

Women's hockey impressive

by Greg Zed

On Saturday, January 8th, the Dalhousie Women's Hockey Club entertained Colby College in what was certainly the most exciting game of hockey between two Women clubs. Supporting a 7-1 record, the Dal squad was out-classed in the opening frame to the tune of 4-1, and, although the host team fought back in the two remaining periods, the visitors hung on to take the game by 5-3 margin.

The evening before the game, the Women's Hockey Club held a reception for the visiting American club. The evening was marked by the exchange of gifts which saw the host team present their counterparts with a souvenir package containing pamphlets on Dalhousie, -calendars, pens, decals, as well as the latest copy of the **Gazette**. Stephen Roy, coach of Colby College in a post game interview was quick to mention the warm welcome that Dalhousie gave: "Dalhousie has given us the toughest contest in hockey but more than that they have shown a sense of true hospitality, second to none...I am surprised that they can organize a weekend of this sort on the limited budget with which they operate. The hospitality shown towards us was outstanding...a fine plug for Women's hockey...we hope that some day Dalhousie will be able to visit us."

Lee Johnson was the standout for Colby. Fine skating ability coupled with her shooting skills certainly was the determining factor in the game's out-come. "When we were in trouble in the latter stages of the game, we went with Johnson - she's a fine skater and shooter...she controls the game," commented Coach Roy.

Eileen Vaughan, who toiled in goal with St. Pat's last season is in her first season with the Dal club. Without a doubt she stood the test in the host goal coming up with a number of key saves. In fact, the score could have been far greater in



the opening stanza when the Colby squad poured on the pressure... Vaughn was equal to the task. Certainly her presence on this year's squad should help the women's defensive game.

Colby College got their first mark when Lee Johnson drilled a twenty foot slap shot past a screened Eileen Vaughan. Three minutes later at 13:08 Amy Butcher added to the Colby total when she re-directed a pass from Kathy Reichert. At the 14:29 mark of the first stanza, Carol Doherty fired the third goal for the visitors but twenty seconds later the Dal pucksters got on the score board when Lynn Bookalan beat JoAnn Barry in the Colby goal. With less than three minutes to play in the opening period Lee Johnson fired her second goal to bring the visitors total to four. The Dal club scored an unanswered goal in the middle frame to narrow the Colby lead to 4-2 when Joan Proctor dented the twines from Allison Quinn. In the final frame the Dal squad applied pressure to the tiring Colby team but the clubs ended up exchanging goals, with Meg Armstrong for Dal and Bev Vayhinger for the American team.

The match provided the two hundred fans with lots of excitement and above all the close checking brand of hockey was the best thing for Women's Ice Hockey; contrary to public opinion the desire and the spirit of the game of hockey is also found in the Women's game...it was inspiring and it is certainly evident that the Women's Ice Hockey team have certainly got it together. In fact it is safe to say that they have not only promoted hockey for women but they promoted Dalhousie in the truest sense of the word.

As Stephen Roy puts it: "Dalhousie should be proud of the enthusiastic job well done". In essence, the Dal defeat was actually a victory for Women's Ice Hockey... paving the way for Dalhousie's Second Annual Women's Ice Hockey Tournament in March of this year.

Barrington stars in Can-Am

by Rich Deacon

Series #1 of the CAN-AM university ski series at Georgian Peaks Ski Area, Thornbury, Ont., once again left the top college ski teams in eastern North America in awe of Dalhousie University. Repeatedly, the Dal team treated onlookers to a tremendous showing of expertise both off and on the slopes during the five day meet last week.

Rookie Reto Barrington, secured a permanent position on the team by sweeping all three events in the 62 man field. However, Barrington really convinced team-members of his worth by winning each event (slalom, giant slalom and downhill) by more than two seconds and walking off with an additional medal for best male skier of the meet. This is only the second time in CAN-AM history that this has been done.

Top slalom skier Greg "Boston" Larsen, had bad luck in his best event. Looking very fast in the toughest section of the course Larsen then caught a tip and from the resulting fall suffered a mild concussion. The team's other slalom specialist, Larry "Shoady" Kerr also had bad luck when he missed a gate and had to climb back for it.

Giant-Slalom veteran Greg Henry, had a slow first run but a faster second run to turn in a respectable showing in his best event. Marcel Hacquebard had a creditable 1st run but, unfortunately, blew out of his bindings in the 2nd.

Downhiller Richard Deacon, after a good 1st run, got a little too much air-time off a pre-jump in the 2nd but nevertheless managed a 14th in that event. "Disco Pete" Merchant had an unfortunate 2nd run fall when he ran the downhill but recovered "Klammer" style to finish in a good time.

In the women's division Jo-ann Blackslad narrowly missed repeating her over-all third place finish at Owl's Head last year. She placed in the top 5 in each event in a field of over 30 competitors. Gillian "jam" Morrow wasn't far behind her team-mate despite the fact she was in Florida during the training camp.

The big event of the week was again dominated by Dalhousie. The "boat races" have been all Dal since their inception many winters ago and series #1 1977 was no exception. The Dal squad made a big-time american college look like penguins in bondage.

The team would again like to thank Kel Antoft for his constant support and help. Undoubtedly without Kel the team would not exist. However, even though we are lucky enough to have this sort of personal support, financial support just hasn't been happening. This season the team is hoping that the budget will cover transportation and race entrance fees, leaving team members to pay for only accommodation, meals and all equipment related costs.

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