

DAL TEAMS FACE STIFF TESTS SATURDAY

CAGERS HOSTS TO XAVERIANS

By ROD McLENNAN

With Dalhousie's initial game of the Intercollegiate Basketball league coming up Saturday night at the Dal Gym at 8 p.m., speculation has been spirited as to how the Tigers will fare against the strong squads of Acadia, St. Mary's and St. F.X. The team has been working out under the guidance of Merv Shaw since before Christmas.



Ted Brown (left) is expected to be a big factor in Dal's battle against the Xaverians. DeWitt Dargie, hockey coach and athletic director, is shown above while Bill Rankin (right) will be ready to don the goaltender's gear.



ICEMEN INVADE "X" TERRITORY

By BRIAN CREIGHTON

"We will definitely be weaker" said hockey coach Witt Dargie when interviewed on the shape of the team for the remainder of the Intercollegiate Hockey League season. The Tigers' journey to St. F.X. this Saturday sporting a 1-1 won lost record as a result of pre-Christmas games.

Defence is still Dargie's biggest headache. Dave Gardner, who played tremendously against St. Mary's, has been forced to abandon the team. Since Dave Cameron has been moved to center, Dal is left with only three regular defencemen. They are Dave Cunningham, Pete Corkum and Ross Mollard. Eric Parsons has looked good on the backline in practice and Dargie will probably use him there as well as up front. He is rough and rugged and knows what to do with the puck. Clearing the puck was one of Dal's biggest problems in the two games to date.

The forward lines still pack a lot of scoring punch. The big line of Johnny Graham, Frank Sim and



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Goog Fitzgerald will remain together as will the rookie trio of Don Bauld, Ray Kaizer and Vaughan Briggs. However, the loss of Gene Scheible due to pressure of his Law studies forces Dargie to reshuffle his third unit. Big things had been expected of Scheible, an extremely good skater with lots of experience. Dargie had also been trying him on defence. The third line will probably consist of Dave Cameron, Bob Lund and Parsons.

Another big disappointment is that studies have forced Doug Cudmore to remain on the sidelines. Cudmore, a Med student had combined well with Eric Parsons in pre-Christmas practices, and Dargie had hoped to use these two as the nucleus of his third attacking unit.

The goaltending situation has improved considerably. Don Tomes looked extremely good in his first intercollegiate game against Saint Mary's. Bill Rankin has donned the big pads again and sparked in an exhibition game last week. Dargie will decide after Tuesday's exhibition game which netminder will be used against the X-Men.

It is generally conceded that Dal will finish well up in the standings. However, should Cudmore find that he can play, and should Gardner return, and should another top-flight defenceman turn out, then the Tigers will have a good chance of going all the way to the league title.

DAL SPORTS FROM THE SPORTS DESK

by Joel Jacobson

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The Dalhousie Sports Year of 1959 came to a close, but the end of the year brought many memories to my mind—memories of tremendous upsets and heartbreaking defeats, memories of many championships and victories and of just as many downfalls. Some of the titles were the Intercollegiate Hockey Schedule Championship and the Intercollegiate Curling Championship. But let's take a closer look, and in doing so, you readers will be able to compare last year's fortunes (or misfortunes), with those of this year.

JANUARY: Sim scores winner as Dal edges X for third straight hockey win . . . Wickwire, Woodworth, White lead Dal to 56-55 win over X for first B'ball win over X-men in five years . . . Dal falls from hoop lead with loss to SMU . . . Tigers suffer first loss of season in hockey league, 5-3 to Tech, but still atop loop . . . Tigresses open Maritime Intercollegiate Basketball Schedule with loss to UNB.

FEBRUARY: Sports staff of Dal goes out on limb and attempts Coed Sports Nite—fairly successful venture . . . Dal gals continue to lose in MIBL, falling to Mt. A and UNB on road . . . A & S wins Inter-fac Swim Meet as Charlie Kemps, Commerce, sets free-style mark . . . Pucksters blast Acadia and SMU to regain league lead . . . Hoopsters aren't as lucky and fall to X and Acadia for a 3-5 record. Fourth place finish sets them in semi-finals against schedule winning SMU . . . A & S, Law, lead Inter-fac Basketball . . . Med holds top spot in Inter-fac hockey . . . Dal loses B'ball semi-final to SMU, 2 games to 1 . . . Tigresses finish second in MIBL as do Intermediate Tigresses in their tournament . . . Bengals almost blow hockey semi-finals to SMU but comeback with five goal third period to beat Santamarians.

THE IDES OF MARCH

MARCH: Curling foursome—John McIntosh, Vic Snarr, Dave Silliphant and Robert Cunningham—wins Maritime Intercollegiate Curling Championship at UNB. It was Dal's second consecutive Curling title . . . Tigers tie X 2-2 in Antigonish in opener of hockey final, but lose at home on Munro Day 5-2 to drop total goal round 7-4 . . .

Med blasts Dent 9-0 on Munro Day to win Inter-fac Hockey title . . . A & S sweeps B'ball crown on Munro Day . . . Murray Dewis wins Climo Trophy . . . Don Tomes captures Little Award for football . . . other trophy winners—Charlie Kempe Margaret Sinclair and Janet Sinclair . . . Arts and Science takes Inter-fac All Sports Trophy . . .

SUMMER RECESS AND AUTUMN LEAVES

OCTOBER: Fall season starts with triumph as Footballers beat Stad 19-12 and girls bomb Kings in ground hockey 9-0 . . . Duffers fail in golf tourney . . . Old nemesis X blasts Bengals 52-14 . . . Mt. A edges Dal 2-0 to snuff hopes of second consecutive ground hockey trophy after Tigresses had shutout Kings for the second time 4-0 . . . Dal's JV football team wins three times to make up for poor 1958 record . . . Ground hockey loss to Mt. A seals fate of Dal girls and they finish second in the circuit . . . Dal men win Intercollegiate tennis championship but girls fail to retain crown and finish second . . . X downs Dal 31-6 as Bengals bid for first place in NSFL.

NOVEMBER: After suffering double loss to Acadia, soccer Tigers score four straight wins to place second in the N.S. Intercollegiate Soccer League . . . On Remembrance Day, gridders give fans something to remember as they edge Stad 20-13 in thrilling semi-finals . . . Final isn't as happy as Bengals fall to X, 30-1 . . . Corkum finishes second in league scoring race but Tigers are blanked in Trophy races . . . Mike Noble wins cross country for second year in a row in time of 8:06 . . . Law edges A & S 6-0 in the Inter-fac football final . . . Hockey season starts with Dal edging Acadia 12-10 in uphill "defensive struggle" . . . Girls, after weeks of hard training, place second in Intercollegiate Volleyball Tourney at Acadia . . . Basketball gets off to a grim start, as only four of last year's squad return, and Bengals fall twice . . .

One defeat is to St. Mary's in the City "C" League . . . The Tigers played as though they were of "Z" calibre . . . In final sporting event of the year, SMU hands the pucksters an 8-5 defeat.

been twelve—twelve people out of a university boasting an enrolment of 1800. Coach Shaw doesn't even have enough players to make a cut! The fault seems to lie with the players of varsity caliber who simply don't fell like going out for the team. Well, it's their college as well as ours and if they don't mind seeing their team on the bottom of the heap there is not much that can be done.

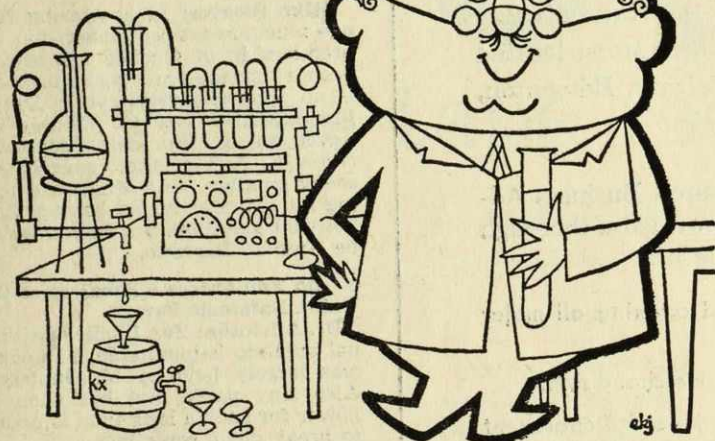
These are the players that will be going up against power-packed St. F.X.: Ted Brown, Cam Smith, Bruce Stewart, Ted Wickwire, Lorne Fisher, Ron Simmons, Charlie Brown Bill Sommerville, Gordon Morrison, Brian Noonan and Bill Robertson. Merv Shaw expects the team to have a relatively weak start but by the season's end hopes to have a strong contender. The other three teams in the loop are sporting import-laden rosters and it should be a tough fight for top honors. Once again, this reminder—Dal's first game of the Intercollegiate League is this Saturday, the 16th, at the Dal Gym at 8 p.m.

In two contests in the Senior C League the Dal quintet looked little better than a below-average school aggregation. In an outing against Stadacona the black and gold took an 11-point shellacking while in the next game, they fell before Saint Mary's JUNIOR varsity in a close game by a 51-49 count. In years previous to this, Dalhousie teams would have captured these games easily, perhaps by 20 or 30 points. It is not hard to see that the caliber of basketball at this university is on the downgrade while in neighboring circles, it is showing a marked improvement.

Where, then lies the blame? Certainly not on coach Merv Shaw's shoulders. How can he whip a contender into shape when four people turn out to practice one day, six the next and, the following day, seven entirely different players. The largest turnout to date has

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