

Dal's win ties for first place

by George Mullally

Last weekend, the Dalhousie Men's All-Star Waterpolo Team opened their new season by participating in the Joseph Howe Waterpolo Tournament. The tournament was double round robin with the Dal team competing with Laval University and the Halifax Metro Seniors. Dalhousie finished the tournament surprisingly well, tying the older and more seasoned Metro players and the powerful Laval team from Quebec City for first place.

The Dal All-Stars is a team composed of the eleven best waterpolo players of the Dal Waterpolo Club. This year Dalhousie has a relatively young team with Ralph Simpson, Tim Prince, George Mullally, Mark Cann, Brian Lane, Peter Dodge, and Colllin Bryson all coming out of Junior competition. The team, however, is strengthened with the addition of some older and more experienced players such as Gordie MacDonald, Jim Landrigan, and Evan Kipnis all from Newfoundland, along with Halifax's Peter March.

Dalhousie's first game was played on Saturday morning and was televised over the maritimes on CBC's premiere showing of "Sport Set." It was the first time the new Dal team has been together as a unit and unfortunately it was not one of their best games. They were upset by the powerhouse Laval team, 8-2. Gordie MacDonald fired in both goals for Dal with Guy Tiviere and John Turpin both pumping in a hat trick towards Laval's victory.

In their next game, against Metro, Dalhousie showed that all

they were in need of was a little warm-up game, to smooth out the team play. Dal overcame the Metro team with a score of 5-4. Dal's captain Mark Cann's three big goals led off the scoring with singles coming from Gordie MacDonald and Jim Landrigan.

Unfortunately, one of Dal's leading men in the water, Evan Kipnis, suffered an accidental(?) foot in the face by a Metro player and required four stitches to sew up the wound. Despite the obvious pain Evan Kipnis continued to play the rest of the tournament, putting out an excellent defensive performance.

Metro had previously beaten Laval at the beginning of the tournament by a score of 9-5, which indicated that Dal, after their victory over Metro, just may have had the potential to beat Laval. Dal proved they had what it took by defeating Laval in their next game by a score of 8-7 and upset what the Laval squad thought was a sure win. This was an extremely rough game for both teams, with a total of 21

expulsions (11 for Dal and 10 for Laval). Both teams wanted the win badly and as the players became frustrated with the referee's calls, tempers flared.

One of Dal's big stars, Peter Dodge, sustained a nasty gash, which required five stitches, and numerous chipped teeth as he accidentally swam into the fist of a Laval player. Despite their big loss, Dalhousie hung on to their lead and came out victorious over the big Laval team. Gordie MacDonald was Dalhousie's high scorer for this game, blistering in a very impressive five goals. Mark Cann, Evan Kipnis, and Peter Dodge contributed with singles.

The win over Laval put Dalhousie in first place with only one more game to play against Metro. Unfortunately, because of the scheduling, Dal had to play this crucial game less than an hour after their punishing game against Laval; which eliminated one of their top players, Peter Dodge. Although the Dalhousie team's spirit was up for

the game, the physical strain was just a little too much to carry. Dalhousie lost the game 12-6 to Metro, a team they had previously beaten. This game was also very rough, with a total of 19 expulsions, as Metro bore down on the tiring Dalhousie team. However, neither team sustained any appreciable injuries. Dal's top scorer was once again Gordie MacDonald who tucked away a douce. Single scorers were Ralph Simpson, Peter March, Brian Lane and Jim Landrigan.

The outstanding players for Dal during the tournament were Gordie MacDonald, and Colllin Bryson. MacDonald, who came to us from Memorial University, is definitely a waterpolo player of national caliber. In 1975 he was the leading scorer in the Senior National Canadian Waterpolo Championships and was asked to participate in a National Training Camp in which the Canadian National Team was selected. However, Gordie encountered a number of injuries which forced him out of strenuous waterpolo action. He scored ten out of the twenty-one total goals scored by the team itself.

Colllin Bryson, Dal's goalie, is one of the team's strong points. Colllin, who still has one more year of Junior competition left, was selected this year to participate in the Junior National Training Camp. Colllin played with the Canada Games Team this summer and put on an excellent performance. Although his performance in the first game of the tournament was rather weak, he came back with some spectacular saves to prove that he is still of national standards.

Intramural sports and activities

Women's Volleyball

Play resumed on Oct. 2 in women's intramural volleyball with a strong T.Y.P. team opening the action by putting Pharmacy away two games straight 15-1, 15-5. Shirreff Hall B had a much easier time as they won their match by default over Dental Hygiene. In the 1:00 p.m. matches Shirreff Hall A defeated the Med Team 15-10, 15-1. Engineers failed to appear for two matches, giving Shirreff Hall A and Shirreff Hall C easy victories. Shirreff Hall C however, did tangle with the spirited Med team who put up a good fight before going down to defeat 15-10 and 15-10.

Men's Softball

The annual intramural softball tournament this weekend was again started in less than ideal weather conditions. Nine games were completed before field conditions caused cancellation of the remainder of the games. At 9:00 a.m.

P.E. downed Law 8-3 in a closely fought contest. Lawson Boutillier got the win. The Meds then received an easy win as Eng. 1 defaulted. In a real slugfest T.Y.P. out-slugged Eng. 2 17-13 in extra innings. In the 11:00 a.m. contests, Pharmacy eked out a 5-4 win over Dents 1, and the Science team defaulted to Dent. 2. Another well played contest saw Smith House defeat Commerce 5-2.

In the final round of games played Saturday, Lawson Boutillier pitched the P.E. team to their second victory by clobbering Dents 2 12-2. Medicine got a chance to show their power as they trounced Cameron House 16-4, while in another close contest T.Y.P. gained their second win by scoring a run in the last inning to defeat Bronson House 6-5. All participants must be congratulated for their participation and competitiveness under the poor weather conditions. The tournament will continue at a later date.

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