

Waterpolo among best in Canada

by George Mullalley

Last weekend Dalhousie's best waterpolo players competed in the Red and Gold Invitational Tournament at Laval University in Quebec City. The Dal squad did extremely well, shattering all fears they had had of annihilation by some of Canada's best waterpolo teams. Despite the extremely keen competition that Dal faced, they managed to place a very respectable third place in the University Division and sixth overall.

The tournament began Saturday morning for Dalhousie when they faced Canada's best university waterpolo team, MacMaster. The MacMaster team was very strong, but Dalhousie managed to rise to the situation to play a very solid game of waterpolo. The final score was 6-5 for MacMaster. Despite the loss the Dal team felt very pleased with themselves for it was now obvious that they did have the potential to beat the top university team in Canada.

The second game confirmed Dal's obvious potential when they swam to beat Laval University by a score of 6-4; a definite upset for the Laval team. Needless to say, this game was a big boost to the Dalhousie team. Despite Dal's high expectations, the next game against Carleton University did not go as well as planned. Although Carleton's team was strengthened by two members of Canada's national team, Bill Myers and Mark Lawrence, Dalhousie still felt they had an excellent chance of winning. Unfortunately, Dal lost control of their offence and did not swim

according to their game plan, which had previously proven to be so successful. Carleton won by a score of 3-2. The game was extremely close however, and Carleton had to fight right down to the last minutes of the game to maintain their lead.

This game ended the competition in the University Division with Dalhousie placing third, with one win and two losses, Carleton placing first, MacMaster second, and Laval fourth. However, this was not the end of the tournament, for Dal now had to face competition against one of the top club teams in North America, in a crossover between the university and club team divisions.

Because of Dal's record they were matched up with CAMO, a Montreal club team which was comprised of a number of extremely strong waterpolo players. The Dal team was expecting at least a ten point spread in the score for CAMO has in the past proven themselves to be a team of very high caliber. However, Dalhousie surprised everybody at the tournament by coming very close to beating the CAMO team. At the end of the second quarter of the game the score was a very respectable 4-1 for CAMO. Dalhousie had played very well in the first two quarters, keeping the experienced Montreal team from running away with the game. However, in the third period Dalhousie put forth an extraordinary display of physical effort and discipline, and completely dominated the CAMO team to bring the score to a 4-4 tie. Unfortunately,

Dal made a couple of errors in the last quarter which the CAMO team capitalized on for a couple of goals. The final score was 6-4 for CAMO.

Dalhousie's performance in this game was extremely pleasing, especially to the players themselves and the coach, Ken Clark, for they had no hopes of doing so well against such a strong team. This was the final game of the tournament for Dalhousie and put them in sixth place overall.

This tournament in Quebec was a definite success for the Dalhousie Waterpolo Team. Dalhousie has had a waterpolo club now for three years and this is the first time they have ever played in a major competition against Canada's strongest universities. The team's main goal in going to this tournament was to lose their games by a respectable score in the hope that the team would be invited back next

year. The Dal team, however, did much better than they expected. They won their game against the strong Laval team and were a constant threat to all who played them, even the CAMO team from Montreal.

Needless to say, Dalhousie University is now respected for having one of the strongest university waterpolo teams in Canada. This is quite an achievement for the Dal team, which definitely reflects the type of coaching which the team has been receiving from Ken Clark. It was Clark's knowledge of the sport and dedication which has brought the Dal Waterpolo Team as far as it has. Hopefully with the continuation of Ken Clark's support, the Dal team will go on next year to show that they are the best university waterpolo team in Canada.

Shatters record

Geoff Camp led a flood of record performances by Dalhousie swimmers in competition with Mt. Allison, UNB, and the Universite de Laval, in New Brunswick over the weekend.

Camp set a new AUAA record in the 1500 metre freestyle of 17:36.8 to eclipse the previous record of 17:38.5 set by Ian McCloy of Memorial at last year's AUAA championships in Moncton. The new mark is well under the CIAU championship qualifying standard and so assures Camp of a trip to Toronto in March. In swimming over fifteen seconds faster than his time of just one week ago, Camp again established new Dal team records for both the 800, 1000 and 1500 metre distances in the one swim! Team Captain Richard Hall-Jones again improved the mark for the 200 freestyle with a 2:04.9 clocking.

The Dal women's squad held their own in the record breaking department with five new team records. Lorraine Booth, first year Commerce student, improved upon her own 800 m. freestyle mark with a 10:54.88 performance, over thirty seconds inside her previous best. Lorraine also combined with Krista Daley, Kathy MacDonald and Joan Mason to erase the longest stand-

ing record on the books, the women's 1974 400 metre medley relay time of 5:13.80, with a new mark of 5:11.5. First year swimmer Kathy MacDonald earned another spot in the record books with a new mark in the women's 200 m. butterfly event of 3:04.4. It was Kathy's first ever performance in this event! Another first year Dal swimmer, Krista Daley, completed a double of sorts with new marks in the 100 and 200 metre freestyle events with times of 1:05.08 and 2:22.1 to complete the record round up.

In addition to these new Dal marks, every swimmer without exception, recorded seasonal or lifetime bests over the weekend. Altogether 57 personal bests were achieved.

Teamwise the women's squad lost a close one with Mt. A. 47-48 on Friday, were downed 37-68 by UNB Mermaids but were victorious over the visiting University of Laval team. The men's team dropped their first dual meet of the season, losing to UNB 39-74 but defeated Laval 81-33 and Mt. A. 60-15 to bring their record to 7-1. This weekend UNB and Memorial of Newfoundland are in Halifax at Centennial for a 1:00 p.m. start.

CKDU broadcasts sportshow

A new Sportshow will be heard at 5 p.m. on CKDU to keep the Dalhousie student population informed about upcoming Varsity and Intramural games.

CKDU sports director, Pat Findlay, said that CKDU is not satisfied with their sports coverage. Many sports clubs have not contacted the radio station to get help encouraging fan support. The sports presently covered include basketball, cross-country, field-hockey, hockey, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. The Dal Physical Education Department has greatly assisted the station.

The Sportshow now at both 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. will feature the most recent results of Varsity competition, as well as upcoming Varsity and Intramural action. The 5 o'clock show is more extensive including sports items picked up during the day. On Monday and

Friday, the shows are less structured to permit any special features gathered during the week. These have included interviews with coaches, players, and a "CKDU—Maritime University exclusive"—an interview with the Canadian Olympic Fencing Coach on the physical and mental benefits of fencing.

Thus far, one play-by-play broadcast from the Dal Arena has been done. CKDU hopes to do more, including major basketball games.

If you have a sport you wish to promote drop off a letter in CKDU's mailbox at the enquiry desk of the SUB. Or drop by the station (room 424 SUB) or the CKDU office directly across the hall.

For the good word on Dal Varsity and Intramural action, check out the FM station accidentally misplaced on the AM band: the CKDU Sportshow, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.!

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