

Dal makes winning splash in meet

by Dave Fry

For the first time in Dalhousie University history both men's and women's varsity swimming teams gained top positions in the AUAA Conference Championships. The women's team completely dominated the meet, for the second successive year as they outdistanced their closest competitor, Acadia by 78 points. The Tiger men showed great determination as they battled a stubborn Memorial team from the first gun to finally win by a mere 7 points.

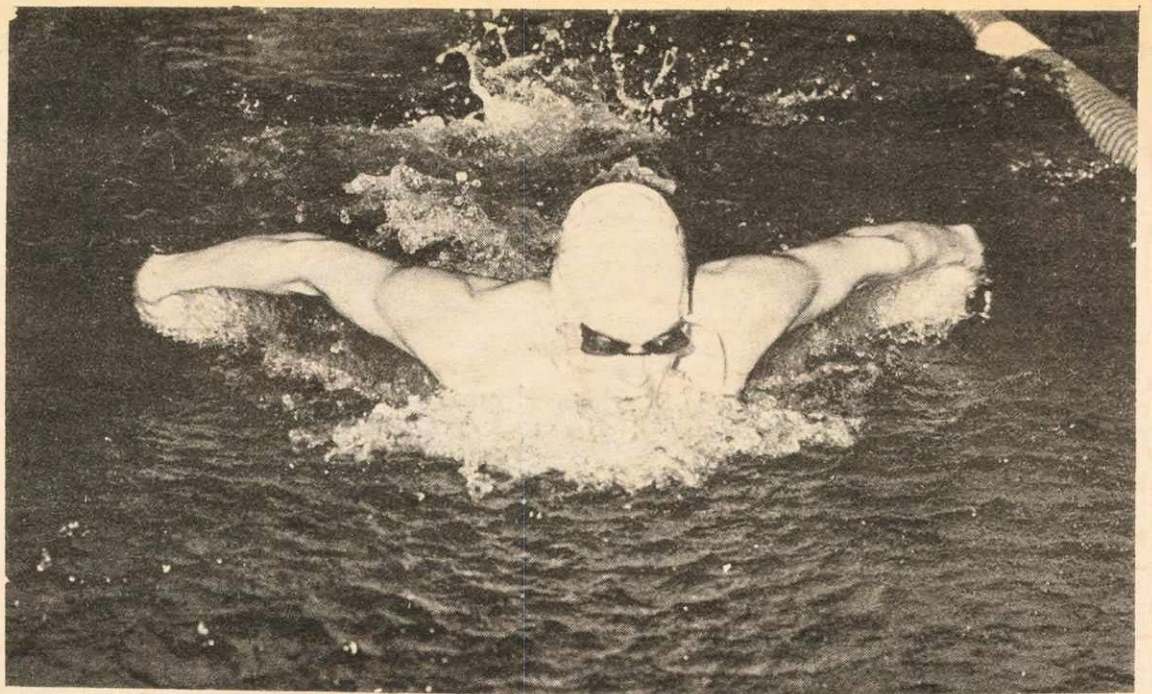
Sue Mason, named top AUAA Femal Swimmer for the fourth consecutive year, led her team to victory by easily winning her three individual events - also for the fourth consecutive year. Mason saved what looked to be a sinking relay by swimming a tremendous anchor leg, gaining back a 5 second deficit to secure the victory for the Tigers.

Aiding Mason in the bid for women's team supremacy was double event winner Sue Bennie. Bennie sprinted away to victory in both 100 and 50 freestyle events as the Tiger women dominated all freestyle events. Louise Deveau and Carol Flynn also aided in the Dal domination of all freestyle events by securing 2nd place finishes in all but the 800 freestyle to provide 4, 1-2 finishes in womens freestyle events. Dawn Suto showed that she is in CIAU form by placing 2nd in both backstroke races contested. Versatile, Shelley Platt swam to great finishes in the tough medley events and 200 breaststroke as she gained placings in the top three in all individual events.

The men's team victory was a 100 percent team effort as every swimmer was needed to gain points on a tough Memorial team. The Dal men had to depend on depth as they were only able to secure three victories out of a possible 16 events. Top male performer for the Tigers was 4th year commerce student David Sweett who was able to gain a victory in a closely contested 100 breast. Sweett also gained top-three placings in all events he competed in during the weekend.

Rookie sensation, Andrew Cole was another winning Tiger as he battled teammate Sweett for a victory in 200 breaststroke. Art Rennie secured Dal's domination of the sprint event, 50 free, by out touching the nearest competitor by 2/100's of a second. Veteran's Tom Scheibelhut, Stuart McLennan, Donald Pooley and Mike Tighe showed their needed experience as they placed very well in all their events.

Sixteen of Dal's 29 swimmers will not carry the Dalhousie colours to CIAU Championships this weekend at UBC. Competing for this year's AUAA Coach of the Year, David fry, will be: Sue Bennie, Louise Deveau, Carol Flynn, Sandi Howlett, Susan Mason, Shelley Platt, Dawn Suto, John Burns, Andrew Cole, Bob Goski, Wade James, Stuart McLennan, Arthur Rennie, Tom Scheibelhut, David Sweett and Mike Tighe. The Dal Women's Team will be trying to improve on their third place finish of last year. The men's team will have a tougher time trying to keep their eighth place finish of last year.



'V' stands for violence...

Smack pow biff crunch mangle

by Kevin Charles Little

I think it's about time I made my position on the Nova Scotia Vees known. Lately the Vees have received more press, their games are drawing bigger crowds and they are in a respectable position in the standings. The Gazette has a responsibility to students to tell them about sports entertainment in the metro area. The Vees are part of that entertainment but we at the Gazette must reevaluate the quality of their game. Bigger crowds are surfacing at the Metro Centre because, to be blunt, fans come to watch the Vees inflict violence (at least the 20 or so season ticket holders I've talked to do). Last year the Vees made the questionable decision to hire coach John Brophy who said the Vees wouldn't get pushed around

anymore. They are not getting pushed around anymore because they are the ones doing the pushing. I swear, from the small amount I've seen the Vees, I don't know if the fans come to watch hockey or wrestling at the Metro Centre.

Let's take a closer look at the comparison between pro wrestling and the Vees. In wrestling the wrestlers are paid to fight for the fans, who cheer them on to inflict more and more pain upon the bad guy. There are heroes and villains, the wrestlers usually bear no grudges against each other and fight only for the fans. Sometimes the roles might be reversed.

In hockey, the home team represents the heroes, and the opposition, the enemies. The fans

cheer louder with every punch as the two fight each other. After the fight the players usually skate away, confident they have pleased the fans. If not, they fight again. In pro hockey, it is not unusual for a player to find himself traded to the team which includes a player he may have fought with. When called upon to stick up for each other, they prove that the so-called grudge they held as enemies is a myth.

So if you want to watch quality hockey wait for the Oilers to be on TV, wait for another Canada Cup or wait until next year for the 1983 Dal Tigers in their new arena. If the Vees do clean up their act (firing Brophy for starters) I'll be the first one to tell you. However, this doesn't seem likely. Until next week....

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Tie In Women's

Rod Walsh -- men's volleyball -- chosen Most Valuable Player in the AUAA for his excellent season long play with the Tigers, Walsh had an outstanding weekend as the Tigers took the AUAA Championship.

A 6'4" graduate of East Pictou High, he is a second year Recreation student. In weekend playoff action, Walsh had team highs in kill percentage and stuff blocks and was a major factor with his setting in Sunday's final win over Memorial.

Karin Maessen -- women's volleyball -- the co-captain of the Tigers led her team to the AUAA Championship with a stellar performance in the playoff round. The 5'9" Halifax native is a Masters student and is finishing a great career as a Tiger. She was named Most Valuable Player in the AUAA for the second consecutive year and was also named tournament MVP for her outstanding play. She had 25 serving points in the two matches along with six aces, four blocking points and a superb setting job.

Anna Pendergast -- women's basketball -- led the Tigers to their second AUAA championship in three years with a two game 45-point performance last weekend. She scored 25 against Saint Mary's in a close 56-46 win and then paced the team with 20 in Saturday's 80-58 final win over UNB. Anna was named Most Valuable Player in the Conference for her season-long performance. She is a 5'10" forward in fourth year physical education from Kesington, P.E.I.

Athletes of the Week