

Bright Year Ahead For Dal Sports

by Joel Fournier

It looks again as though men's varsity athletics are headed for another banner year. A poll of the coaches shows that Dal should repeat as conference winners in as many as six of the men's events with the strong possibility of adding two others.

In the swimming and diving world, Dal's outstanding, C.I. A.U. Coach of the Year, for 1974, Nigel Kemp, is looking for continued improvement from his charges. Last year, besides winning the A.I.A.A. title, nine team members, a record in itself, qualified for the National Collegiate championships. No doubt this will be a hard act to follow, but coach Kemp is confident that it can be done.

The Men's Cross Country team will be without last year's Climo Award winner Bob Book, but coach Al Yarr is optimistic that with the nucleus of the team returning and with one or two key additions, the team will once again be on top following the championships.

In Track and Field, Dal has compiled a record that will undoubtedly stand for years to come. The Tigers have been conference champions in five of the past six years and the versatile coach Yarr is determined to make it six of seven. The addition of Cathy Campbell as assistant coach will add to the development of many fine athletes, as well as making the practices much more enjoyable for all concerned.

Men's Varsity Volleyball will be without the talented skills of Glen Dexter, but according to coach Jan Prsala the team should be just as strong as in previous campaigns. The amiable coach Prsala is seldom, if ever, wrong in these predictions, so look for great things from the spikers and setters.

The golf team, under the guidance of Pierre (Bobby Jones) Page have won the A.I.A.A. title for two consecutive years. This season the task will be a little more difficult with the departure of John Randles and George Rogers but the coach still expects to bring back the laurels. Gerry MacMillan and Dave MacLean two of the Provinces finest golfers will be heading the list of qualifiers.

The Men's Alpine Ski Team will once again be coached by former national team member Bill Honeywell. This fine group has been the class of the Maritimes for the past four years and have always finished in the top three at the Carleton Invitational Meet against the top colleges in Ontario and Quebec. There is no doubt that this year will be no exception.

Tony Richards, the men's Soccer coach feels that this year will see the return of the championship to Studley campus. The team has enjoyed its best training camp in three years and Tony (Mr. Everything) is excited about the prospects for the season. Best of luck to the boys with the quick feet.

Varsity Wrestling is expected to enter a new era at Dal with the hiring of coach Bob Thayer. Bob, who is also a coach with the football team has impeccable credentials for his task, having formerly been assistant coach of the National Wrestling team. With performers like Mike Soares, Larry Brinen and John Brady, the coach should get off to a good start in his first year.

Men's Gymnastics under the excellent tutelage of coach Jim Hoyle will be out to improve on an already enviable record. Coach Hoyle is hopeful that with the new additions to his team he will be a top contender for the A.U.A.A. crown.

Dalhousie's football team is bigger, stronger, faster and one year older for the 1974 season and there is no doubt in Head Coach Doug Hargreaves' mind that this is a much improved team over the past few editions. Whether the Tigers can improve on their record of last season will remain to be seen but the feeling amongst the coaching staff and the players indicates that they will.

Varsity Basketball will once

again be a contender for the league title. Coach Yarr expects that this year's team will be his best in some years. All last years players are returning but the word is that some will be hard pressed to hold their jobs from some very talented rookies. While this might be bad news for some returnees, it's good news for the fans. This could be the year that brings the crown to Dal lets hope so.

Last, but by no means least, we look at Varsity Hockey. Coach Piere (Peter Puck) Page is anxious for the ice to be put in the reconditioned rink so he can get a good look at some highly rated newcomers. Gone from last year's team are the "Big E", Eric Cameron, Lynn Carrier, Wayne Finch, Geroge Rogers and John Kalotinis. These speedsters will be definitely missed and will be hard to replace but Rick Roemer, Randy Sears, Bob Richardson and Vince Desjardins who recently had tryouts with the National Student Hockey Team should form a solid core for coach Page to build an exciting and hopefully winning team.

All in all then, it looks like a super year for all Dal Teams and athletes. Of course, this means good viewing and lots of excitement for you, the fan. Don't miss out on it, get out and support your Tigers as much as possible. Remember, all Dal varsity games are free to students holding a valid Dal ID card. "1974 - YEAR OF THE TIGER".

Tigers Bow In Opener

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The Dal football squad found themselves on the short end of a 34-18 score following their official league opener in Charlottetown over the weekend.

The Tigers looked like they had finally found the secret early in the game, keeping the Panthers penned up in their own end until midway through the second quarter, but a failure to generate any sustained offence resulted in only one point being scored. Somewhere near the ten minute mark of the second quarter, the "Big Green Machine" as the Panthers are affectionately called by their fans, began to find holes in the Tabbies defence and it wasn't long before they racked up two unanswered touchdowns.

The second half was exciting from a scoring point of view, U.P.E.I. added nineteen more for a grand total of 34 while Dal managed seventeen to finish with eighteen. The

game was marred by some chippy penalties on both sides. Four plays were run after time had expired because of penalties to the Tigers, which enabled the Islanders to add their final three points by way of a field goal.

The coaching staff was less than pleased with the performance of some of their charges, but felt that several of the players did play a hundred percent.

The team will have its work cut out for them this week when they meet the high flying Acadia Axemen here at Studley Field. There is no doubt that all concerned will be out to pull off a big upset but according to coach Hargreaves all the players will have to give the full hundred percent if they hope to win this one.

The Tigers could certainly use all the support they can get. Get behind the team and cheer them on to a big win this Saturday afternoon. Game time 1:30 sharp.



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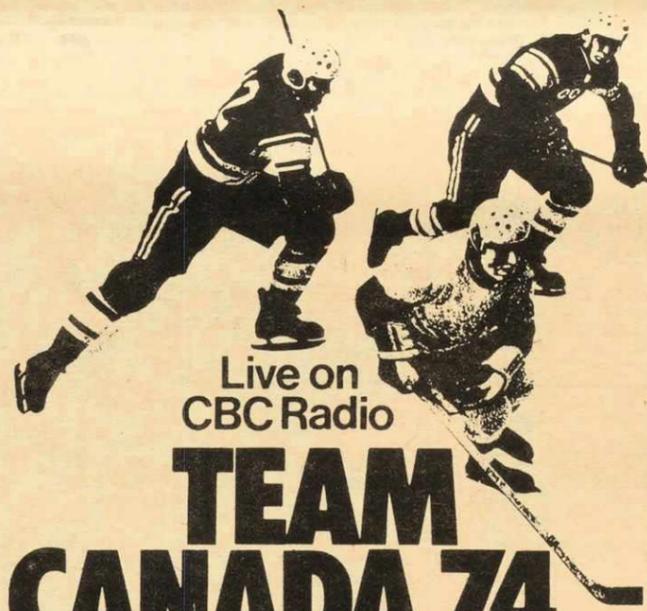
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