Hitting the ball, hitting the books

BY AMY DUNPHY

Match point, Dalplex, the Digs Volleyball Classic. An opposing setter scans the Dal side of the net and sees a lone blocker. He sets his right side teammate beautifully, and for a split second, it looks as though Montreal might just side out and keep their hopes of staying in the match alive. Unfortunately, the setter fails to realize that the lone blocker was Jamie Mallon — kiss that side out goodbye.

No one would ever have thought that the little kid who was once cut from his grade six volleyball team would go on to make solo stuff blocks in one of the most prestigious university volleyball tournaments in Canada. Jamie has a massive accumulation of athletic awards: named to the AUAA All-Star team, team MVP and an honourable mention at the CIAU All-Canadian Banquet last year.

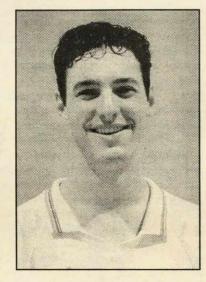
But stuff blocks are not the only thing that Jamie Mallon has accomplished in his soon to be five years as a Dalhousie Tiger; he has awards both on and off the court. He has an equally massive accumulation of some of the most reputable academic awards this university has to offer, including the John C. Poole Sportsperson Award and the M.J. Ellis Award for kinesiology research.

But Jamie did not arrive at Dalhousie a success. In fact, he was not even recruited by head coach Al Scott. When he graduated from high school, Jamie already knew players who were at Dal and he thought he would like to come to the east coast and be a part of Scott's extremely successful program. Jamie wrote Al a letter expressing his keen interest in coming to play, and the rest is history.

He wasn't handed anything

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when he arrived at Dalhousie. He spent his first two years on the team as a bench player but with the help of then-assistant coach Dan Ota he worked his way into the line up.

"I owe Ota a lot," says Jamie.
"He made me into a spike server
and a passer, the two things I
needed to break the starting line

Jamie also attributes much of his success to the guidance of head coach Al Scott. "He keeps tabs on us. He is genuinely concerned about building us as people before building us as athletes," says Jamie. "I have a lot of respect for Al and he deserves more than I can give him; a lot of people owe him a great deal."

Jamie sums up his Dal experience: "It doesn't matter what sport you played, or even if you played a sport. It's whether or not you had a good time. When we (the team) look around at the names of past players on the team room wall, we remember not just that they were good players, but that they were great guys."

That's how Jamie wants to be remembered. And judging by the determination in this Tiger's eyes, I am sure he will.

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FRIDAY FEB. 7

Co-ed C Broomball

Munroe Day. All games cancelled

SUNDAY FEB. 9

Co-ed A Basketball Playoffs

7:30 p.m. Pharmacy vs Bronson/Smith 7:30 p.m. Rec 3 vs Wild Raiders 8:30 p.m. Dentistry vs Girl Guides 8:30 p.m. Killer Cod vs Physio 9:30 p.m. Losers of 7:30 games play

9:30 p.m. Losers of 8:30 games play

Men's A Basketball Playoffs

1:00 p.m. The Cool Moe Dees vs Dentistry 2:00 p.m. Freaks of Nature vs The Swim Team

3:00 p.m. Pharmacy vs Law 4:00 p.m. Minutemen vs Med Heartbeats

Men's Res. B Hockey

No Games

Co-ed C Volleyball Playoffs

6:30 Rizzos vs Geology 7:30 Tupper vs Loser of 6:30 game 8:30 Winner 6:30 vs Winner of 7:30

Co-ed B Broomball Div. 1

9:30 p.m. Bronson/Smith vs OT 10:30 p.m. Chemistry vs Physio 11:30 p.m. Girl Guides vs Eliza/Studley

Co-ed B Broomball Div. 2

9:30 p.m. MBA vs Med Shooters 10:30 p.m. Killer Cod vs Wild Raiders 11:30 p.m. Glengary vs Pharmacy

MONDAY FEB. 10

Res A Hockey

12:00 p.m. Killer Cod vs Henderson

Mens A hockey Playoffs

9:00 p.m. Law vs Dukes of Hazard 10:00 p.m. Dentistry vs Commerce 11:00 p.m. Medicine vs Physio

Women's Basketball Playoffs

7:30 p.m. Sheriff I vs Raiders 8:30 p.m. Sheriff II vs Pharmacy

Mens B Basketball

9:30 p.m. Runkles vs Chemistry 10:30 p.m. The Navy vs Pharmacy

Co-ed B Volleyball Div. 1 Playoffs

7:30 p.m. Rec3 vs DAPS 8:30 p.m. Purple People vs Comp Sci 9:30 p.m. MBA vs Ultimate Rascals

Co-ed B Volleyball Div. 2

7:30 p.m. Neurodegenerates vs Pharmacy 8:30 p.m. Physio vs SAA Shooters 9:30 p.m. Law vs Medecine

TUESDAY FEB. 11

Mens B Hockey Playoffs

Games TBA

Co-ed A Volleyball Playoffs

Games TBA

WEDNESDAY FEB. 12

Men's Res. B Hockey

Games TBA

Men's C Hockey Playoffs

Games TBA

Co-ed Innertube Water Polo Playoffs

8:40 p.m. Wild Raiders vs Physio 9:10 p.m. Dentistry vs Eliza/Studley

Men's B Basketball

7:30 p.m. Chemistry vs Raiders 8:30 p.m. Girl Guides vs Slam Dunks 9:30 p.m. Pharmacy vs Killers 10:30 p.m. Law vs Runkles

Men's Res. A Basketball

7:30 p.m. Raiders vs Bronson/Smith

Men's Res. B Basketball

7:30 p.m. Killer Cod vs Raiders

THURSDAY FEB. 13

Co-ed A Broomball

11:00 p.m. Law De Da vs Med Pacers 12:00 a.m. Physio vs Law

Men's A Volleyball Playoffs

Games TBA

Men's B Volleyball Playoffs

Games TBA

Co-ed B Basketball

7:30 p.m. Law vs Killer Cod 8:30 p.m. Tupper Rats vs Law 9:30 p.m. Pharmacy vs Geology 10:30 p.m. MBA vs Medicine

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