basketball) Fever. Too unrealistic?

Not if you were in Halifax this past weekend, where the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) staged the national basketball championships. The St. Mary's Huskies and the Acadia Axemen drew over 10,000 people to Halifax's new Metro Centre Saturday night, not one of whom could confidently guess the outcome. The two teams had battled throughout the season, but now that meant nothing, for 10,000 screaming people somehow make you play like you never thought possible.

The Huskies came out on top of a 99-91 score, but the game was closer than an 8 point spread would indicate. From end to end and hoop to hoop went the ball, with both teams exhibiting shooting accuracy that made good defence seem poor. Although caution was thrown to the wind, fouls came few and far between, making for a fast, exciting contest that left no doubt about the high calibre of basketball played by university teams in this country.

The big story of the game was Ron McFarland, St. Mary's 6'4" point guard from Anzonia, Conn. He guided the Huskies on the court and threw in 38 points, prompting Huskie coach Brian Heaney's comment "... I wouldn't trade him for anybody." McFarland appeared to aggravate an ankle injury he suffered earlier this year, and Heaney pulled him out late in the game to a very loud and well deserved ovation. For his heroics, McFarland was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, while teammate continued on page 19



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Scuba plays first game

by T.J. Kenchington

Last Wednesday night the new Dal SCUBA Underwater Hockey team played their first ever game, against the "Krakens" club, at the Dartmouth YMCA pool. Although only one member of the team had ever played this game before, Dalhousie scored 4 goals against the 14 by the experienced Krakens team.

The Dal team started with the disadvantage of the slope, and were very soon 2 goals down. However, their moral never failed, and by the

end of the game they had refined their techniques, and were able to meet their opponents on almost equal terms.

For this game, the team comprised: Charlie Walls (Capt., 1 goal), Randy Angus (1 goal), Paul Boudreau, Terry Bourque, Bill Cooper (2 goals), John Copp, and Trevor Kenchington. More players are urgently required for future games. Anyone interested should attend the Club's general meeting, which will be held shortly.

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