

Women's ice hockey - the growing thing

by Greg Zed

After Dalhousie's Varsity Programs battle the rest of the universities circuit there is one sport that is beginning to grow, namely Women's Ice Hockey.

In its second year of operation under chief mentor Robert Towner it is apparent that the club has come a long way. Assisting Towner with his chores is the more than able side kick Mike O'Connor whereas coaching the goal-tenders is Malcolm Jeffcock.

What is Womens' Ice Hockey? Certainly it may sound like some liberation movement but that is not really true. The club consists of several women attending Dal that like hockey as a sport and more than that they like working together in a team sport.

After a two week training camp, the coach staffing staff has shaped the forty hopefuls into a roster of twenty-one. Veteran Mary Jane Vaughan pairs with rookie Sue Hutchinson while blue liner Nancy Orr is coupled with Melda Rafuse. The third pair includes converts forward Claudia Powell and newcomer Denise MacDonald. Supporting four well balanced lines the

squad has Elizabeth "Liz" Ness centering Dawn Coleman and Beth Skinner while the M.V.P. 1975 recipient Merle Richardson centres Janet McKenna and Sheila Thompson. Mickey Martinello faces off with Allison Quinn and Joan Proctor at her sides while Ann Bunt has Lee Andrews and Joanne Reid to aid her.

Returning star Valerie Dyer acts as the team's spotter. This versatile player is able to play wherever and whenever her attention is required. Between the pipes veteran Gwen Cromwell has Brenda Silver to help her out. Perhaps it may sound funny at this time but Sylvia McQuire (Miss Canada 1976) had landed a spot on the hockey club but her responsibilities will keep her away from the rink, something she will undoubtedly miss. Like Sylvia, each and every girl treasures the chance to play hockey whenever time allows. Presently games are played on Mondays at 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 5:00p.m. Practices are held at the mentioned times when there are no games scheduled.

In speaking with head coach and developer, Robert Towner, he suggests that many schools and universities are buying ice hockey as part of their program. To date the Dalhousie Athletic Program has not seen fit to recognize it because the



Women's ice hockey in action! Kerry DeLorey / Photo

sport is not recognized by the Atlantic Intercollegiate Assoc., that is to say the sport is not on the Athletic Program at any other university as a Women's sport and hence it is only in its early stages. It is included under Extra-Curricular Activities. Presently Towner is working on making girls' hockey into an Atlantic Women's Hockey League (AWHL) however finances pose a problem. When asked about money Towner replied "We get some money from the university but other monies come from the girls. If you want to play you must pay. This includes road trips to other universities. I think our program could develop like Minor Hockey and the girls who participate could pay a user's fee".

Currently the girls had a 2-0-0 record on virtues of 5-2 victory and a 10-0 thrashing to St. Pats High School. Their next game is Nov. 15 at 5:00 against J.L. Ilsey. If you are at all interested in hockey I'm sure the 100% participation that the girls put forth will be most enjoyable. At present they play in a league with local high schools: Halifax West, St. Pats, J.L. Ilsey, Sir John A. MacDonald, Clayton Park; Mount St. Vincent, Bank of N.S., Acadia, Mt. Allison, St. Mary's and U.N.B. The last six make up an exhibition home and home series. Below are the remaining games and their schedule.

All in all they provide most enthusiastic entertainment on a well balanced but high calibre of Womens' Ice Hockey.

Dalhousie Women's Ice Hockey Schedule 75-76

Sat: Nov. 1 / 75	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Hfx West 2	vs Dal 5	at Dal
Sat: Nov. 8 / 75	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	St. Pats	vs Dal	at Dal
Mon: Nov. 10 / 75	8:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Hfx. West	vs Dal	at Dal
Sat: Nov. 15 / 75	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	J.L. Isley	vs Dal	at Dal
Tue: Nov. 18 / 75	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Dal	vs S.M.U.	at S.M.U.
Sat: Nov. 22 / 75	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Clayton Park	vs Dal	at Dal
Mon: Nov. 24 / 75	8:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Sir John "A"	vs Dal	at Dal
Sat: Nov. 29 / 75	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Acadia	vs Dal	at Dal
Sat: Dec. 6 / 75	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Clayton Park	vs Dal	at Dal

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Coach Robert Towner

Intramurals at a glance

by Jean Duperrault.

Sunday November 9th, saw two Pharmacy teams fight for the Volleyball Consolation Championship. Pharmacy 1 easily won the title with 15-3 and 15-6 wins.

The Championship Finals, between Shirreff Hall #2, and Shirreff Hall #3, thrilled the small crowd who witnessed the play. Both teams fought well and displayed some fine Volleyball.

Shirreff Hall #3, captured the title of overall Women's Volleyball Champions after two hard fought games 16-14, 15-13.

The Intramural Office extends its appreciation to the eight teams that participated in the short but exciting season.

INTRAMURAL HOCKEY

Three action packed games were played in the Intramural Hockey League last Sunday. Pine Hill was on the short end of a 13-2 score against Pharmacy in the "C" League competitions while Law overcame Medicine by a 4 to 1 score in the "B" league.

The "B" League Engineers lost to Science by a 6-2 score.

One of the most devastating games of the season saw M.B.A. defeating PHI Kappa Pi by a 10-5 score. Hand in there P.K.P. the season has "Only Just Begun".

Every Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. the whistle blows to start off an exciting hour and a half of Women's Broomball. Under the able direction of Jean Duperrault many young ladies are receiving sound instruction in the sport and also playing some exciting broomball games. Come on gals, get on the broom and come join in the fun of Intramurals.

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Sunday November 9th in the Intramural Co-Ed Consolation final Oceanography went down to defeat at the hands of Physical Education.

The defeat of the year struck Pharmacy when Law came back from a 15-4 loss to win the Championship with final scores of 15-10 and 15-4.

Special thanks to all participants from the Intramural Office. Badminton is underway so lets keep the participation moving. Drop in and pick up your entry forms at the Intramural Office.

by B. Connolly

The 1975 Championship game was played on Studley Field Thursday November 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Medicine the B League Champions, upset the heavily favored A League Science champions by a score of 3-1.

It was medicines' constant determination and hustle that saw them overcome a 1-0 deficit during the second half by scoring three unanswered goals.

Congratulations to both teams for a very challenging soccer season and for exercising patience with re-scheduling problems due to poor field conditions.



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