

## Depth provides promise for Dalhousie's swim teams

BY TROY BROWN

Long before their season started, this dedicated group of athletes could already be found deep into their training schedule. During try-outs, a group of sixty potential varsity athletes swam thousands of meters daily, all vying for a position on Dalhousie's men's and women's swimming teams. Needless to say, the coaches were hard-pressed in their selection of the 1995-96 swim team.

Having won eleven AUSA team championships in the past 15 years, this year's women's team believe they have the ingredients for further success. An experienced group of veterans welcome a large group of enthusiastic and talented rookies.

The Tigers will be led by Dalhousie's 1995 MVP and CIAU 80-meter freestyle bronze medallist, co-captain Sarah Woodworth. Adding further CIAU experience are backstrokers Kirsten Matthews (co-captain) and Katharine Dunn, who won the bronze medal in the 50-meter event at nationals two years ago. Freestylers Kirsten Taberner and Gail Seipp, and butterflyer Tara Weber also add depth.

The outstanding group of newcomers — who should provide the Tigers with unprecedented depth — include freestylers Christine Bourne (Montréal), Christy Childs (Halifax), Beth Johnsen (Vancouver), and Allison Sullivan (Orillia). The rookie backstrokers are Cheryl Feren (Guelph) and Lesley Smyth (Moncton), while Barrie's Cynthia Parker swims butterfly. Breaststrokers Sarah Conrad (Dartmouth) and Talia Profit (Charlottetown) and Individual Medleyist (I.M.) Amy Woodworth from Halifax are also entering their first seasons.

The men's team, fuelled by their 1995 AUSA title, have the capacity and momentum to attain new heights this season. The Tigers include a critical mass of experienced veterans and a nucleus of hard-working rookies, who add further depth to the squad's pool of potential.

The Tigers will be led by two CIAU finalists — three-time '95 CIAU breaststroke finalist, Ian Jackson, and '94 CIAU breaststroke finalist, co-captain Mike Ritcey. They are joined by AUSA finalist, sprinter Andrew Kirby, freestyler/butterflyer Stephen Indig, breaststroke Curt Punched, butterflyer Mark DeJong, and backstrokers Jarrette Doucette and co-captain Ed Stewart.

Adding further depth are IMer Adam Widdis — who recently represented Canada at the World Military Games in Rome — and Andrew Haley, a 1994 Commonwealth Games gold medallist. Topping off the list of returning veterans are medical student Ron Hawary, and freestyle specialist Troy Brown.

A promising group of incoming athletes include 1994 Commonwealth Games participant John Tomlin (Guernsey, C.I.), who swims the IM events, and distance freestyle prospect Oscar Stachowiak from Halifax. Aiding them in providing the chemistry to challenge at the AUSA and CIAU levels are freestylers Ben Alles (Toronto), Seamus Byrne (Halifax), Greg Ferraro (Ontario), Stuart Kemp (Halifax), Roger Nelson (Yarmouth), and Kevin Taylor (Georgetown). Backstroke Courtney Adams (Kingston), and breaststrokers Casey Cheung (Scarborough), Peter Struthers (St. John), and B.W. Wildsmith (Halifax) are also new to the Dalhousie squad.

Coaching is provided by two-time AUSA Coach of the Year, David Fry, and former Dal AUSA Male Swimmer of the Year, Darryl Dutton. This duo joins coach Nigel Kemp, in his twenty-fifth year at the helm of the Tigers, in welcoming former varsity swimmer Cathy Bass to further assist with coaching responsibilities.

## VOLLEYBALL

# Women's volleyball

BY CARMEN TAM

The Tigers' women's volleyball team looks like a well-balanced squad with a good mix of veterans and rookies. With eleven returning players,

Dalhousie will be looking for leadership from 1994 CIAU Honourable Mention Kim Hilchey, as well as Alison Walker and former National Team member Christine Frail, who is returning to play out her final year of eligibility.

The Tigers also welcome the return of fourth-year veterans Kim Sheppard and Steph Topp. Back for their third year are leftside hitter Angela Barrett, set-

ter Katie MacFarlane, and middle Jennifer Parkes.

Sophmores Michelle Aucoin and Denise Chapman (both from Dartmouth High) and leftside hitters Alicia MacFalane and Cara MacKenzie are all looking to excel in their positions.

Three rookies that made the Dal team are Halifax West graduate Karen Martin, P.E.I. native Rosanne Cousins, and Lisa Scollan from Carelton Place High in the Ottawa area.

Head coach Leslie Irie returns, fresh from Japan where she was the assistant coach with Canada's CIAU World Universiade team, as well as heading the

Nova Scotia Canada Games team. Irie will be assisted by Mark Burley, a former player with the men's squad.

The Tigers begin their season by hosting the top women's university team from Japan, Tokyo Gakugei. The Gakugei have finished fourth in the last two years in the All Japan Volleyball Championships.

"It will very exciting to see how Tokyo plays and we are looking forward to billeting them as well," said Tigers player Jenn Parkes.

Support the Tigers on Monday, October 30 at the Dalplex. The match starts at 7:30 p.m.

## Tigers stamped by Bisons

BY CARMEN TAM

The men's volleyball team is sporting many new faces this season with the retirement of several seniors from last season's CIAU bronze medal squad.

Dalhousie's young team has a demanding schedule which began with the annual Mizuno Collegiate Challenge last weekend, when the Tigers took on the defending CIAU champions, the Manitoba Bisons for a three game exhibition series.

The Tigers were swept in all three matches, starting with a close match in Truro when the Tigers lost by scores of 17-15, 15-9, and 15-7. Player of the game honours went to Dal's Terry Martin and Manitoba's Andrew Zurawsky. Zurawsky was a 1995 CIAU Honourable Mention.

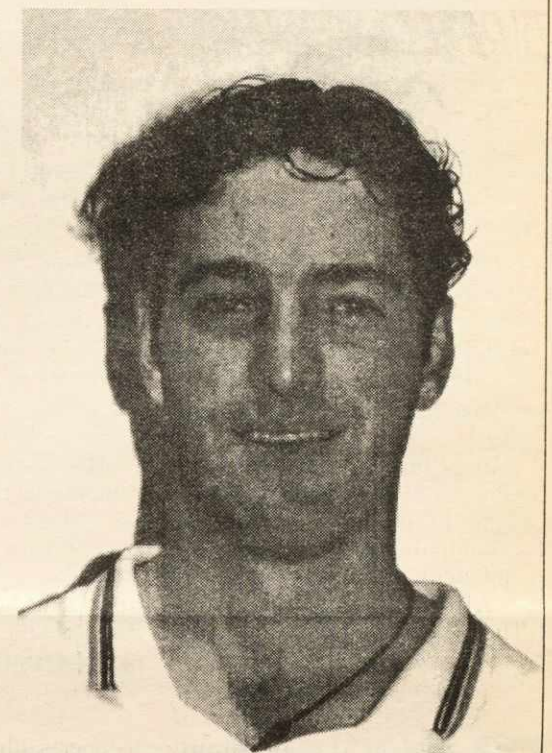
On Friday at the Dalplex, miscues and weak services combined for a second loss. In front of a home crowd of over 300 enthusiastic fans, the Tigers came up flat in the first two sets with the scoreboard reading 15-5 and 15-3 for the Bisons.

The Tigers rebounded with a 7-0 lead in the third before the Bisons tied it at 13-13 and eventually ended the contest, 15-13.

Top performances came from Jamie Mallon with 9 kills and Terry Martin with 8 kills and 5 blocks. For Manitoba, fifth-year veteran and 1994 First Team All-Canadian Jules Martin had 12 kills and 2 digs and teammate Zurawsky had 11 kills and 4 blocks.

In Whycocomagh, Cape Breton on Saturday, setter Scott Brake was named Player of the Game for Dalhousie in a losing effort. Captain Jamie Mallon was out with an injury as the Tigers fell in straight sets 15-6, 15-12, and 15-5 in just over

JAMIE MALLON



an hour. Trevor Dmitruk was Player of the Game for Manitoba.

"It is always challenging to play against the number one ranked team in the nation, especially with the amount of young players that we have," said Mallon. "At the same time, there were a lot of positive things that happened on the weekend, (they) just didn't happen enough."

Look for steady improvement as promising rookies and experienced veterans look to capture their 16th AUSA crown in 17 seasons.

Mallon adds, "It was a real character building weekend as we know now and the younger players know what to expect. For the rest of the year, we are going to work hard to the level that we need to win."

Dalhousie, who captured their second consecutive bronze medal last March, will be looking for leadership from captain Jamie Mallon, a left-side hitter who has emerged as the team's top receiver. As well, 1994 CIAU Rookie of the Year Terry Martin looks to continue to dominate the middle along with third-year veteran John Hobin. Setter Scott Brake is back for his third year and is ready to start.

Returning for their second seasons are Jason Trepanier and Tim Pellerine, who are playing the right and left side, respectively.

The squad has acquired eight new players, including middle blockers Reeve Burtin and Bobby O'Keefe from Margaree High School, and Peter Thurow from Cornerbrook, Newfoundland. The Tigers have also taken Bobby Stevens, a former Sackville High standout. Taking care of the left side are Ron Birmingham, Chris Au-Yeung, Windsor's Matt Hartlen, and St. Pat's graduate Phil Deslandes.

Al Scott, CIAU's Coach of the Year in 1989, is back for his seventeenth year as head coach and is assisted by Dan Ota, who returns for his third season.

In addition to their own Dalhousie Volleyball Classic in January, the Tigers will also have exhibition tournaments at Waterloo, Laval, and Guelph during the year.



SCOTT BRAKE