

# sports

## Sportsman of the Year dead at 49

by John Dancy

Arthur Ashe is dead. The world of tennis lost its greatest statesman this past Saturday when the retired tennis player succumbed to the ravages of AIDS and died of pneumonia at the age of 49.

Mr. Ashe engaged all challenges he faced, be them athletic, political or physical, with grace and dignity found rarely in modern sports. This man broke colour barriers in country-club tennis at the same time Hank Arron faced unimaginable racism in

baseball. Both men succeeded in their endeavours despite constant insult by white hatred and ignorance; Ashe, until the day he died.

The only Afro-American man to ever win Wimbledon or the U.S. Open tennis titles, Arthur Ashe was just selected *Sports Illustrated* Sportsman of the Year in December of 92. Why? Because this man was chased from country clubs as a young man and still rose to be the best in his sport. Because this man's career was cut short at age 36 by heart by-pass

surgery in July of 1979 and he still remained an exemplary ambassador to the game. Because this man, after contracting HIV through a blood transfusion for a second heart operation in 1983, was forced to give up his privacy and reveal his condition only to respond by beginning an unselfish campaign to educate the masses about AIDS and people with AIDS.

Another public figure is dead due to AIDS. I will now think about it for a couple of days and then relax with the notion that it is not my disease. I

am heterosexual and monogamous with my girlfriend so I am unlikely to ever face this deadly disease. No, not this time. This man was a hero to me at a time in my youth and he did nothing to deserve his fate. I respect him immensely. Faced with racism he lowered his brow and pressed on. Insulted by sportswriters who wrote; 'he said he got the virus through blood...' Ashe turned his cheek and tried to help others. This man was quoted saying; "The happiest day of my life was when Nelson Mandela was freed".

Many of you may say I am waking up a bit late to the realities of AIDS. That may be true but I am thankful it was Ashe who spurred my enlightenment. I hope I can deal with instances of injustice and prejudice towards AIDS patients with the class and respect that Arthur Ashe displayed. You will not be forgotten.

Arthur Ashe  
1943-1993

## Aways from centre ice

by Brent Alheim

On the last weekend of January, the Dalhousie Curling Club sent two teams to the 6th Annual Alpine Mariners Mixed Bonspiel at the Lunenburg Curling Club.

The first team consisted of Jodi Fitzpatrick, Andre Paquin, Sarah Simmons, and Jeff Hilchey. The team started off slowly, with two losses placing them in the E division. Meanwhile, the second team, consisting of Brent Alheim, Heather Heb, Andrew Manning, and Joselyn Gerlofsme, won the first two games they played, with the second win coming down to the last rocks of the

game, after the score had been tied after seven ends.

After these tough wins, the second team was in the quarter-final round of the A division, and the competition became quite advanced. Their next game pitted them against a team that is headed for the provincial championship, and they were a little overmatched. After a night of drinking and dancing at the club to relieve the disappointment of the loss the team set out to win the next game, which would get them to the finals of the C division. Unfortunately, the skip missed a critical draw halfway through the game.

The final team, now in a category

where the competition was a little less serious, won their next game. They also won the following game, which sent them to the finals of the E division. They were hard pressed in this final game, played immediately after the semi-final win, and wound up going down to a more experienced team, finishing as the runners-up of the E division, and bringing back some nice new kit bags for their efforts.

All in all, the weekend was a great deal of fun for all involved, with beer provided by Brent, comedy courtesy of Andre, and some great food from Andrew and the Lunenburg Curling Club.



by Paul Gareau

The Dal Karate Club practices the art of Shotokan Karate under the auspices of the Japan Karate Association. Shotokan Karate was founded by many as the founder of modern karate, as he was one of the first to introduce karate to Japan in the 1920's from Okinawa. Karate's origins can be traced back to China but

as practiced today is based in Japanese tradition and philosophy. Training provides an excellent means of physical fitness as well as emphasizing self-discipline and the development of individual character.

The Karate Club is teaching a beginner's class through the Dalplex from January 13 to March 27 on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 and Saturday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00.

## He's back...

by Heidi Radford

Kurt Browning is back. After a misfortunate year in 1992 with back problems and a disheartening tumble at the Olympics in Albertville, France - Kurt Browning has regained the Men's Figure Skating title at the Canadians this past weekend in Hamilton.

The four day event saw many one-time champions make come-back performances. Quebec's Josee Chouinard won back her Women's title with vigor and excellence, after losing it to Karen Preston the year previous. Chouinard's long program was flawless and powerful. Preston tumbled on her triple lutz leaving her the second place position. She still qualifies to join Chouinard next month at the World Championships in Prague.

Many figure skating fans felt Elvis Stojko was cheated out of the men's title once again. He remains secured in his second place position awaiting Kurt's retirement.

Pairs freeskating champions, Isabelle Brasseur and Lloyd Eisler, plan to hold on to their first place finish into the Winter Olympics 1994.

While most champions will prepare for Prague next month, Kurt and Isabelle and Lloyd have long term plans for gold at next year's Olympics.

The Olympics committee's recent decision to separate Winter and Summer Games' year of celebration means the Winter Olympics are returning in two years time. This is the sole reason champions like Kurt Browning have waited to turn Pro - Treating figure skating fans to another two years of top-level, ready to go pro, skating. Enjoy.

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Pharmacy	4	4		20
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Law	5	1	0	27
Dentistry	3	2	1	23
Med	3	2	1	23
MBA	1	5	0	15
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Physio	10	0	1	54
Pharmacy	9	1	1	51
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