

Women runners end successful season

BY DAN HENNIGAR

Heavy winds drove a cold rain down on the already flooded course. The top university women runners from across the country gathered on the starting line and stood shivering and staring bleakly ahead into the rain and mud through which they would have to race.

At the centre of this line stood seven women, wearing only shorts and singlets, who, instead of staring bleakly, were laughing and smiling. Perhaps it was because they were Maritimers, but the windier it grew and the more

weather-battered everybody else became, the more the Dalhousie Tigers seemed to be having fun.

When the starting gun sounded, the Dalhousie women moved aggressively into the top portion of the field with Cindy Foley courageously leading the way in tenth place overall. This was especially daring early running by Foley considering she had spent all but the previous two-and-a-half weeks of the season sidelined due to illness and had been unable to train during that time. Undaunted, however, Foley finished as Dalhousie's number one runner, placing 20th in the

field of 104 runners.

AUAA rookie of the year, Krista Wuerr, ran an incredible race. Wuerr started quickly and then just kept passing more athletes as the race progressed. Considering that Wuerr had not placed higher than fifth on the Dalhousie team all year, her position as Dal's number two runner at this meet, and 28th spot over all, was exceptionally impressive.

Sprinter Paula Peters, in what was also her strongest race of the year, finished in 36th spot. Cindy Toner finished 49th with Margie Jenkins only ten spots back in 59th place.

Jessica Fraser and Sarah MacNeill finished just one second apart in the 74th and 75th spots, respectively. For MacNeill, the youngest member of the team, this race was a major breakthrough. Using the downhill slopes to fly past her competitors, her performance was considerably superior to any other race she had ever run.

The blazing performances of the Dalhousie Tigers and their abilities to come through under pressure surpassed all expectations. Dal's final score of 166 points placed them sixth out of the fourteen teams who qualified

to compete at the CIAU championships, well ahead of their seeding entering the competition.

This meet marks the end of a successful season for the Dalhousie Tigers. It was a year which saw them win their forty-second consecutive AUAA race and their tenth consecutive AUAA Championship. It was also a year which saw them develop from a new, young team to a spirited and nationally competitive team.

Congratulations to all the Tigers and good luck in the upcoming indoor Track and Field season and in next years' cross country endeavors.

WOMEN

TEAMS

| | | |
|----|--------------|-----|
| 1 | Windsor | 68 |
| 2 | Western | 69 |
| 3 | U.B.C. | 104 |
| 4 | Toronto | 141 |
| 5 | York | 153 |
| 6 | Dalhousie | 166 |
| 7 | McGill | 186 |
| 8 | Victoria | 190 |
| 9 | Guelph | 200 |
| 10 | Saskatchewan | 200 |
| 11 | Manitoba | 252 |
| 12 | Queen's | 264 |
| 13 | Laurentian | 281 |
| 14 | McMaster | 352 |

INDIVIDUAL

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|----|-----------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | Missy McCleary | Windsor | 17:55 |
| 2 | Dana Cunningham | Windsor | 18:28 |
| 3 | Sarah Hunter | Toronto | 18:35 |
| 4 | Angela Schwan | Western | 18:48 |
| 5 | Sue Schlatter | U.B.C. | 18:55 |
| 6 | Dianne Wiseman | York | 18:58 |
| 7 | Tambra Dunn | McGill | 19:00 |
| 8 | Janice Forsyth | Western | 19:04 |
| 9 | Judith LeRoy | Waterloo | 19:10 |
| 10 | Teresa Duck | York | 19:18 |

DALHOUSIE RUNNERS

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|----|----------------|-----------|-------|
| 20 | Cindy Foley | Dalhousie | 19:56 |
| 28 | Krista Wuerr | Dalhousie | 20:12 |
| 36 | Paula Peters | Dalhousie | 20:20 |
| 49 | Cindy Toner | Dalhousie | 20:35 |
| 59 | Margie Jenkins | Dalhousie | 20:53 |
| 74 | Jessica Fraser | Dalhousie | 21:19 |
| 75 | Sarah MacNeill | Dalhousie | 21:20 |

MEN

TEAMS

| | | |
|----|--------------|-----|
| 1 | Victoria | 46 |
| 2 | U.B.C. | 53 |
| 3 | Windsor | 111 |
| 4 | Western | 118 |
| 5 | Manitoba | 153 |
| 6 | Dalhousie | 178 |
| 7 | Queens | 190 |
| 8 | McGill | 197 |
| 9 | Toronto | 215 |
| 10 | Guelph | 241 |
| 11 | Saskatchewan | 273 |
| 12 | McMaster | 315 |
| 13 | Laurentian | 335 |

INDIVIDUALS

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|----|------------------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | Jeff Schiebler | U.B.C. | 32:09 |
| 2 | Graham Cocksedge | Victoria | 33:17 |
| 3 | Jody Lee | Victoria | 33:22 |
| 4 | Rob Tyndall | Western | 33:30 |
| 5 | Rich Tremain | Windsor | 33:36 |
| 6 | Neal Beattie | Victoria | 33:39 |
| 7 | Scott Young | Memorial | 33:41 |
| 8 | Greg Dailey | Toronto | 33:47 |
| 9 | Dan Hennigar | Dalhousie | 33:50 |
| 10 | Chris Halfyard | Dalhousie | 33:51 |

OTHER DALHOUSIE RUNNERS

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|----|------------------|-----------|-------|
| 49 | Tim Lindsay | Dalhousie | 35:42 |
| 64 | Oliver Janson | Dalhousie | 36:12 |
| 65 | Tony Roache | Dalhousie | 36:12 |
| 75 | Trevor Boudreau | Dalhousie | 36:51 |
| 90 | Christian Murray | Dalhousie | 38:30 |

Cross Country men sixth in the country

BY JESSICA FRASER

Coming off last weekend's exciting AUAA victory, Dalhousie men, led by Dan Hennigar and Chris Halfyard, were clearly in race mode. However, they knew that CIAU competition was made up of an exceptional field.

This year, in an effort to cut the sports spendings, several CIAU regulations were changed. The most dramatic rule change was to open the competition to all schools, regardless of whether they'd won their conference or not. As a result, Thames Valley Golf Course in London, Ontario accommodated 13 teams, up from last year's seven, and just over 100 individuals, up from last year's 54. Several of the west's outstanding schools were present.

As the week progressed, Dal experienced some obstacles. Dan Hennigar was out with "sore toes," a result of a poor sock and shoe combination at the last race. It was discovered late Thursday afternoon by "Doctor" Yarr that Hennigar's pain was actually a result of extremely INFECTED toes, certainly an unwelcome addition to his ongoing fight with the flu!

By Saturday morning though, the men were ready to give their best effort, whatever the results may bring. Torrential rains and high winds only brought a warm, down home feeling to the Maritime boys. Race officials, to the contrary, were left hustling about making last minute adaptations to the course. The 200 meter finish straight was calf deep in mud!

The spectator friendly 2 x 5 km winding course gave coach Al Yarr, the women's team, and the other 2000 drenched fans plenty of opportunities for encouragement. From the gun, UBC's Jeff Scheibler took a comfortable solo lead. Hennigar clung to the leading pack, while Halfyard cruised along close behind. The rest of the Tiger men — Trevor Boudreau, Oliver Jansen, Tim Lindsay, Tony Roach, and Christian Murray, insisted on playing yet another race, game of leap frog.

Shortly before the 5 km mark, Hennigar began to loose touch with the lead pack, while Halfyard used the opportunity to close the gap between them. The teammates pushed each other through the second 5 km, right into the finish shoot, running down a few com-

petitors in the process. Hennigar and Halfyard finished 9th and 10th, respectively, in a time of 33:50, 1:40 behind the winner. Lindsay, Dal's top rookie, finished 49th, followed by Jansen (64th), Roach (65th), Boudreau (75th), and Murray (90th).

In the team standings, Dalhousie finished 6th (of 13), a definite improvement from last year's 7th (of 7).

Congratulations on a successful fall. Best of luck in the upcoming track and field season.

Tigers roar past St. Francis Xavier in homeopeners



BY SHANNON MORRISON

Dalhousie showed they will be a force on the basketball court this season after both teams earned season opening victories against St. Francis Xavier (St. FX).

Dalhousie's women's squad tipped off their regular season with a 73-63 win Saturday evening at the Dalplex. The Tigers took advantage of missed shots by the X-women to jump out to an early 10-2 lead. St. FX chipped away at the score to eventually put themselves ahead by one point with 13:26 left in the first half.

The Tigers began to press full court, which caused havoc for the X-women. The home team capitalized on four consecutive turnovers to regain the lead for good.

Dal built up a 44-33 half-time advantage but lost post player Carolyn Wares in the process. With 1:55 remaining, Wares left the game because of an ankle injury after collecting 14 first half points.

With Wares on the bench, the Tigers relied more on their outside shooting. Jackie Fleieger hit for 16 points and Jody Euloth added 15.

Wares returned to the game with 10:52 left in the second half. Despite

a distinct limp, the third-year veteran hustled, drawing an offensive charge on the defensive end and collecting four points on offence during her short time on the court.

The Tigers fought through a tough St. FX defence and outbounded their opponents 52-40 en route to a 10-point victory. Fleieger earned player of the game honours.

Men open season with victory

Miscues and a low shooting percentage for the Tigers enabled St. FX to put the first points on the scoreboard. Then two fastbreak baskets and a put-back by a Dal rebounder caused the visiting team to call a timeout as the Tigers seemed to find their rhythm.

The Tigers' shooting began to flow as Brian Parker exhibited his offensive talents. Parker's 12 first-half points included two three-pointers; he also created plays for his post players.

The Tigers attacked St. FX from the start of the second half, opening up a 59-53 lead with 14 minutes remaining. Dalhousie hit their stride as the X-men began to lose their shooting touch. The Tigers opened up a 70-55 margin with 13 minutes left and emotions were running high. The referees had a battle on their hands that resulted in a couple of intentional and technical fouls.

Plancke took control of the offensive and defensive boards and led the Tigers to victory with 20 points and 21 rebounds. Dal's bench provided 43 points with Christian Currie scoring 14 after playing the bulk of the game after Dallas Shannon was in foul trouble and left the game with nine minutes remaining. Jeff Mayo also contributed 10 points from the bench.

Parker scored 16 points and was named player of the game.