

A famous sport hero



Overtime
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TO THIS DAY JOE LOUIS is one of the most famous sports heroes there ever has been. The amount written about him before, during, and after his lengthy stint at the top of world heavy-weight boxing is simply staggering.

Chris Mead is the author of a new biography of Louis called *Champion - Joe Louis - Black Hero in White America* (Scribners, \$28.50, distributed in Canada by Collier MacMillan). The book covers Louis' entire life in such depth and interest that the reader often feels that he or she could, if possible, sit down with Louis and discuss old times.

As the sub-title, *Black Hero in White America*, suggests, the book explores in detail the racism Louis encountered in the all-white arena of big-time professional sports.

The journalists at the time often picked up on Louis' skin colour, calling him such things as "the brown bomber", "the dark dynamiter" or the "coffee-coloured-kayo-king." On almost every page of the book, Mead points out some of the types of

racism Louis encountered.

"The stereotypical treatment of Louis in the press indicated that Louis had not yet won full respect as a human being from white sportswriters, and by extension, the white public. By constantly identifying him as a Negro, by writing about him as a savage animal or a sleepy-eyed southern darkie, white writers defined Joe Louis as different from themselves. But whites did accept Louis as a celebrity and accepted his victories over white boxers. That was a new and important ground, given the lack of other black celebrities and the memories of Jack Johnson."

The reader begins to realize the number of hours Mead put into this book when they start reading his descriptions of the major fights in Louis's career.

Mead's blow-by-blow descriptions of the title fights are truly unparalleled. If the reader were to read it aloud to someone, that person would have a ring-side seat for some of the greatest fights in the history of the sweet science.

On a scale of one to ten, *Champion* rates a nine.

Tigers off to CIAUs

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS men's and women's volleyball teams will be at the University of Moncton this weekend to compete in the CIAU championships.

The women Tigers, who qualified for the CIAU championships by virtue of their AUAA championship title, which they won two weeks ago, are ranked seventh in the single elimination tournament. The Tigers' first match will be against the University of Sherbrooke at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 13. Sherbrooke is seeded number two in the tournament.

Other first round matches in the women's event include number six ranked Victoria playing number three ranked Manitoba, fifth ranked Laval meeting fourth ranked Ottawa, and top-ranked Winnipeg playing the host team, eighth-ranked Moncton. All the first round matches in both the men's and women's championships will be held on Thursday with the semifinals and finals slated for Friday and Saturday respectively.

In the men's tournament, the eighth-ranked Tigers will play top-ranked British Columbia on Thursday. The Tigers advanced to the championships as a wild card selection after Dalhousie's upset loss to Moncton in the AUAA finals. Other first round matches in the men's champion-

ship include number five Waterloo and number four Manitoba, number three Winnipeg and number six Laval and number seven ranked Moncton will play second ranked Saskatchewan.

The Dalhousie men's squad finished fourth at last year's CIAU championships while the Dalhousie women placed eighth.

Fitness finale on Saturday

The second annual Fitness Finale will be held on Saturday from 6:00 p.m. until midnight. This event celebrates the wrap-up of an exciting intramural season and will involve pool, competitive and novelty events.

Team and individual awards will be presented at the end of the evening. Limber up for the limbo competition, which is to be followed by a Krazy Shorts contest. This "midnight madness" will follow a light luncheon of food and drink.

The evening promises to be a great time so come on out and support your favorite faculty or residence!

Top four on floor

THE CIAU MEN'S BASKETBALL championships are set for the Halifax Metro Centre this weekend and the indications are that any one of the final four teams could take home the title of Canada's best university basketball team. The action will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 14, with the defending champion Victoria Vikings playing the Saskatchewan Huskies. This game will be followed by the Waterloo Warriors and the Western Mustangs game at 8:30 p.m.

The consolation match will go at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon with the championship game slated for 3 p.m. on Saturday.

The Dalhousie Tigers lost a close 67-64 decision to Saskatchewan in the mid-west regional and as a result Dalhousie lost its chance of having the hometown team in the Final Four.

Below is a brief description of the four teams that will be competing at the Metro Centre this weekend.

The University of Saskatchewan Huskies

A Canada West finalist, the Huskies got hot near the end of their season to finish fourth in the league, having struggled during the first half of the year. The team is making its journey to Dal-

housie courtesy of its three-point defeat of the hometown Dalhousie Tigers in the first round of the regional tournament and its subsequent 13-point victory over number one ranked Manitoba.

Leading the Huskies' drive to the Final Four is All-Canadian Byron Tokarchuk, a six-foot-nine centre, who averaged 17.5 points per game this year, along with 8.9 rebounds, and who managed a 70.9 free throw percentage. Also starring for the Huskies is Kirk Jones, who averaged 12.1 points per game and four rebounds per outing.

A highlight of the Huskies' surprising season had to be their 76-74 defeat of the CIAU champion Victoria Vikings in the Vikes' gym at the Canada West semi-final. Their subsequent 10-point loss to Lethbridge did nothing to dampen their spirits heading into the regionals.

Ranked 12th at the end of the season and 22-13 overall, the Huskies hope the roller coaster will stop right at the top for them at Metro Centre.

The University of Waterloo Warriors

After being ranked number one in Canada in November and December, the Warriors' performance fell upon hard times in

January as December exams and injuries tore the core out of the club.

Mike Moser Memorial Trophy winner Peter Savich had a spur removed from his heel, while seven-foot Randy Norris was kept out of action as a result of a cartilage injury to his left knee. Despite the odds, however, the Warriors rallied to finish second in their conference. The Warriors were 8-4 in league play and 23-12 overall.

Leading the squad was the six-foot-four, 200lb. Savich, who is the all-time Warrior scoring leader, with over 3100 points in his five-year career. Two other outstanding Warriors are six-foot-six Paul Boyce whose 18 PPGA and 10 rebounds per game helped spark the men from Waterloo to the Final Four, and six-foot-three Rob Froese, who led the CIAU in both field goals and free throw percentage in 1985.

The Warriors, who are coached by last year's CIAU Coach of the Year Don McCrae, have been in the Final Four for the last three years and in 1975 won the National Championship. In total, Waterloo has been in the Nationals eight times in the past 11 years and have finished third or better six times.

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Tiger captain Neal Megannety attempts to thread the Moncton Blue Eagles' defense in Sunday's championship game. The Tigers lost the game but were picked as a wild card for the regionals in Toronto. Photo by Sean Forbes, Dal Photo.

Blue Eagles down Tigers at forum

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WHAT THE DALHOUSIE Tigers did to the UPEI Panthers two weekends ago at the Dal rink, the University de Moncton Blue Eagles did to the home-town Tigers this past weekend at the Halifax Forum.

Going in to the weekend's

Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference finals in Halifax, Dalhousie was up one game to none in the best-of-three series by virtue of their 8-4 win over the Blue Eagles in Moncton on Wednesday. At the Forum, however, it was a different story as the visitors won two back-to-back games with scores of 9-7 and 9-4.

Dalhousie, however, is not finished their season, as they have been picked as a wildcard in this coming weekend's regional in Toronto. The Dal squad will be playing the York Yeomen. The Moncton Blue Eagles advance to play the Laurier Golden Hawks.

So far the team got a lot further

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