

Dalhousie Curling In Full Swing

Tiger Prowl

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Dalhousie sports for 1952 are just about ending and the Tiger athletes, as well as their followers, are beginning to dig in for Pre-Christmas Exams. There are no more scheduled sporting events for this term. However, practices will continue this week. After the New Year the Tigers will launch their attacks in basketball, swimming, hockey and curling.

Basketball Receives Boost

Basketball in these parts received a big boost last week when the World-Famous Harlem Globetrotters played three exhibition games in Halifax. The Trotters took on the Dal Tigers for two games last Thursday at the Dal Gym. Naturally, the Harlem team took both contests. On Friday, they took the measure of H.M.C.S. Stadacona in the Navy Gym. The Trotters put on the classiest demonstration of basketball ever seen in Halifax and doubtlessly basketball enthusiasts learned many new tricks. Basketball is making a great comeback in Halifax and last weeks games created many new and ardent fans. The Tigers, playing their first game of the season, were off balance and had little to show. This was because of lack of practice. Dal has some good potential stars and in Coach Keith King has a man who knows the game inside and out. The team will continue their practices this week and some new faces will make their debut at these sessions. The big loss for Dal was Mike MacDonald who suffered a leg injury in the Dal-Shearwater football game. Mike was the centreman for Dal last year and his loss will be greatly missed by the basketball Tigers. However, it is hoped that Mike will be able to get back on the floor before the team ends its schedule next term.

Curlers Open New Season

Last week, there was a yell and groan from all Dal curlers as the champions of the broom received their first touch of "Curling Conditioning". Stiff arms and aching backs were the order of the day, but after a while, the curlers managed to iron their troubles away. This year Dal has an ardent Curling group and already there is talk of their fantastic shots. The curling will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will swing into high gear early next term. Up to then, the curlers will play scratch games and practice their delivery and form. For further information on curling see the next column.

Hockey Team Continues to Practice

The Varsity hockey squad has no more scheduled games until after exams. Coach Gillis has had his charges out last week and will also have workouts this week. The Junior Varsity team is also practicing hard and will probably show their form early in the new term. The Tigers dropped their last game to Halifax Shipyard 6-5. In this game the Tigers played their best hockey to date and showed much signs of improvement. They skated hard and checked their opponents effectively. More important, however, the team did not give up once behind. Instead they roared back and came within inches of deadlocking the score in the dying minutes. Sullivan in the Dal nets has come up with some fine stops lately and if he continues to improve, Dal should come up with the finest goalies in the league. The attendance at the game was extremely poor. Dal students should realize that they go to college to study. They should however, learn to support their team. Don't you think you can do your work before the games?

It is a known fact that a team plays better if it plays under the eyes of its own followers. It may be too late to follow the Tigers this year, but let us get out and drive all Dal's teams to victory in '53. That is providing you do your work! One thing that will be certain if you give your support, the Tigers will give their best and probably fare all right in the win and lost column.

Badminton Tournament Held

Badminton is again in the news and the followers of the racquet are once again in the spotlight. This sport has many followers at Dal and has provided Dal with capable teams. Last night a Tournament was held at Dal, but the results were not compiled when this issue went to press.

Curling for the Dal men got off to a successful start at the Halifax Curling Club on Tuesday, Nov. 25. There was a good turnout, and everyone who showed up got in on the scratch games. Several of the boys displayed some fine curling and we feel that this season, Dalhousie should again produce a very good intercollegiate curling team.

There was a short meeting on the first day of play and it was decided to elect officers and skips and pick the teams in the near future. After the skips are elected they will draw numbers for choice of mates. The skip with the first choice for mate will have last choice for second and so on.

It is felt this method is the fairest way of establishing rinks. The schedule will be drawn up in the near future and scheduled matches will commence right after Christmas. Scratch games will continue until then.

Curling will be at the Halifax Curling Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12 noon. There are a large number of interested curlers among the Dal men this year so it is necessary at present for each one to decide to curl either Tuesday or Thursday. But it may be possible for some to curl both days. The first ones to pay their \$1.50 to Dave Anderson or Bill McCurdy will have first choice as to Tuesday or Thursday curling and when everyone is settled some will curl both days.

It is hoped to give each curler at least one trip away this year and as many as transportation can be provided for will curl in the intercollegiate playdowns at Mt. A.

So don't forget curlers, pay your dues to Bill McCurdy or Dave Anderson by Thursday, Dec. 4.

NOTICE

The swimming enthusiasts at Dal are practising for coming meets. Practices are held at the Stadacona pool and transportation to Stad is provided. Those interested in winning honors for Dal in swimming should get out to these practices on Tuesday and Thursday. For the last few years Dal has had a swimming team that has compared favorably with others in the Province and this year should be no exception.

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DAL, UNB and MIAU

Once again, Dalhousie students are asking the question "Why Can't Dal enter the M.I.A.U.?" Dalhousie dropped out of the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Union two years ago. It was felt that since Dalhousie drew its athletes from the professional faculties of Law, Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy as well as from its undergraduate class, the Dal teams would not be on an equal basis as the other Maritime Universities, many of whom have no Professional Schools. This decision seems fair in that better and probably more equitable competition would result. The other day, it was learned that a request to play a home and home series in both hockey and basketball with the University of New Brunswick had been refused by U.N.B. Their grounds for turning down the challenge was "Dalhousie is not a member of the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Union." The U.N.B. article concluded with the

statement "At such time as Dal wishes to return to the M.I.A.U., further challenges will be considered." Dal's challenge was only offered in a friendly gesture and no competition for any championship was at stake. It seems to Dalhousie's point of view that the University of New Brunswick thought they should have nothing to do, not even remain on friendly terms with those universities outside the M.I.A.U. Dalhousie has remained outside the M.I.A.U. because they thought that better and more equitable competition could be maintained if Dal remained outside the M.I.A.U. This, however, does not mean that other Maritime universities should have no sporting contests with Dalhousie. If all the Maritime universities are as narrow-minded as that of New Brunswick, then Dal should enter the M.I.A.U. and make that organization more unwieldy, or call quits to sports at Dalhousie!

Dal Beat 61-30 by St. F. X.

Last Friday, St. Francis Xavier University cagers downed Dalhousie Tigers 61-30 in an exhibition basketball match. The game was played before the Globetrotters-Stadacona game. The St. F. X. squad dressed only six men. MacFarland was high scorer of the evening as he sank in 16 points. His team mate, Shey, was second high with 13 points. Dal was disorganized and off balance throughout the contest. Keith Nelson and Ken Gladwin were high men for Dal with 8 and 7 points respectively.

SPORT BRIEFS

A Badminton tournament will be held with Shearwater on Monday in the Dal gym at 8 p.m. The team was decided from the recent tournament which was held among the girls. Anne Stacey won the tournament with Ginny Ritcey and Molly Rogers as runners up.

NOTICE: There will be no D.G.A.C. meetings until after Christmas.

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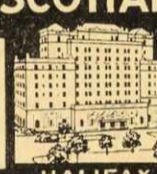
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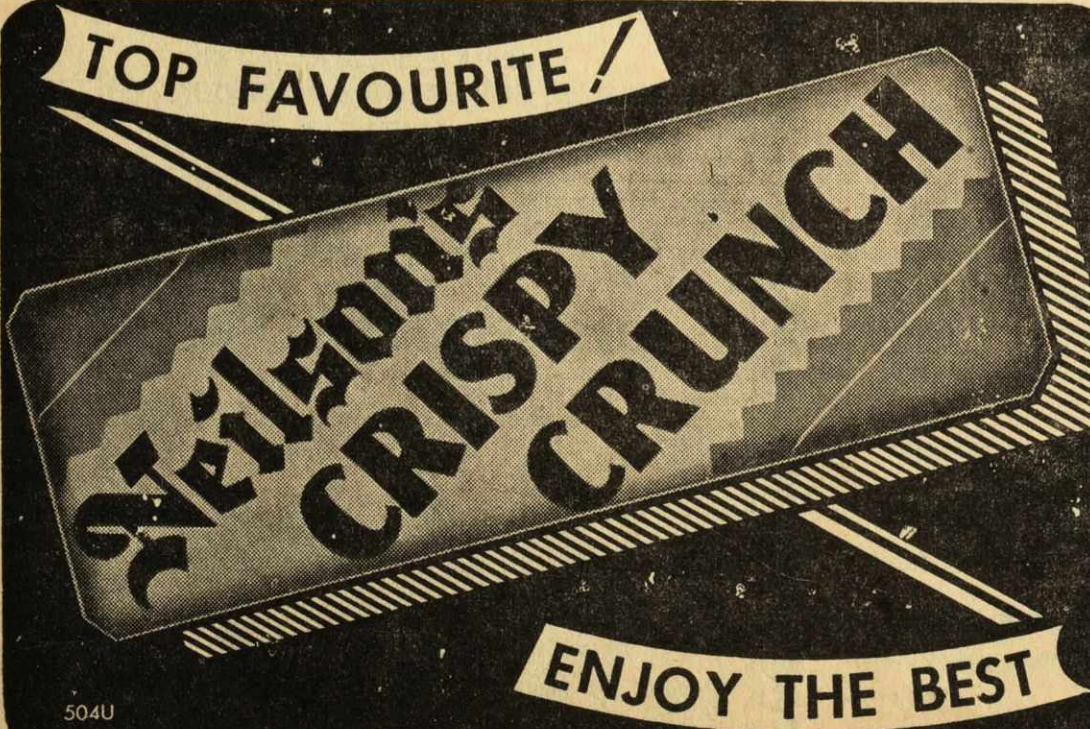
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