



## On The Sidelines

BY DON HARRIS

Well! It's happened at long last! How or why doesn't really matter; the main thing is that Dal has decided to try and develop some athletes and mould a team from them, rather than the usual system of trying to reform the bad habits of readymade ones, with the accompanying evils, as evidenced in the records of Dal teams in the past few years. What is even better, the powers that be are working on a long range plan, willing to wait one or two years before expecting results, instead of demanding the impossible in one year.

The occasion for this outburst of enthusiasm is the withdrawal of the Dal Tigers from the City Senior Basketball League and the plan to organize a junior squad in its place, with the original seniors playing in the Intermediate Loop, and Dal's strongest team playing in Intercollegiate competition. Although the decision was governed by circumstances rather than by intent, the move is still the wisest plan introduced by a D.A.A.C. executive in many a moon, in our humble opinion.

### DEVELOP NEW MATERIAL

Without much argument, most people will agree that the weakest link in the Dal Athletic Chain is the lack of means for training and developing new material. For a long time now, we have bemoaned the fact, but no definite action has been taken to improve the situation, until a series of incidents connected with basketball practices and exhibition games, determined the stand which the D.A.A.C. has now adopted as a policy. That is, to enter teams in junior competition, in order to provide a means of teaching the fundamentals and smoothing out the rough spots in new material at Dal.

Until now, no attention has been given to such a move, as it was thought to be below the dignity of a university to train athletes in junior competition, at least this was the attitude at Dal. Granted that college students should have a grasp of the fundamentals before entering university, with the poor coaching facilities available throughout the Maritimes, most freshmen are lacking in this necessary schooling, and some steps should be taken to relieve this situation, steps such as those proposed by the D.A.A.C. and basketball coach, Ken Chisholm.

### NOT SENIOR CALIBRE

Why did Dal withdraw from senior competition? Mainly, because neither Dal, nor the other entries in this year's edition of the City Senior League, are of senior calibre, compared to the standards of ball played in other parts of Canada. This was clearly shown in the playoffs last year, when Navy were trimmed handily by Windsor Assumption College after winning the Maritime title. There is no purpose in entering senior play just for the sake of having a senior team, if the quality of play is just not there.

Another point to consider, is that the Halifax Intermediate League promises to give as good, if not better, competition than the seniors, as several teams have strong nuclei of former senior players on their rosters. We would not be at all surprised to find that the intermediate loop is the stronger of the two, incongruous as it may seem.

One more point in the favor of this new policy in Dal basketball is the decision to concentrate on Intercollegiate laurels, which should be of the utmost importance to a university, not of secondary status, as has been the situation at Dal in the past. The Intercollegiate squad will be chosen from the best players on the Dal intermediate and junior squads, with some strength possibly coming from the Interfaculty League.

### SPEAKING OF BASKETBALL

Speaking about the Dal withdrawal from senior competition, brings to mind an item which appeared in the Herald, to the effect that LAW was considering entering a team, taking up Dal's senior franchise. Fortunately, such an idea never went beyond the speculation stage, but it does make one stop and think.

It is not so very long ago that some members of the Law faculty bemoaned the lack of spirit at Dal and promised to better the situation. Yet there are some people in that faculty who care so little for Dal unity that they were quite willing to play senior basketball, and would find time for it (time which they claimed previously did not exist) as a Law team, but who refused to turn out for the Dal teams, even though the Coach was willing to excuse them from regular practices in an effort to bolster his squads with experienced players.

Even though good judgment was exercised in squelching the scheme, it is a pretty poor showing upon the part of any Dal students to let their own teams down in preference to any other teams, even though they are only Interfaculty squads. It is even more disheartening to have such a proposal emanate from one of the professional schools, where the students are considered as one of the mainstays of the student body, or at least they would like to have us believe. This is poor proof of such a claim.

### HOCKEY PRACTICE

Dal, for the second time this year, has tied up with a big name coach, in an effort to improve their Intercollegiate chances, with the hiring of "Doggie" Kuhn, ex-professional in hockey. The students must realize, however, that one man can do nothing without co-operation. Kuhn can only give coaching to those who turn out REGULARLY for practices, and a talented player is of no use to the team, if he does not get a chance to practice with his teammates.

# Dal Defeats Stad In Badminton Matches

## Dal Basketball Lineup For Saturday

Dal's first team in City League Basketball this year, the Intermediate Squad, will play its first game in league play tomorrow night, November 30th, at 8:30 p.m. in the Dal Gym when they meet last year's champions, Dartmouth Boys' Club, in a scheduled game of the City Loop.

The "Gold and Black" representatives for this contest have been named Coach Ken Chisholm and they will form an eleven man squad, from which he will choose his starting lineup, although the starting lineup will not be given until just prior to game time. The players are:

Guards—Algie, Dunlop, Giffen Pritchard.

Centres—Levine, Eddie Rogers. Forwards—Farquhar, Kelly, Morrison, Rosenfeld, Sarantos.

The Dal team will stack up against stiff opposition, as Dartmouth has most of last year's championship team back, including Fred Pitman, a high-scoring frontliner, and they have added to their lineup some new players, including Mike Zatsman, a former Dal Senior.

## Odds 'n Ends

It seems that Physical Instructor John MacCormack has introduced or re-introduced the gentle sport of floor hockey, as part of his physical training program for freshmen. The game has met with considerable success and many students would probably like a chance to try the game. Perhaps an interfaculty league or a challenge league could be organized, if sufficient time can be allotted in the Gym. This game gives the average person an opportunity to take part in an organized sport.

Last year, volley ball was a popular vogue in the Gym, especially on Monday afternoons. Here again, is a sport for the average person, if time can be found for it. So far, this year, no one seems to have thought of reviving this game. It is worth consideration.

**MISHAPS IN SPORT**—There is the last year's Acadia-Dal game, when three men hit Paul Howard at the same time, knocking him out for a few seconds. He continued in the game until the half, two minutes later, when it was discovered that he had suffered a temporary case of amnesia, and would have tackled anyone who came near him, not knowing where or what was happening at the time.

—Remember Dal's 12-second man, Mike Waterfield, which included the count of 10 (to the uninitiated—boxing—light-heavy). Mike won a moral victory, how-

Dal's racquet wielders proved too strong for the Navy representatives from Stadacona, as they defeated them decisively, winning 16 of a total of 33 matches, in a friendly meet at Dal Gym last Monday evening. The members of the Dal team were picked from among those turning out for Student Badminton on Monday evenings.

The results were as follows:

### Ladies' Doubles

McKinnon and Sideris (D) def. Charbrier and Collins (S)—15-6.

Bowers and Jubien (D) def. Collins and Corriveau (S)—15-9.

Farmer and Rogers (D) def. Smith and Corriveau (S)—15-2.

Fellows and Russel (S) def. Fry and Griffith (D)—1-2.

McKinnon and Rundle (D) def. Chalmer and Callen—(S)—15-6.

Fellows and Russel (S) def. Stued and Spencer (D)—1-2.

### Men's Doubles

Hamilton and Bell (D) def. MacDougall (S)—15-8.

Blois and Churchill-Smith (D) def. Speight and Coe (S)—15-5.

Brockley and Morris (S) def. McCormack and Otto (D)—15-11.

Hamilton and Cleveland (D) def. Chapman and McNeil (S)—15-0.

### Mixed Doubles

Shields and Pope (D) def. Chaloner and McDougall (S)—15-9.

Spencer and Hamilton (D) def. Speight and Smith (S)—5-2.

Sideris and Bell (D) def. Davidson and Corriveau (S)—15-10.

Rundle and Cleveland (D) def. Russel and Coe (S)—18-16.

Russel and McNeil (S) def. McKinnon and Creighton (D)—15-11.

Fry and Bauld (D) def. Brockley and Collins (S)—15-3.

Tompkins and Beerbrier (D) def. Crotherau (S)—15-2.

Shields and Pope (D) def. Davidson and Fellows (S)—15-4.

Collins and Scarfo (S) def. Spencer and Morrison (D)—15-5.

Russel and McDougall (S) def. Rundle and Wilson (D)—15-5.

Griffith and Bauld (D) def. Chapman and Fellows (S)—15-11.

Fry and Himmelman (D) def. Collins and Brockley (S)—15-7.

McKinnon and Beerbrier (D) def. Russel and Coe (S)—15-1.

## D.G.A.C.

Word has passed around that this is Mrs. Watt's last week at Dal as co-ed Physical Instructor, and we regret to report that it is true. Duty calls her, and she finds that she will be unable to return to Dal after Christmas. We hate to think just where we would be at this point if it had not been for Mrs. Watt. She came in at a time when we seemed to be in an almost hopeless position and since then, by her coaching, has helped to produce a champion ground hockey team, and has given the basket-ball players a firm and thorough grounding.

She has ably conducted weekly Gym classes, and has shown a keen interest in all D. G. A. C. affairs. We will certainly miss her and wish her the best in the future.

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## Dal's Hockey Practices To Open on Tues.

Following its policy of getting well-known and well-qualified coaches, the D.A.A.C. has hired "Doggie" Kuhn as hockey coach for this year, in an effort to build up Dal's hockey fortunes, which have been at a low ebb during the past few years. Kuhn has had considerable playing experience, having worn the livery of New York Americans, of the National Hockey League, and of Providence Reds of the Semi-pro Hockey League, as well as putting in several years with Truro Bearcats.

The next step has been to secure reasonable time for scheduled games at the Arena and the Forum, with the result that Friday night will be college night at the Arena, with six nights reserved. It is hoped also, to secure two Saturdays at the Forum, with Jan. 18th one date and Feb. 22nd or 29th the other. Under this arrangement, Acadia and St. F.X. would only have to make two trips each to Halifax, to play the three city teams, Dal, Tech and St. Mary's, playing on consecutive nights on one trip each, and playing a single game on the other trip, which system would suit them as it would lessen their travelling expenses.

The five teams will play a home and home series, with twelve games scheduled for Halifax fans, starting on Friday, Jan. 17th, at the Arena.

### Skating Sessions

So far, much of the planning is still in the tentative stage, but it is hoped that each Halifax team will have the Arena for itself on two nights, which will enable the individual colleges to run skating sessions on those nights, following the game.

The Dal team is scheduled to practice at the Arena next Tuesday, if ice is in at the Arena at that time. The Dal mentors plan one or two practices before Christmas, in order to get an idea of the talent available at Dal this year. Practice hours will be 12:30-2:30 on Mondays and Tuesdays, and 1:30-2:30 on Thursdays.

ever, as he broke his opponent's fist in three blows, on Mike's jaw.

—and the time Billy Lund, Dal's 250-pound locke, received a pass in the last game of the season, the first time he had had the ball all season, five years from the goal line, and in the clear. Billy was so startled at getting the ball, that he threw it back over his head, forgetting about the game.

# Dal vs Dartmouth - SAT. - 8:30 - Dal Gym